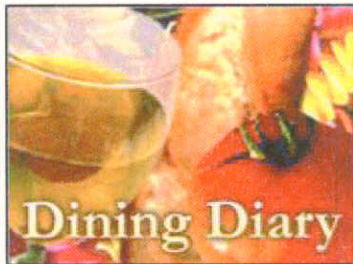




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## Pluckemin Inn

**NEW YORK (CBS)** For the first time since Craig Shelton bought the Ryland Inn, there is real dining excitement in central New Jersey. It's about Pluckemin Inn in Bedminster...forty-five minutes from New York. Owners Carl and Gloria LaGrassa drafted an A-Team to create the Federalist-style setting on the site of the original inn. The new one is three floors, ten thousand square feet, built around a three-story wine tower holding fifteen thousand bottles.

The cellar holds some of heiress Doris Duke's treasures. Chef Matthew Levin and pastry chef Joseph Gabriel have Aureole stripes among others, and operations chief Terry Ward directed Todd English's Olives Restaurant Group in Boston and Stephen Starr's successes in Philadelphia. Service sings as proudly as the kitchen's imaginative triumphs. More Monday about the remarkable Pluckemin Inn.

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