

Meril Restaurant

QUIKRETE® Countertop Mix
New Orleans, LA



PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Chef Emeril Lagasse' 13th restaurant, Meril in the Warehouse District of New Orleans is a casual chef-driven neighborhood eatery featuring an internationally-influenced menu, rustic interior design and playful décor. Critical design components that help give Meril a warm, inviting atmosphere are a custom black concrete countertop that overlooks the kitchen and a large concrete horseshoe shaped bar crafted by Riviera Stoneworks using QUIKRETE® Countertop Mix.

The 24-foot-long concrete countertop and 80-foot-long concrete bar were poured in eight-foot sections using 12,500-lbs of material and reinforced with rebar for maximum strength. The concrete countertop and bar were poured upside down approximately three-inches thick in forms to give the tops a smooth finish. Once the concrete cured and was removed from the forms, the pieces were transported about 180 miles from the Riviera Stoneworks facility in Foley Ala. to Meril in New Orleans for installation. A high-gloss sealer was applied to give the integral black color in the concrete surfaces a glassy appearance.

QUIKRETE® Countertop Mix is a flowable, high-strength concrete designed for cast-in-place and pre-cast concrete countertops. The formulation also minimizes the need for mechanical vibration, possesses reduced-shrinkage properties and can be stripped from forms in 18 hours. QUIKRETE® Countertop Mix reaches a compressive strength of 2,000 psi in 18 hours, 3,500 psi in 7 days and exceeds 5,000 psi in 28 days.

CONTRACTOR: Riviera Stoneworks

QUIKRETE® PRODUCTS:

- 80 lb QUIKRETE® Countertop Mix

PROJECT START DATE:

June 2016

PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:

September 2016



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