

A Wine Lover's Diary, part 250

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Chef Bruno Soleri (left), Tony and artist Marco Sassone with mural

Monday, July 27: ...Then we dropped in on the opening of a new restaurant at 579 Mount Pleasant, Florentia. It's co-owned by chef Bruno Soleri and artist Marco Sassone, whose apocalyptic sunset painting adorns the label of Ferrari-Carano Tresor 2005 (Meritage). Sassone also painted a 17-foot mural in the restaurant depicting Florence from the perspective of Fiesole interspaced with Florentine figures of the Renaissance – Leonardo, Michelangelo, Dante, astronomer Galileo and the contemporary film actor Roberto Benigni. The wine list is well priced. Had a bite of pizza and came home and opened a bottle of Inniskillin Okanagan Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 with cheese.

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