

Vegas gets a vodka vault

Red Square at Mandalay Bay raises the curtain on a new drinking concept: a vodka vault.



(Photo: The Light Group)

Red Square at Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, a nightclub with a bar made of ice, has raised the curtain on another cool drinking concept: a "vodka vault."

Patrons can step inside the sub-zero-degree vault wearing Red Square-provided fur coats or military jackets and choose from bottles of the fiery, potato-based booze, starting at \$200, plus tax. Or you can opt for a shot, ranging from \$14-\$300.

The Vodka Vault also allows guests to have photos taken and uploaded to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Those not in Vegas can tweet #VodkaVault to see what's up at the revamped Red Square, which also serves fare from Chef Brian Massie including Chicken Kiev and a selection of caviar.

It's all part of what Mandalay Bay President and Chief Operating Officer Chuck Bowling calls "a whole new generation" of restaurants and nightspots at the resort.

The old Rumjungle, for instance, has been transformed into the Cirque du Soleil-themed [LIGHT Nightclub](#), which now is due to open Memorial Day Weekend. And recently opened [Citizens Kitchen & Bar](#), serving Massie's hip comfort food, has extended its opening hours to 24/7 to accommodate late-night partiers. These and other new developments at Mandalay Bay are from The Light Group, a big player in Vegas nightlife.

In Las Vegas, "people are always looking for something new and exciting," Bowling tells USA TODAY. "it's a very competitive market ... you never can rest."