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THE RITZ-CARLTON MAUI ANNOUNCES SUMMER LINEUP FOR THE KAPALUA WINE & CHEF SERIES

Savor the summer with world-class culinary creations paired with exceptional wines, hosted by renowned guest chefs at Banyan Tree Restaurant

KAPALUA, MAUI, HI — (May 1, 2025) — The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua is thrilled to unveil its exciting summer lineup for the Kapalua Wine & Chef Series at Banyan Tree. This season promises an unparalleled culinary experience, bringing world-class dining to Maui.

The series offers a four-course dinner with expertly curated wine pairings, crafted by renowned chefs and sommeliers, alongside Banyan Tree's Chef de Cuisine, Ignacio Carballo. Guests will have the exclusive opportunity to engage with the guest chefs and experience one-of-a-kind culinary creations during these unforgettable evenings.

Coming up next is the talented MICHELIN-recognized Chef Mawa McQueen, a powerhouse redefining Afro-Mediterranean cuisine. She'll be followed by an outstanding lineup of chefs this summer featuring Kelsey Barnard Clark, Maneet Chauhan, and Lee Anne Wong, all globally recognized, innovative chefs who continue to reshape the culinary landscape.

Upcoming guest chefs include:

- **May 10: Mawa McQueen | Justin Vineyards**
 - Chef Mawa McQueen, the MICHELIN-bibbed and James Beard-nominated culinary star behind Mawa's Kitchen, Mawita, and The Crepe Shack in Aspen and Snowmass Village, CO, is teaming up with Justin Vineyards to present a spectacular four-course dining experience. Inspired by her African, French, and American roots, and celebrated for her balanced, healthy, and locally sourced dishes, McQueen will dazzle guests with her exceptional culinary skills during this exclusive event.
- **June 14: Kelsey Barnard Clark | Lewis Cellars**
 - Chef Kelsey Barnard Clark, the first Southerner to win Bravo's "Top Chef" in 2019 and a 2024 James Beard Award nominee, is teaming up with Lewis Cellars for a spectacular dinner experience inspired by her new book, "Southern Get-Togethers." All guests will receive a signed copy of the book, which is dedicated to entertaining and hosting unforgettable gatherings.

- **July 19: Maneet Chauhan | Fraiche Wine Group**

- Indulge in an unforgettable culinary experience with Chef Maneet Chauhan, celebrated Food Network star and two-time “Tournament of Champions” winner. During this intimate evening, Chauhan will craft a delectable four-course Indian fusion meal, perfectly paired with exquisite wines selected by Fraiche Wine Group’s esteemed sommelier and vintner, Michael Kennedy.

- **August 9: Chef Lee Anne Wong | Orin Swift**

- A standout from the inaugural season of “Top Chef” and James Beard Award nominee, Chef Lee Anne Wong has made a name for herself with her unique fusion of Asian-inspired flavors and modern techniques. A passionate advocate for sustainability and local sourcing, Wong resides on Maui and is chef-partner at Koko Head Café in Honolulu, Osaka, and Tokyo. She teams up with Orin Swift, renowned for their bold and expressive wines, for this special dinner.

Each dinner experience is priced at \$225 plus taxes per adult, ages 21 and up. Special kama‘āina room rates are available for local residents to enjoy a staycation by calling The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua at 808-669-6200.

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. Committed to sustainable practices, the restaurant works closely with local purveyors such as Hua Momona Farms to celebrate Maui’s rich agricultural bounty.

For more information about the Kapalua Wine & Chef Series, visit banyantreekapalua.com or follow along on Instagram @banyantreekapalua. Banyan Tree is open Wednesday through Sunday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Reservations can be made via OpenTable.

To learn more about The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua, visit ritzcarlton.com/maui or follow along on Instagram @ritzcarltonkapalua.

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About The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua

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.