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BANYAN TREE NAMED AMONG THE WORLD'S BEST RESTAURANTS FOR WINE

*- The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua's signature restaurant earns
2025 Wine Spectator Award of Excellence -*

KAPALUA, MAUI, HI — (June 25, 2025) — Banyan Tree, the signature restaurant at The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua, has been honored for its outstanding wine program in *Wine Spectator's* 2025 Restaurant Awards, which celebrate the world's best restaurants for wine.

"A wine list is a restaurant's identity in print, and this year's *Wine Spectator* Restaurant Award winners reflect both deep knowledge and a passion for discovery," said Marvin R. Shanken, Editor and Publisher, *Wine Spectator*. "I proudly present the 3,811 restaurants worldwide that earned a Restaurant Award this year—we raise a glass to all our winners."

"Being recognized by *Wine Spectator* is a tremendous honor," said Michael Kennedy, vintner and sommelier at The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua, who, alongside sommelier Charles Miller, played a pivotal role in curating the wine program. "This award reflects our team's commitment to excellence and our passion for creating unforgettable dining experiences. Our goal is always to elevate the guest journey—and wine plays a powerful role in doing just that."

Launched in 1981, the Restaurant Awards represent the world's only program focused exclusively on restaurant wine service. They are assigned on three levels: the Award of Excellence, the Best of Award of Excellence and the Grand Award, with 2,010; 1,704; and 97 winners this year in each respective category.

Banyan Tree has won the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence. The Award of Excellence recognizes restaurants whose wine lists feature a well-chosen assortment of quality producers along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style.

Wine Spectator's special Restaurant Awards issue becomes available to readers July 15, 2025.

Follow *Wine Spectator* on Instagram ([@wine_spectator](https://www.instagram.com/wine_spectator)) and use hashtag #WSRestaurantAwards for posts about this year's awards. [WineSpectator.com/Restaurants](https://www.winespectator.com/Restaurants) also features coverage of winners, interviews with leading wine directors, wine picks and pairing tips from sommeliers at award-winning programs. In the Restaurant Search, all winners can be searched by name, location, award level, cuisine, wine specialties and pricing. Winners are also profiled in the free Restaurant Awards app, available for iPhone and iPad users.

For more information about Banyan Tree Restaurant, visit [banyantreekapalua.com](https://www.banyantreekapalua.com) or follow along on Instagram [@banyantreekapalua](https://www.instagram.com/banyantreekapalua). For those seeking a unique wine experience, Banyan

Tree hosts the Kapalua Wine & Chef Series, where acclaimed chefs offer intimate dining events featuring thoughtfully paired dishes and curated wine selections. Banyan Tree also offers a Chef's Table every Friday night, where guests can savor a different menu each week at an alfresco table under the Maui stars. Reservations can be made via OpenTable or by calling 808-665-7089.

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About *Wine Spectator*

Wine Spectator is the world's leading authority on wine. Anchored by *Wine Spectator* magazine, a print publication that reaches around 3 million readers worldwide, the brand also encompasses the Web's most comprehensive wine site (**WineSpectator.com**), mobile platforms and a series of signature events. *Wine Spectator* examines the world of wine from the vineyard to the table, exploring wine's role in contemporary culture and delivering expert reviews. Parent company M. Shanken Communications, Inc., also publishes *Cigar Aficionado*, *Whisky Advocate*, *Market Watch*, *Shanken News Daily* and *Shanken's Impact Newsletter*.

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.