

Prime One Twelve

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Don't let word steakhouse fool you – Prime One Twelve is no ordinary hunk-of-beef-and-baked-potato kind of place. Part of owner Myles Chefetz's culinary empire that includes Nemo, Shoji Sushi, and Big Pink, Prime One Twelve is tucked into the South-of-Fifth-Street neighborhood of ever-trendy South Beach. In the historic Browns Hotel, the restaurant was designed by Alison Antrobus to create a "sexy, sophisticated steakhouse" using the concepts of suspension and the interplay between permanence and impermanence. Also preserved from the original hotel were the hexagon mosaic tiles at the entrance and vestibule as well as broken colorful tile in the lobby.

Though foodies and critics are prone to argument over whose beef is the best in the city, there is frankly very little room for debate that Prime One Twelve serves not only the best in Miami, but also some of the best in the country. As with many fine meals, the best way to begin is with caviar. Prime One Twelve serves a selection of Sevruga or Ossetra caviar with all the traditional accompaniments. Other great starts include the pan-seared diver scallops and the yellowfin tuna tartare. However, the main event is clearly the steak. For the serious, only the 12-ounce filet mignon will do, although a 48-ounce porterhouse meant for two (at least!) is great for sharing. The selection of sauces takes the experience to another sensory level – try the Prime 112 Steak sauce, the Bearnaise, Cabernet, or Chimichurri. The variety of butters is tempting too, especially the truffle, gorgonzola, or chipotle lime. Though the filet mignon is a natural choice, the 1-pound Kobe hamburger is delicious, and they even serve a Kobe beef hot dog.

Reservations for dinner or even lunch are coveted because Prime One Twelve plays host to the city's most powerful wheeling and dealing. So, call ahead for your next power lunch or celebratory dinner.

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