

Harvest Pizzeria opening in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood - Columbus - Columbus Business First

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Harvest Pizzeria is going to Cincinnati, though it's an opportunity its founder wasn't sure he wanted.

"My knee jerk reaction was, 'Hell no,'" Grow Restaurants CEO [Chris Crader](#) told me Tuesday.

The idea came from [Taylor Barnes](#), Crader's chef for almost four years at the German Village pizzeria. The Cincinnati native and his family wanted to return home, but also wanted to stick with Harvest.

Crader admits it took some convincing, but finding a prime spot helped seal the deal.

Harvest will be in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood in a restored building a block from Rhinegeist Brewery and across from the Findlay Market. It's also the last stop on the city's new streetcar line.

Grow Restaurants, now at five restaurants and a craft cocktail bar, started in 2012 with the German Village Harvest Pizzeria. The Cincinnati location, targeted for spring, will be the fourth under that brand. The third opened at 45 N. High St. in historic Dublin last month.

Crader plans to grow the brand more with another possibly by 2018, but he doesn't want to do too many of his pizza restaurants, which emphasize fresh and local ingredients.

"It's a special pizza," Crader said. "There is no need to saturate the world with it."

Grow also owns The Sycamore in German Village and Salt & Pine downtown. It also is a partner in Curio, a cocktail bar adjoining the German Village Harvest.

The company has another restaurant in the works too, Cosecha, which is slated to open at 995 N. Fourth St. [in Italian Village](#) in January or February.

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