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Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Food & Wine Classic introduces grand tasting experience with master sommelier

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. – July 12, 2017 – For the first time in its eight years, the [Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Food and Wine Classic](#) will offer a grand tasting experience led by a master sommelier. The tasting will feature wines from the Italian regions of Barolo and Barbaresco and highlight the unique Nebbiolo grape of northern Italy.

Leading the experience will be Master Sommelier Matthew Citriglia, one of only 149 master sommeliers in the Americas. He will guide the tasting like a tour through Piedmont showcasing several rare vintages from the region. As an intimate experience, tickets will be extremely limited.

Citriglia is the director of education for Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits and among the longest-tenured master sommeliers in Florida. He has served on the board of directors of the world-renowned organization since 2004. Citriglia mentors students pursuing master sommelier certification and has created training seminars to educate professionals in the food and beverage industry. He has more than 30 years of experience in the industry.

The grand tasting will join other seminar favorites returning to the event once again, including *Wine Blending, Italian Wines, More than Malbec, Base to Bubbles, Beer Please, Craft Cocktails, Fine Art of Sushi and Sake, The Cheese Course, Pasta Making* and back by popular demand after a several year hiatus, *Riesling, So Sweet & So Dry*.

The [Grand Tasting with Master Sommelier Matthew Citriglia](#) will take place on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 2:00p.m. – 3:30p.m. Tickets are \$300 per person. For information on all Swan and Dolphin Food & Wine Classic seminars, events and pricing, please visit www.SwanDolphinFoodandWineClassic.com/seminars.

The two-day Swan and Dolphin Food & Wine Classic offers guests unlimited tastings at more than 50 stations featuring culinary selections from the resort's award-winning restaurants and wine from more than 30 wineries amidst a festive backdrop of live entertainment on the hotel's scenic causeway. Upgraded ticket options allow guests to enjoy access to a beer garden featuring a wide selection of craft beers and Oktoberfest-inspired cuisine. The event also includes hands-on seminars with the hotel's chefs and certified beverage experts. More information is available at www.SwanDolphinFoodandWineClassic.com

About the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort

In the heart of the *Walt Disney World* Resort, the award-winning *Walt Disney World* Swan and Dolphin Resort resides amongst the greatest theme parks and attractions in Central Florida. The resort is located between *Epcot* and *Disney's Hollywood Studios*, and nearby *Disney's Animal Kingdom* Theme Park and *Magic Kingdom* Park. Guests can discover 17 world-class

restaurants and lounges, sophisticated guest rooms with Westin Heavenly Beds and the luxurious Mandara Spa. The resort features five pools, two health clubs, tennis, nearby golf, complimentary transportation throughout the *Walt Disney World* Resort, the extended park hours benefit, where each day, one of the four *Walt Disney World* Theme Parks is open extra time for guests to enjoy select attractions (Valid Theme Park admission and Resort ID required) and Disney *FastPass+* service, where guests can reserve up to 3 select theme park experiences up to 60 days in advance of their visit. The resort can be reached at [800-227-1500](tel:800-227-1500). For more information, visit www.swandolphin.com and connect with the resort via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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