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## Football legend John Elway opens third restaurant with 'uniquely Colorado' cuisine. By Kat Jahnigen

**O**n Monday, Nov. 21, steak lovers will have a fresh dining option with the opening of the new Elway's Vail in The Lodge at Vail.

Led by Executive Chef Shawn Cubberley, the Vail restaurant's menu boasts signature items such as "aged, hand-cut USDA prime steaks and tenderloin, lobster, fresh fish, a world-class Smash Burger, fresh accompaniments such as sautéed asparagus, creamed corn, au gratin potatoes and roasted cauliflower."

While the exact menu offerings for the Vail location are still tentative, preliminary items include appetizers like Rhode Island-style calamari and a truffle mozzarella salad with beets, as

**What:** Elway's Vail, a Colorado steakhouse

**Where:** The Lodge at Vail in Vail Village

**Opening:** Monday, Nov. 21

**Reservations:** Call ahead at 970-754-7818.

Denver Broncos football legend John Elway opens his third eponymous steakhouse in Vail, his first foray into the resort community. The restaurant serves gourmet cuisine for dinner only.


well as specialty side items such as Elway's Fried Rice, made with king crab or duck confit.

Co-owned by football legend John Elway of Denver Bron-

cos fame and his longtime friend Tim Schmidt, the restaurant describes itself as "uniquely Colorado."

"It's the perfect spot for special occasions, business meetings, gathering with friends or just enjoying great food and drinks," Elway says.

Colorado residents and visitors may already be familiar with Elway's, which opened its first restaurant in the Cherry Creek neighborhood of Denver in 2004, followed by a second location in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Elway's Vail, the newest edition to the Elway's group, will be open for dinner only for the 2011-12 ski season and will feature three dining spaces: an intimate, formal fireside area that can also be reserved for groups; a larger, more casual dining space that includes a bar and will cater to the après-ski crowd; and a covered outdoor dining patio that can be used year round. 

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