

# Cider bar The Northman reopening as Cobblestone tonight in North Center

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The Northman, the first dedicated cider bar in Chicago, [which closed Sunday](#) in the North Center neighborhood, plans to reopen Thursday night as Cobblestone, from the owner of the former Bohemian House restaurant, with the same cider house concept and staff.

Markus Chwajol, founder of [Bohemian House, the restaurant that closed in 2018](#), has taken over the space. A new chef, to be announced, will initially keep The Northman fan favorite dishes, but will add 20 to 30 new European bistro items, according to a release. Expect a lighter contemporary take, but traditional coffee service, house made doughnuts, and bundt cakes too.

Chwajol, a doctor of neurosurgery in Chicago, opened Bohemian House with [chef Jimmy Papadopoulos to critical acclaim](#). Papadopoulos is now chef and partner at Bellemore, the Boka group restaurant in the West Loop. The Bohemian House space now houses the restaurant Flora Fauna, owned by the husband and wife team of chef Jonathan Meyer and mixologist Liz Pearce. Cobblestone will add a few new employees and an expanded beer wine and cocktail program.

Look for design changes including a cobblestone door step and custom-crafted historic doors soon. Interior work later this year will seat 86 inside plus more outside on the sidewalk cafe and rear patio when weather permits.

While The Northman closed four days ago, because the building sold, the cider brand lives on. The Northman Beer & Cider Garden on the Chicago Riverwalk will open this spring, coinciding with the launch of its first commercial line of ciders.