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THE ROYAL HAWAIIAN, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT PREPARES TO SAY “CIAO” WITH VINO VIAGGIO EPICUREO

HAWAII, HONOLULU, WAIKIKI – March 12, 2018 – The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort is taking gourmands on a whirlwind Epicurean Journey around the world this year. The first stop in 2018 is on Thursday, March 29 and features the great wines of Italy selected by Master Sommelier Patrick Okubo.

“Vino Viaggio Epicureo” is part of the hotel’s ongoing Epicurean Journeys culinary series that provides diners the opportunity to experience food and beverage through intimate chef dinners at Azure Restaurant, the culinary landmark along Waikiki Beach at the famed Pink Palace of the Pacific.

Vino Viaggio Epicureo gets underway at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 29 with a reception featuring 2016 Masi Masiatico as chosen by Okubo. Okubo is Hawaii’s third certified master Sommelier holding a Certified Wine Educator (CWE) and Certified Specialist of Spirits (CSS) from the Society of Wine Educators.

In addition to the opening wine, a host of other fine Italian wines will complement the four-course menu by Azure Restaurant Chef de Cuisine Shaymus Alwin.

Reception

2016 Masi Masianco

1st

Spanner crab stuffed squash blossom, tarragon, citrus

2014 Cabreo, La Peitra, Chardonnay

2nd

Spiced squab currant tomato raisin, caramelized onion, arancini

2015 Sette Ponti, Crognolo

3rd

Kauamano Farms porchetta, fennel, apple, celery, pork jus

2012 Silivo Nardi, Brunello di Montalcino

4th

Assiago Gelato, honey, aged balsamic, poached local fruit

2014 Medici, Lambrusco Dolce

“This is a tremendous opportunity to engage with diners who appreciate fine cuisine and wines,” said Azure General Manager Micah Suderman. “It’s an added bonus for us to have someone of Patrick’s caliber at our restaurant, engaging with our guests.” Suderman is a sommelier with the Master Court of Sommeliers and is WSET Level 2 certified.

The cost of the “Epicurean Journeys Wine Pairings” dinner is \$130 per person (plus tax and gratuity) and reservations can be made by calling Suderman at (808) 931-7837.

More Epicurean Journeys events are scheduled for The Royal Hawaiian in May, July, September and November this year. Event dates and prices are subject to change.

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The intimate Malulani Pool and private beach area are both complemented with pink-hued umbrellas to match the resort's signature color. On February 1, 2017, The Royal Hawaiian celebrates nine glorious decades of exceptional service along Waikiki Beach.

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