



Michelle Anderson

General Manager
Wollensky's Grill Chicago

Wollensky's Grill General Manager Michelle Anderson leads the all new intriguing concept with over 15 years of restaurant hospitality and operations management experience.

Anderson first came to Chicago to pursue her passion for art and design at the School of the Art Institute. Taking her passion for the artistic community through to food seemed like a natural choice; the correlation between art, food and wine is almost seamless.

A longtime resident of Chicago, Anderson began her career in the Chicago area at Rhapsody Restaurant at the Chicago Symphony Center as a Manager, under the direction of Chef/Owner, Steven Chiappetti. She rose up the leadership ranks, continuously advancing supervisory roles, soon becoming Corporate Wine and Beverage Director at Harry Caray's Chicago. Anderson served as Corporate Wine and Beverage Director from 2002-2005, with notable accomplishments including the implementation of a yearly month long Italian Wine & Food Festival, a comprehensive inventory control platform and new staff training programs.

Since 2012, Anderson has lead operations as General Manager at D.O.C. Wine Bar in Chicago's esteemed Lincoln Park neighborhood. Anderson oversaw all aspects of the restaurant including guest service operations, training and brand strategy, personnel management procedures and private events, using her skill as a first level master court of sommeliers.

Anderson's leadership skills, success in high-volume restaurant operations and community roots have made her the perfect fit to lead the new Wollensky's Grill concept in Chicago. Anderson knew that she would be in good company, with the ability to lead and work among professionals that hold shared values in hospitality and great care for their guests.

Anderson truly enjoys serving the Chicago community, as it allows her to meet and serve locals and travelers from vastly different backgrounds. She says, "With riverfront views and a superb location in the heart of downtown Chicago, I feel honored and excited to be leading a team of culinary front-runners at a new vibrant, energetic concept which incorporates the classic Smith & Wollensky tradition."

