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Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar Names

Maeve Pesquera National Director of Wine

Newport Beach, California, April 7, 2011 – *Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar* veteran restaurateur Maeve O'Gorman Pesquera has been named national Director of Wine. Founded in 1998 in Newport Beach, California, *Fleming's* has set itself apart from other fine dining steakhouses with a wine program that is renowned for its depth and innovation. The role of Director of Wine was previously held for 12 years by Marian Jansen op de Haar, who has recently founded a consulting firm, Vines 57, in Napa Valley, California.

"Maeve embodies true passion and excellence that is at the very heart of *Fleming's* success," says op de Haar. "She has the deep knowledge and love of wine that will keep the Fleming's wine program among the very best."

As Director of Wine, Pesquera will oversee *Fleming's* award-winning wine program, highlighted by the Fleming's 100, their collection of 100 wines served by the glass, all also available by the taste, flight or bottle. Pesquera also will be responsible for the alcoholic beverage program companywide. Nationally acclaimed as the steakhouse destination for lovers of fine wine, the Company's wine lists are recognized annually with *Wine Spectator* magazine's Awards of Excellence and *Wine Enthusiast's* Awards of Distinction honors.

"We now have 64 locations, each of which has a strong wine and beverage program that is critical to their business," says Skip Fox, president of *Fleming's*. "Maeve has been one of our most successful Operating Partners over the past 8 years and her many accomplishments speak for themselves. In her new role, she will be working in a unique collaboration with our operations, marketing, culinary and training leadership, as well as our restaurant Partners and Wine Managers throughout the country."

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According to Fox, Pesquera has excelled in the development of a myriad of associates who have gone on to become successful Managers and Partners for the company in addition to running one of the most highly-rated *Fleming's* in the country. Pesquera has been recognized as *Fleming's* Partner of the Year three times, and has been a leader among her peers of many regional and corporate initiatives and projects. Additionally, her tireless efforts on behalf of her community and various charitable endeavors are well known and highly lauded throughout Houston.

Pesquera attended the Conrad Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management at the University of Houston, where she remains a guest lecturer and mentor to students and graduates seeking careers in the hospitality industry.

Pesquera served as the Opening Operating Partner for first Houston *Fleming's* which opened in 2002. Prior to joining *Fleming's*, Maeve served as General Manager of Anthony's Restaurant for nine years, working with the legendary Houston restaurateur, Tony Vallone.

Pesquera and her husband Luis, a talented restaurant executive in his own right, and their four children have relocated to Newport Beach where *Fleming's* corporate offices are located.

To learn more about New Director of Wine Maeve Pesquera, click [here](#) or visit FlemingsSteakhouse.com.