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A Move Uptown

Merchants N.Y., a wine bar and lounge in Chelsea, has opened an uptown branch at 521 Columbus Avenue (at 86th Street). The new restaurant, designed by Larry Bogdanow, gives new elegance to the neighborhood with several lounge areas, a big bar and some cafe tables set against polished woods and handsome lighting. Casual sandwiches, salads, snacks and a small list of main dishes complement the wines, beers and drinks.