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## SIGNATURE WINEMAKER & CELEBRITY CHEF DINNER RETURNS TO KAPALUA WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL JULY 11

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KAPALUA, MAUI, HI — (June 30, 2025) — As part of the 44th Annual [Kapalua Wine & Food Festival](#), [The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua](#) is excited to present the [Signature Winemaker & Celebrity Chef Dinner](#), a one-night-only, intimate six-course dining event showcasing a collaboration between acclaimed chefs and some of the wine industry's most celebrated vintners.

Held outdoors as the sun sets on **Friday, July 11 at 6 p.m.**, the exclusive event will be led by a powerhouse culinary team, including celebrity chefs **Rick Moonen**, known as the “Godfather of Sustainability,” **Maneet Chauhan** (Food Network’s *Chopped* and *Tournament of Champions*), and **Zach Laidlaw** (FOX’s *Next Level Chef*, Hua Momona Farms), joined by **The Ritz-Carlton Maui’s** own Executive Chef **George Vanyi** and Pastry Chef **Erin Howard**. Together, they’ll offer guests an inside look at their craft and the culinary creativity behind each course.

Each course will be thoughtfully paired with a hand-selected lineup of top-tier wines, with presentations by the winemakers themselves, including:

- Sarah Weuthrich, Maggy Hawk
- Kristy Melton, Freemark Abbey
- Greg Brewer, Brewer-Clifton
- Ryan Zapaltas, Copain Winery
- Geoff Labitzke, MW, DANA Estates
- Jeremy Nickel, The Vineyard House

The evening begins with an elegant champagne reception featuring Veuve Clicquot and Petrossian caviar bumps, accompanied by exquisite hors d’oeuvres. Guests will then enjoy a six-course dinner with expertly paired wines. Hosted by The Ritz-Carlton Maui’s esteemed sommelier and vintner, Michael Kennedy, the experience offers an immersive and guided journey through exceptional food and wine.

To purchase tickets, visit [ritzcarltonmaui.com/kwff\\_dinner](https://ritzcarltonmaui.com/kwff_dinner) or call 808-665-7089. Kama‘āina room rates are available during the Kapalua Wine & Food Festival for local residents with valid Hawai‘i ID.

For the complete Kapalua Wine & Food Festival schedule, visit [kapaluawineandfoodfestival.com](https://kapaluawineandfoodfestival.com). To learn more about The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua, visit [ritzcarlton.com/maui](https://ritzcarlton.com/maui) or follow along on Instagram [@ritzcarltonkapalua](https://www.instagram.com/ritzcarltonkapalua).

**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](http://www.ritzcarlton.com/maui).