

News Release



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Enjoy Heavenly Wine and Food at the Kapalua Wine & Food Festival and a Luxurious Stay at The Kapalua Villas

KAPALUA RESORT, MAUI, HAWAII (May 31, 2007) — Epicurean enthusiasts rejoice. This year's 26th Annual Kapalua Wine & Food Festival will tantalize visitors' taste buds with an impressive line up of exciting events. Interested attendees can book a stay at The Kapalua Villas to experience the Wine and Food Festival and enjoy all the world-class amenities of Kapalua Resort

Visitors to Kapalua can still purchase individual tickets to the following splendid events by ordering online at www.kapaluawineandfood.com:

Grand Tasting – Friday, June 29th, 6:00-9:00pm

This extravagant affair showcases over 100 premium wines from around the world and highlights the exciting Spanish-inspired cuisine of The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua culinary team led by Executive Chef John Zaner. Eight nationally acclaimed Master Sommeliers will delight guests with their featured "Sommelier's Choice" selections.

Mark Tarbell's Cooking Exhibition – Saturday, June 30th, 11:45am-1:00pm

Recent *Iron Chef* contestant and James Beard award nominee Chef Mark Tarbell will offer guests an opportunity to sample exquisite wine and food pairings during his three-course cooking demonstration.

Hangover Helper Cooking Exhibition – Sunday, July 1st, 10:30-11:45am

Attend this unique event to jump-start your morning. Sample unique Bloody Mary concoctions and brunch specialties prepared by Chef/Instructor Mary Clarke from the revered Le Cordon Bleu and Master Sommeliers Fred Dame and Larry Stone. Fine wine tastings also included.

The Seafood Festival – Sunday, July 1st, 6:00-9:00pm

Another not-to-be-missed event, the Seafood Festival will feature the culinary splendor of Hawaii's top chefs as they exercise their skills to masterfully transform the bounty of our ocean into tantalizing, gourmet presentations.

After indulging in the Kapalua Wine & Food Festival's offerings, visitors can relax in the peaceful surroundings of their private villas. The award-winning Kapalua Villas are located throughout the internationally acclaimed Kapalua Resort. Accommodation options include spacious and fully-appointed one, two- and three-bedroom villas with oceanfront or ocean views. Rates at the villas begin at \$299.

Guests staying at The Kapalua Villas will have convenient resort services and amenities at their fingertips. The Kapalua Villas are well-known for their lovely accommodations and sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and neighbor islands, Moloka'i and Lāna'i.

For more information and to book at The Kapalua Villas, call toll free 1-800-545-0018 or visit www.kapalua.com.

The Kapalua Food & Wine Festival is one of the longest running and most prestigious wine festivals in the country. Scheduled to take place from June 28 – July 1, the event also welcomes special guest chef Michael Mina, owner of Michael Mina in San Francisco and the Bellagio Las Vegas. He is a 2002 James Beard award winner and has also been recognized by *Wine Spectator*, *Bon Appetit*, AAA and others for his masterful cuisine and wine selections.

The Kapalua Wine & Food Festival will also feature daily tastings and a wine and cheese seminar. Eight Master Sommeliers from around the country – an impressive number of Master Sommeliers gathered in one place – will be on hand to lend their expertise. Guests will be able to taste premium wine vintages alongside Master Sommeliers and hone their wine tasting skills, while also learning about the hottest trends in wine today.

For more information about the Kapalua Wine & Food Festival, call 1-877-669-2440 or visit our website at www.kapaluawineandfood.com.

ABOUT KAPALUA RESORT

The Kapalua Resort is a 23,000-acre, master-planned community set amidst a working pineapple plantation on Maui's northwest coast. The resort is renowned for its world-class golf courses - The Bay and The Plantation Courses; 10 residential communities; premier accommodations at The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua; The Kapalua Villas, a villa rental program; Kapalua Luxury Homes, a luxury home rental program; a tennis complex; three white sand beaches including two of America's Best Beaches; and a myriad of restaurants and shops. Kapalua Resort hosts a signature event series each year, the PGA TOUR's season-opening Mercedes-Benz Championship in January, Whale Quest Kapalua in February, The Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua's Celebration of the Arts festival in April and the Kapalua Wine & Food Festival in June. Readers of **Travel + Leisure Golf** magazine recognized Kapalua Resort as the #1 Golf Destination in Hawai'i for 2006. **Golfweek** recognized The Plantation Course as a Top 100 Modern Course for 2007. For more information, visit www.kapalua.com or call 1- (800) KAPALUA.

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