

**Audubon Redevelopment, LLC.  
Ste. Genevieve, Missouri**



*For Immediate Release*

January 25, 2016 ~ The partners of Audubon Redevelopment LLC are excited to announce an agreement with Hank and Jackie Johnson, owners of Chaumette Inc., in which the Johnson's will acquire the Audubon's restaurant effective March 1, 2016.

In the agreement, it will be a "turn-key" operation and the Johnson's will lease the restaurant, bar area, and the newly remodeled lower level, including all furniture and fixtures. The Audubon name will be retained with the restaurant and the Audubon Redevelopment LLC will maintain ownership of the building.

Chaumette, Inc. brings many years of experience in restaurant, special event, and leisure time services. As the owners of the Audubon searched for the right fit, it became clear that Hank's experienced staff in dining, sales, training and marketing would be a great fit for the continued growth of the business.

Chaumette is committed to the farm to table concept in the operation of its winery's restaurant and uses many of the local food vendors currently sourced by Audubon's. The Johnson's share the goal for Audubon's to be a destination restaurant serving high quality fare to local Ste. Genevieve residents, regional customers and tourists visiting historic Ste. Genevieve.

Hank Johnson has demonstrated his commitment to the City of Ste. Genevieve with the recent restoration and opening of the Bequette Ribault House on St. Mary Road. The partners of Audubon Redevelopment LLC also continue their commitment to downtown Ste. Genevieve and this change will allow them to continue their long-term goals, including the restoration completion of their historic building.