

# VAN CITY HOTSHEET

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## HOT SPOT

## MAHONY & SONS PUBLIC HOUSE



## HOT BITE HAPA UMI

Last spring, Lea and Justin Ault of the Hapa Restaurant Group launched their latest endeavour: Hapa Umi. (909 West Cordova Street) A great place for lunch, this ultra-modern Japanese restaurant offers a superb sustainable seafood menu and an elegant presentation—we loved the bento box! And don't rule out an evening at Hapa Umi: there's also a great sushi bar, private dining rooms, and a cozy cocktail bar.

[WWW.HAPAUMI.COM](http://WWW.HAPAUMI.COM)



Boasting a vast 160 seat patio—while showcasing the most spectacular harbour views found anywhere in the city—sits Mahony & Sons Public House, the local family-owned company's incredible new facility at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre. (1055 Canada Place)

Mahony's Burrard Landing is massive in dimension, with an indoor licensed capacity of 325 offering customers everything from conventional bar and open-seated areas to the more intimate confines of a traditional Irish snug and semi-private dining.

"There's definitely been a lot of 'wow' factor when people come in and see it," says GM Pete Mahony.

"For this whole area of Coal Harbour in general, people that haven't been down in a while don't realize how much it's changed and developed."

Needless to say, along with sampling from a menu that tantalizes with a great selection of mouthwatering fare—from Mahony's amazing 'Braised Short Rib Sliders' to their 'Slow-Simmered Lamb Shank Irish Stew'—*Van City Hot Sheet* hoisted more than a few pints of Guinness in celebration of this spectacular new public house.

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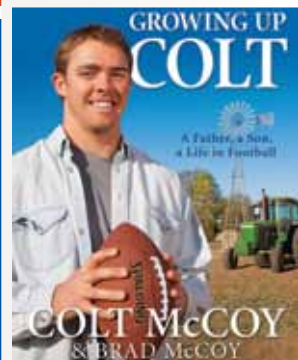
## HOT READ GROWING UP COLT

*Growing up Colt* tells the story of Cleveland Browns quarterback Colt McCoy, an iconic figure in Texas collegiate football who won more games as a quarterback than anyone in NCAA Division One history. In fact, in his senior year at the helm of the University of

Texas Longhorns, McCoy won 13 of the top 15 major college player awards.

Co-authored by Colt and his father Brad McCoy, it's an inspiring tale of a father, a son and a life in football. (Barbour Publishing)

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# HOT GETAWAY WHISTLER, BC



## HOT RIDE MAZDA MX-5

**V**an City Hot Sheet hit the mountain running in a 2011 Mazda MX-5 two-seat convertible. This slick, two-door, six-speed manual roadster is nothing short of exhilarating, offering raw power with amazing handling and great lines.

[WWW.MAZDA.CA](http://WWW.MAZDA.CA)

**W**idely hailed as North America's premier ski destination, the luxury resort town of Whistler offers travellers much more than just outdoor activities, with a number of high-end restaurants, luxurious hotels and some of the most active nightspots in British Columbia scattered about its quaint environs. For *Van City Hot Sheet*, though, there was only one possible hotel choice while visiting Whistler: The Fairmont Chateau Whistler. (4599 Chateau Blvd.)

Located at the base of Blackcomb Mountain, this spectacular property is a combination of old-school elegance and mountain luxury in an environment ideal for families as well as romantic getaways. Depending on the season, you'll find golf or world-class skiing only steps away from your door. As for the dining, there's a myriad of options, including The Fairmont Chateau Whistler's elegant Wine Room, a cozy room complete with fireplace where you can enjoy a fantastic meal paired with great wine selections.

[WWW.FAIRMONT.COM/WHISTLER](http://WWW.FAIRMONT.COM/WHISTLER)

## HOT GRAPE PAINTED ROCK

**W**hile in Whistler, *Van City Hot Sheet* was tasked with an evening of sampling fine wine at two of the area's most acclaimed restaurants, Araxi and The Wine Room at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler. Looking for the inside scoop on the best in BC, we were pleasantly surprised to find that both restaurant's wine directors chose Painted Rock Estate Winery as one of their favourite BC Reds. We concur—the Painted Rock 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon was easily the best of the night!

[WWW.PAINTEDROCK.CA](http://WWW.PAINTEDROCK.CA)



## HOT SOUND STARS OF BOULEVARD

**S**ince winning last year's CFOX Seeds Contest, local rockers Stars of Boulevard have been on the fast track to fame. Recently touring the US as support for Buckcherry, this Vancouver-based quartet has already amassed a strong international following on the heels of their debut EP and its hook-laden title track, "You Can Take the Money".

With a US-based agent now at the helm of this dynamic Vancouver group, singer Josh Abel, bassist Johnny Kaye, guitarist Ken Abbey and drummer Matty Carolei can expect to spend a lot more time south of the border as more American dates are set to follow.

[WWW.STARSOFOBULEVARD.COM](http://WWW.STARSOFOBULEVARD.COM)



## HOT GIVEAWAY

For a chance to win either a Gift Card to Mahony & Sons Public House or Hapa Umi: [WWW.THEHOTSHEET.NET](http://WWW.THEHOTSHEET.NET)

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