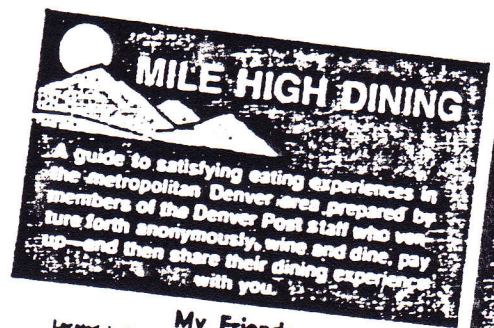




My Friends

Restaurant & Bar



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Located in Show Barn Center, South Evergreen, Telephone 674-6433. Open every day. Lunch, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Dinner 4 to 10 p.m.; Sunday brunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bar, 11 a.m.-2 a.m. No entertainment. Reservations recommended on weekends. Master Charge and BankAmericard. Adjacent parking.

WE'VE DISCOVERED a new Rocky Mountain high in dining, and it's found at My Friends, a delightful restaurant and bar in the Show Barn Center in South Evergreen.

It all began with a conversation between a group of friends who were sitting around a year ago asking, "Why don't we open a really good restaurant in Evergreen?"

To assure excellence, the friends installed Michael McCarty as chef. He's a graduate of the Cordon Bleu Paris and the Academie du Vin cooking schools, both in Paris.

They placed him in a setting and Richard Foy as photographer.

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My Friends ranks best

Oliver Westbrook

My Friends, The Showbarn Center in Evergreen, 674-0630; serving lunch Mon.-Fri., brunch Sat. & Sun., dinner seven days a week; entree prices from \$4.50 to \$11.95.



The bus girl wears a silk blouse and the glass case off the lobby holds a collection of old men's and women's hats. In the bar, a few overstuffed sofas and plain pull-down window shades set the tone.

The dining room is painted off-white, has etched glass panels atop mid-height partitions, and high tech lamps hanging down over the tables. It is a thoroughly captivating place with an understated flair.

The staff is low-key. It imparts a polite atmosphere to this little restaurant where a reservation for 8:30 means your table is ready at 8:30. husband and

French, and between less expensive and more expensive selections. After we returned one bottle of an unknown California vintner's Chardonnay—it really was too green—the waitress brought a fine French Mersault on the house, and apologized for the errant bottle. My Friends shows definite *savoir faire*.

It was a great surprise to see Domaine Chandon on the wine list, and at the fair price of \$12. This is the preliminary wine being produced in California by Dom Perignon before it begins the bottling of its high-standard "champaigne" made in America. It is a wonderfully dry and effervescent wine that should be

tried before its perfection and Dom Perignon label double the tariff. It goes extremely well with the restaurant's super rich chocolate mousse

My Friends is a short and easy drive from Denver, just beyond the center of Evergreen, and is definitely worth a special trip to visit.

Pleasant dining depends as much on ambience and service as it does on the quality of food, and the above "wine glass" rating reflects all three. Five toasts go to the proprietor who provides them all.