



Sage Restaurant

Odawa Casino Resort

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Expensive

Feeding finer senses Tucked away from the seduction of Odawa's slots, Sage serves more than a memorable meal. BY PATTY LANOUE STEARNS

If you're a gambler, you might miss Sage, tucked in the back of the massive Odawa Casino Resort. And that would be unfortunate. Pry yourself away from the seduction of the slots, follow the long mosaic pathway, and feed your finer senses.



Sage does not reverberate with the pulsing light and synthesized jungle sounds that electrify the casino. But this upscale, white-linen restaurant does boast a spectacular, 16-foot-tall, wood-

and-glass wine tower that holds some 400 bottles. Your server will fetch one by mounting the spiral staircase and turning a huge lazy Susan.

Softly lit paper pods reminiscent of giant squid flank the center tower. They beg to be touched. Go ahead — everyone does — then sink down into one of the curvy banquettes that ring the room, all beneath a soaring 22-foot ceiling. If you want more “wow” factor, check out the slab of Paleozoic history at the bar — a granite countertop embedded with fossilized shells.

Chef Rob Sargent, who joined Sage from Bay Harbor Yacht Club, has put together a sumptuous, seasonally chang-

