

BENJAMIN

Easton, Maryland's best kept secret is a curated space brimming with a rarified collection: **Nymphenburg** porcelain from Bavaria; **Lobmeyr** glass and crystal and **Wiener Silber** from Vienna; and **Robbe & Berking** silver from Flensburg, Germany. This graceful boutique, **Benjamin**, gleams with the quiet elegance of a salon, as refined as the wares it showcases. The Bluepoint Hospitality's enterprise in the historic Eastern Shore town, brings together manufacturers esteemed by the world's most discriminating collectors and households. For those looking for an extraordinary, wedding or bridal shower gift, the unique collection of hand-blown Crystal, custom designed Porcelain, and specially produced Silver is featured on Benjamin's website registry, so those close or far away can be surrounded by opulence.

Nymphenburg porcelain, a maker founded in 1747 by the Royal Family of Bavaria [and still owned by its heirs,] creates fine dinnerware and decorative figures using painstaking techniques that have remained largely unchanged in the centuries since. [fact: Their porcelain maker is likely the last hand-thrower in the world] From the beginning, the brand has worked with pre-eminent designers of the day, such as Miuccia, Prada, Karl Lagerfeld, and Ted Muehling, whose work endows the collections with an ongoing level of high artistry. Its finely skilled painters can customize pieces and services with personal touches and preferences. They also create the world's most intricate floral design still in production today: "Cumberland," first made in 1765, requires up to three weeks of painting per plate. Nymphenburg specially crafted six custom, 24 karat gold rimmed as the signature item in the Benjamin. The plates feature hand-painted illustrations of a Great Blue Heron in a striking pose, customarily seen on Maryland's shores. In the Native American tradition this wading bird represents an innate wisdom and strength to maneuver and co-create situations and achievements in life. This rare partnership speaks to Bluepoint Hospitality's level of commitment to highlight the beauty of the area through unique art and design.

Lobmeyr, the celebrated Viennese glassware company founded in 1823, produces remarkably thin glass and crystal. In partnership with Thomas Edison, the firm co-developed the first electrical chandeliers in the world; it is also distinguished by its early association with the progressive designers of the *Wiener Werkstatte*. The highly refined profiles of its decanters, glasses, beer mugs, and spherical candy dishes are right at home at Benjamin. And no two are ever the same.

Custom cabinetry housing shelf-by-shelf displays of fine crystal, exquisitely hand-painted porcelain, and stunning biscuit-porcelain animal figures, faces a mahogany table laden with breathtaking works of silver.

Silver service pieces by Wiener Silber, another venerable firm, gleam with remarkable craftsmanship in a special alloy that is 94% pure. Their unique designs have evolved seamlessly through the ages with their contemporary pieces right at home next to original designs from the 1800's, when the one-man shop began producing its exquisite silverware. They are complemented by the sleek place settings by Robbe & Berking, of northern Germany, whose more recent forays into yacht design imbue their collections with a nautical sensibility; the captivating silver 'oyster' salt dishes are amazingly realistic.

Filled with pieces available in only a handful of U.S. cities, the breathtaking Benjamin offers distinctly European luxury – with a vision for refined entertaining.

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