

Village now has its own bodega

■ Fine Dining Group does a makeover on former convenience store.



Kendra Alessandro / Courtesy PhoTO

Gavin Fine, owner of the Fine Dining Restaurant Groups, continues to expand his Jackson Hole culinary empire with the recent opening of Bodega in Teton Village. The one-stop market replaces the convenience store that used to occupy the space, offering everything from take-and-bake pizza to high end spirits and wines.

pick up post-slope munchies and sodas or a six pack of beer for an at-home apres-ski. But Fine has expanded offerings to include take-and-bake pizzas supplied by Il Villagio Osteria, breakfast burritos, Snake River Roasting coffee and Persephone Bakery pastries as well as organic groceries, specialty meats and cheeses and a compact but well-supplied liquor store.

“Basically what we’re trying to do out there is offer guests to the village really high-quality dining options,” said Kendra Alessandro, director of communications for Fine Dining, which also owns the Osteria, “whether they dine in a restaurant or take food back to their condo or rental property.

“We’re playing off the bodegas you find in New York City,” she said, “the kind of one-stop shop where if you need something you’ll find it there.”

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It wasn’t that long ago that tourists staying at Teton Village had few dining options. But over the past decade or so a boom in fine dining has changed that quite a bit. In fact now some folks even make the drive to the base of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort to partake of the offerings at such tony restaurants as Couloir, the Four Seasons’ Westbank Grill, the Spur at Teton Mountain Lodge and Spa, and Il Villagio Osteria.

But folks who preferred to whip up something in their village condo and kick back after a full day on the slopes were not so lucky. Aside from a convenience store with a few essentials, such hungry guests were forced to head into Jackson for groceries or to shop at the closer but not quite as well-stocked Aspens Market or Hungry Jack’s in Wilson.

This season, however, those Teton Village visitors will also have a new option: Bodega.

Gavin Fine, co-owner of the Fine Dining Restaurant Group, recently acquired the former convenience store east of the parking lots at the base of the ski area. You can still

So in addition to munchies, meals and fixings, customers can pick up over-the-counter medicines and other everyday necessities.

Along with food and sundries, Bodega will stock wine, liquor and beer. It will have a growler-filling station for Roadhouse Brewing beers (yet another Fine Dining venture), and even a small bar area where people can grab a beer or glass of wine to sip as they wander the village, Alessandro said, or even hang out and drink it there.

“We’re trying to make it a gathering place, too,” she said. “We have a great staff that’s really knowledgeable about the products.”

“Each Fine Dining Restaurant Group venture is guided by a desire to provide our community with services we see as needed in the area,” Fine said in a statement for the News&Guide.

“Bodega achieves this by offering the residents and visitors of Teton Village access to an excellent selection of wine, spirits and high quality provisions — from housemade pizzas to everyday necessities — without having to make a trip outside the village.”

Bodega may evolve a bit as it fine-tunes its offerings to its customers, Alessandro said, but it’s open and ready for business. Hours will be 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, though that may change with the seasons. The plan is to operate year-round.

“And of course we also have the gasoline there,” she said, just like the old convenience store.

“It’s competitively priced,” Alessandro said. “People can feel confident filling up there that prices aren’t hiked up just because it’s in the village.”