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ROB'S BLOG

Welcome to Rob's blog. This will feature wide-ranging commentary on dining trends, restaurants, food news and gossip, wine and spirits, politics and even talk radio.

New Year's Eve at Cool River

Cool River is one of my favorite restaurants in Austin. I love the layout of the restaurant which creates an effective distance from the rollicking bar, the cigar room, and just the entire vibe of the place.

GM Randy Umlah looked dapper in his tux and the place just sparkled. The Bone-In Ribeyes were to die for and the bottles of Veuve Cliquot Rose went down very easily. And the bread pudding done New Orleans style with a caramel sauce was simply something we couldn't say no to. Our waitress was 8-weeks into her first pregnancy and we took turns thinking of exotic baby names.

Then we ambled over to the bar and donned the silly New Year's Eve wear and gave ourselves up to that magical moment. The ball dropped and 2010 had officially begun for Austin. My resolution was a simple one. The past is behind us: let's leave it there. And welcome the promise of a new decade and a new year! My best to all of you and may every new restaurant that opens this year STAY open!