

Dining

Judges' Hill Restaurant is the perfect setting for an intimate dining experience. From our seasonal menu to our ever expanding wine list, the culinary experience leaves you with the same result — simply amazing.



<u>Directions</u>

Deep in the heart of Austin but far from the crowd of business traffic, the Mansion is located at the corner of MLK Blvd and Rio Grande, just three blocks west of the University of Texas campus.





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History

In 1878, Thomas Dudley Wooten, one of the founders of the University of Texas, bought one acre of land at the corner of Magnolia Street and San Bernard in Austin, Texas, spending all of \$2,500. When Wooten's son Goodall married Miss Ella Newsome, Ella's father built a house on the property as a wedding gift. The young couple became its first residents in 1900. Designed by Dallas architect Charles O'Connell, the home's original price tag was \$8,100.

The house was quite a showplace in its day and soon became an Austin landmark. Goodall and Ella both had a passion for life and they used the house as a fountain for new ideas. Ella was a prolific gardener and planted the first azalea bushes in Austin. At the height of its beauty, the Wooten garden contained over 1,800 azaleas, along with hundreds of tulips, pansies and zinnias. A row of majestic crepe myrtle trees from Ella's era still grace the courtyard behind the house. Goodall was known as an avid pistol collector, owning one of the nation's finest firearms collection. Wooten's world-renown collection now resides at the Harry Ransom Research Center on the University of Texas campus, just three blocks away from the Mansion.

The house remained in the Wooten family until 1944. After Goodall's death, Mrs. Wooten found the home too large for her purposes. The new owner converted the Mansion into student housing and was used as such for the next 30 years. In the fall of 1979, the property was purchased by DeLois Faulkner and served as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center for next twenty years. It was during this time that the North Wing was constructed.

Austin real estate developer Bill Gurasich purchased the property in 2001. While his original plans were to turn the group of buildings into office space, a new idea took hold as he learned more about the property's origins and history. Surely such an architectural treasure was meant to be preserved. With the most exciting material for a new luxury hotel, Gurasich's plans grew from ordinary to extraordinary. During the renovation, every effort was made to preserve and replicate features and historical elements from the home's original era. In March 2003, Mansion at Judges' Hill opened its doors as a beautifully restored luxury boutique hotel and fine dining restaurant.







Amenities

High-Speed Wireless Internet
Complimentary Parking
Egyptian Cotton Linens
Hypoallergenic Down Duvets & Pillows
Deluxe Spa Bathrobes
Bath Products by L'Occitane and Gilchrist & Soames
Private Honor Bar with Refrigerator
Multi-Line Telephones with Voice Mail
Complimentary Local Calls
CD Stereo Clock Radio
Cable TV with HBO
DVD Player Available
Twice Daily Maid Service



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Regardless of size, formality or budget we can weave a tapestry of simple elegance into your function. Our highly-trained, professional staff can transform any space to create the perfect ambiance for any occasion.

