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## Brighton Gourmet and Cellar store opens in Oak Square selling gourmet food, fine wine, craft beer

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A retail store selling gourmet food and fine wine, spirits and craft beer [has opened](#) in Oak Square.

[Brighton Gourmet and Cellar](#) at 569 Washington St. held a [grand opening](#) in late June.

(To see other recent business changes in Allston and Brighton, [click here](#).)

The store moved into a space that formerly housed used music, movie and book store [Diskovery](#), which [shuttered about a year ago](#) after a 32-year run in Allston-Brighton.

Victor Barakat, 32, [told Boston.com last year](#) that he and his younger sister, Rita Barakat, planned to co-manage the new business. The property's landlord is Barakat's uncle, David C. Khoury, who along with other relatives has owned and run [Foley's Liquors](#) in Brookline since he opened it in 1986.

That family business is where Barakat said he and his sister learned about retailing.

David Khoury and his brother Nadim C. Khoury co-founded and run the [Taybeh Brewing Company](#) located in the West Bank village of Taybeh, Palestine, where the Khoury family hails from. The brewery, founded in the mid-1990s, was the first microbrewery in Palestine, the [Globe reported](#) shortly after its opening.

"We know a lot about the relationship between drinks and food," Victor Barakat said in a phone interview last May. "We're trying to sell a lot of the items that you have to leave Brighton in order to get. Why not have it locally for the community here to go to."

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To read more from Barakat's interview last year, [click here](#).

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