



## ❖ The elusive quest for an easygoing wine ❖

The year of celebrations to mark Massaya's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary ended in December with a feast of truffles. Our guest chef Daniel Hebet from France created a wonderful dinner that was truffles all the way – 3kg of them! From starters to dessert this was a memorable meal and you can see the pictures on our website, click [here](#). Besides the food, Daniel and his assistant Jeremi Fontin created a creative energy in the kitchen that spread through the restaurant.

Chef Daniel was not our only visitor from France. December is the month when the four active partners in Massaya get together for the crucial task of tasting and blending the new vintages. Brothers Sami and Ramzi Ghosn were joined by the vastly experienced French wine makers Dominique Herbard and Daniel Brunier. In all, 42 vats were sampled and for the most part met our objective of easy-going wines.

What do we mean by easy going wine? It's difficult to explain – but let's give it a try. A wine is easy going when you limit human intervention. It means you respect nature by keeping to a minimum the processes that are necessary to create wine. We want nature to transform the grape juice into wine while the winemaker takes a back seat. This way, the characteristics of each cépage, or grape variety, and the influence of each terroir is reflected in the glass. So sometimes having a lazy winemaker helps!

When grapes are beautiful, mature and healthy it means the vineyards have been properly cared for during the year. The grapes should be evenly mature to express the cépage and the terroir. Quality grapes give the confidence to the winemaker to relax and trust nature. This has been the Massaya ambition in recent years.

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## ✦ Upcoming Events ✦



### Christmas lunch set menu at Massaya Farqa!

We invite you and your family to join us on Tuesday **December 25** to spend a memorable Christmas day with us at the Fireplace.

For more details about that day, click [here](#)



### The 1970s is the theme for our New Year's Eve party.

On **December 31**, we will be serving the Reserve 2003 from magnums and the Reserve 2004 from jeroboams during the evening along with a set menu cooked on the fireplace but served to your table with three choices of main course including wild boar. The premium bar will be open

Your Christmas day will be filled with joy, outstanding meals, complemented with the best of Massaya wines.

**Set Menu:**

80\$/Person

Starting 12:30 PM

and the package will include two glasses of champagne per guest.

For more details, click [here](#)

**Set Menu:**

2-5 guests: 140\$/person

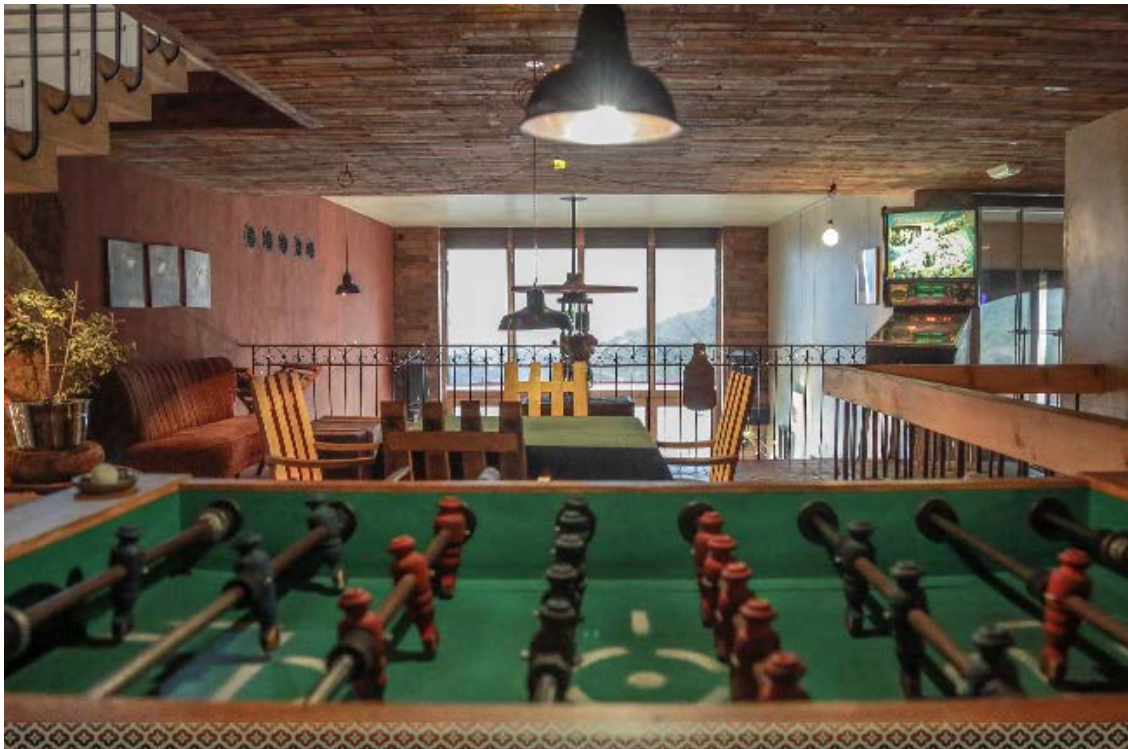
+ 5 guests: 130\$.person

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## ✦ Game Room ✦



Massaya Faqra Play Room welcomes you with an all day menu to allow you to play cards, pin ball and listen to music with your friends. The menu includes bruschetta, camembert au four, cold cuts, cheese platters, vin chaud and hot chocolate...

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**DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

*Daily winery tours and tastings, 10:00-17:00*

**FIREPLACE RESTAURANT**

Thursday lunch | Friday & Saturday lunch  
and dinner | Sunday Brunch

**SUNSETBAR**

Will open with first flakes of snow

**THE POND GARDEN** - reopens June 2019

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