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## THE RITZ-CARLTON MAUI UNVEILS KAPALUA WINE & CHEF SERIES

*- The culinary experience will showcase world-class wines and top guest chefs at Banyan Tree restaurant each month -*

**KAPALUA, MAUI, HI (February 25, 2025)** — The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua is proud to announce the **Kapalua Wine & Chef Series** at **Banyan Tree**, an exclusive culinary experience bringing world-class dining experiences to Maui. Featuring a diverse and talented group of top chefs and MICHELIN-starred talent, the series will deliver an expansive range of flavors, techniques, and inspirations from local and international culinary masterminds. With a focus on pairing award-winning wines with creative dishes, this series offers a unique opportunity for both residents and visitors to enjoy an unforgettable dining experience in Kapalua.

The Kapalua Wine & Chef Series will take place on the second Saturday of each month, inviting guests to indulge in specially crafted tasting menus prepared by guest chefs who will showcase their unmatched culinary expertise. In addition to these one-night-only experiences, special dishes from each guest chef will remain on the Banyan Tree menu throughout the month, offering guests a taste of the collaboration long after the event.

On March 8, the Kapalua Wine & Chef series debuts with hometown star chefs **Jojo Vasquez** (Fond Maui, James Beard Semifinalist, Food Network’s “Iron Chef America”) and **Zach Laidlaw** (Hua Momona Farms, FOX’s “Next Level Chef”), who alongside Banyan Tree’s culinary team will pair **Duckhorn Vineyards** to a four-course tasting menu. The evening will be hosted by Sommelier Jodi Komine, allowing guests to savor rare and complex varietals from the classic Napa Valley winery.

On April 12, MICHELIN-starred chef **Sujan Sarkar**, known for reimagining contemporary Indian cuisine in America, will join forces with **Rombauer Vineyards** to bring a modern Indian culinary experience to Maui. Chef Sarkar’s innovative approach to Indian flavors has earned him accolades at his acclaimed restaurants BAAR BAAR (New York City, L.A.), one MICHELIN-starred Indienne (Chicago), and MICHELIN-bibbed SIFR (Chicago).

Each dinner in the Kapalua Wine & Chef Series will feature celebrated wineries and the techniques of both local and internationally renowned chefs. Banyan Tree, the signature restaurant at The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua, offers a sophisticated coastal dining experience that emphasizes the finest seafood and locally sourced ingredients. The restaurant is committed to sustainable practices, working closely with local purveyors like Hua Momona Farms to highlight Maui’s rich agricultural offerings. The Banyan Tree restaurant also offers a new Chef’s Table every Friday night, where guests can savor a different menu each week at an alfresco table under the Maui stars.

For more information about the Kapalua Wine & Chef Series, visit [banyantreekapalua.com](http://banyantreekapalua.com) or follow along on Instagram @banyantreekapalua. To learn more about The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua, visit [www.ritzcarlton.com/maui](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/maui) or follow along on Instagram @ritzcarltonkapalua. Reservations can be made via OpenTable or by calling 808-665-7089.

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The luxurious Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua showcases a stunning, destination resort offering 468 newly reimagined guestrooms, including 107 residential suites, with all new décor capturing Kapalua’s rich heritage and natural aloha. The Ritz-Carlton Spa® Maui, Kapalua beckons with treatment rooms framed by private garden showers, volcanic stone grottos, steam, sauna and whirlpool therapies, outdoor couple's hale (cabanas) and a fitness center and movement studio with spectacular ocean views. Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment program offers all interest levels an array of outdoor activities from land to sea, led by trained naturalists. The breathtaking island resort also features six dining experiences, enhanced indoor/outdoor meeting space, an inviting children's pool and new, custom luxury cabanas. The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua is nestled on 54 acres and enveloped by the 22,000-acre Kapalua Resort, renowned for two championship golf courses, award-winning restaurants and the site of historic pineapple fields. For more information about The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua, visit [www.ritzcarlton.com/maui](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/maui)