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ARMITAGE WINE LOUNGE & CAFÉ



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Start the evening with a glass of wine or a cocktail and share intimate conversation. As the night goes along, you'll pick up the tempo as the music gets louder and the lights dim. Armitage Wine Lounge & Café on Market Street at DC Ranch offers all that and more.

Armitage has the Old World ambiance that fits in on Market Place. Stroll under strings of shimmering white lights and find yourself on the Armitage patio. Inside is the perfect mix of neighborhood gathering spot and energized nightspot.

Armitage attracts a wide range of people—from young professionals to retired neighbors. You'll find an atmosphere that encourages customers to stroll around and chat, while enjoying some of the premier wines and cocktails in Scottsdale.

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By 8 p.m., Armitage's patio (the facility is non-smoking facility both indoors and out) is packed, while the lounge fills with music and some serious chances to see-and-be-seen.

The wine bar has managed something that is often difficult. The Old World elegance—from massive wrought iron chandeliers and brick walls to the heavy velvet curtains around the windows—still provides a comfortable atmosphere. Jeans and casual tops, paired with a great pair of wedges or Western-style designer boots, is the style of choice.

While there is an awesome appetizer menu and selection of dinner options, the best pairing with the wines and cocktails is probably the cheese plate. For \$10, you can choose three cheeses, or select five for \$15. The portions are generous; the bread and crackers delicious. Fresh fruit rounds out the plate.

As a wine bar, Armitage's specialty is, well, wine. Every evening, Armitage offers 12 wine flights. A flight is a grouping of three complementary wines. Prices vary from \$14 to \$40 per flight. Additionally, there are specialty wine tastings every Wednesday evening. You aren't a wine person? You'll also find a wide selection of premium spirits, specialty martinis, and imported beers.

No matter which night you choose to enjoy the ambience and spirits, you'll find something special—half-price drinks on Mellow Monday, Thursday Ladies' Night and Sunday Funday, and half-price bottle night on Tuesday.

Want something to take home? Pop in around the corner and pick up your own bottle from a selection of 150 premium wines. The shop specializes in boutique, family-owned wineries, and hard-to-find labels. ☼



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