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## Downtown Morgan Hill Grows its Retail and Restaurant Offerings with the Addition of Los Gatos-Based Businesses Enoteca La Storia and Oak & Rye

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Los Gatos-based businesses Enoteca La Storia and Oak & Rye are both expanding in Morgan Hill. Oak & Rye will open The Silos at a newly constructed 1,464-square-foot restaurant space tucked behind the iconic 45-foot-tall silos, historical remnants from the original granary operation. On November 14, 2023, the Morgan Hill Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit for The Silos for a full-service restaurant and bar at the Granary District, on Depot Street. The 31,000 square-foot development by Weston Miles houses a mix of retailers like the popular Running Shop and Hops and Odeum restaurant. At the Planning Commission hearing, property owner Charles Weston expressed his excitement about bringing an additional experienced restauranteur to The Granary. The new restaurant will offer approximately 52 indoor and 27 outdoor patio seats. Oak & Rye owner Ross Hanson said, "We are thrilled to have found such a unique and cool space that embodies Morgan Hill's agricultural roots, and we look forward to serving the Morgan Hill community."

Oak & Rye is not the only Los Gatos-based business coming to Morgan Hill. Enoteca La Storia plans to open its wine shop called Ancora Vino in Downtown Morgan Hill at 17337 Monterey Rd., the current Murphy's Mercantile Store. Ancora Vino will be a 2,200-square-foot retail wine shop offering 150 wines under \$25 and ten different wine clubs. In addition to featuring wine from every corner of the globe, the wine shop will highlight local wines. Co-owner Ryan Smith said, "I chose Morgan Hill as the location for our third store because it's where I grew up. I look forward to sharing my love of wine with my hometown."

The addition of The Silos by Oak & Rye and Ancora Vino by Enoteca La Storia will continue to foster Downtown's blossoming restaurant and retail scene. Recent additions to Downtown's retail offerings include the hip home goods and décor store Urbn Ranch, children's clothing boutique Avery's Avenue, and the soon-to-open Edes Gallery, adding over 6,000 square feet of new retail space to Downtown Morgan Hill. "We are thrilled to see new regional retail players join the Morgan Hill community," said Assistant City Manager Edith Ramirez, "and even more excited to see the evolution of the Granary District and see the iconic silos come to life."

Supporting and growing retail has been a key focus of the Morgan Hill economic development team. Creative retail placemaking like the Sidewalk Saturdays outdoor retail market provides a space for emerging retailers that don't have a formal store and existing brick-and-mortar businesses to spill onto the sidewalk and sell their wares, further enhancing the activity around the popular Downtown Farmer's Market. Economic Development Director Matt Mahood said, "Downtown Morgan Hill is a hot spot for restaurants and retailers." In addition to the Edes Gallery, new or renovated retail spaces include a 5,000-square-foot boutique hotel on Monterey Rd. (under construction), the renovation of the Mills building on the southwest corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Monterey Rd., and the commercial center on Del Monte and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.