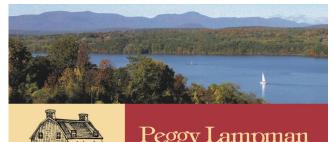
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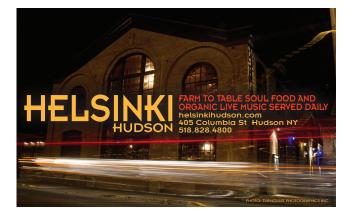


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unique way to experience the Catskills. I will definitely come back for the grand opening!

Returning to Hudson, I step into the barroom at Wm. Farmer and Sons for cocktails and dinner. Inside the grand, 1830s, Mansard-style edifice, the dining area emanates elegance with its stylish, rustic chic



decor. Patrons enjoy seats at the bar, but I cozy up to the brick fireplace at a table. There is something for everyone at Wm. Farmer and Sons. I recommend the duck confit from Fazio Farms, over Jefferson red rice perloo, with radish and an oyster dressing. For a drink, I was impressed by the Artist's Special — shaken bourbon, manzanilla sherry, house-made grenadine and fresh lemon juice served straight up.

Above the barroom are seven boutique guestrooms. I sleep in the Anne Marie Suite. The room is true to its never-want-to-leave description, with a kingsize bed, claw-foot tub and 24-hour butler service.

Wm. Farmer and Sons also has guestrooms in two other buildings, the Merchant House and the Annex Suites, both on South Front Street and a short walk from Hudson Station. The Merchant House is an historical building with four unique rooms and suites and a serene, secluded garden. The Annex Suites' rooms, called the Pint and the Half Pint, are ground floor suites, perfect for families in need of a roomier, apartment-like setting.

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