

# Sunset

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## Amazing Thanksgiving desserts

Recipes your friends will beg for

Inside our  
greenest  
Idea House

Explore  
Whidbey  
Island

Spice cake with  
coffee toffee  
crunch, orange  
ribbon cheesecake,  
and vanilla-bean  
leaf cookies

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ENTERTAINING SPECIAL

## Your no-stress guide to hosting a crowd

### SEATTLE

**CALL IT A CRUSH** At the Local Vine, Belltown's chic new wine bar, owners Allison Nelson and Sarah Munson have every intention of helping novices fall in love with wine. They've divided their lengthy by-the-glass menu into categories still meaningful to

newbies: Refreshing. Succulent. Cheerful. Bombshell. A computer system keeps track of your favorites, so servers can guide you toward what you liked before. Attend educational weekly tastings, which, like the cellar, emphasize bottles produced in the Northwest by organic growers and female vintners. Finally, taste a few delicacies from the shareable-bites menu, and you may find yourself developing a bit of a thing for wine. \$\$; 2520 Second Ave.; 206/441-6000.

-JESS THOMSON