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Guest Chef Lou Rossi + The Entertaining Pinot Posse Take Over The Nell

Aspen, Colo. (January 2016) – Always seeking ways to expand culinary offerings for guests, The Little Nell is pleased to present two unique dinners this month. Chef Lou Rossi of Castle Hill Inn, also a Relais & Châteaux resort, will take over element 47 as part of The Nell's Guest Chef Dinner Series one night, and the Pinot Posse, a troupe of West Coast winemakers, rides into town for a spirited evening at Ajax Tavern the next.



On Tuesday, Jan. 12, the second installment of The Little Nell's **Guest Chef Series** takes place with Executive Chef Lou Rossi of Castle Hill Inn in Newport, RI, who will prepare a decadent five-course dinner. The Guest Chef Series includes talented chefs from around the world, each preparing a prix fixe menu, and taking over the Carte Blanche tasting menu at element 47. The Nell's executive chef, Matt Zubrod, invited Chef Rossi for this special evening, noting, "I believe our affiliation with Relais & Châteaux is similar to the Michelin guide in Europe for educated diners to choose similar destinations. I want to promote our small market of boutique hotels with exceptional hospitality and high quality food. Lou fits that profile perfectly and shares a passion for culinary excellence and a kinship among Relais & Châteaux properties." For reservations, please contact element 47 at 970.920.6330. \$150++/guest. 6 – 10 p.m.



The **Pinot Posse** rides back to town on Wednesday, Jan. 13, with a prix fixe evening at Ajax Tavern. The eleventh annual event involves seven of the most notable pinot noir winemakers in the U.S. (J.K. Carriere, Kosta Brown, Camlow-Keefer, Owen Roe, Bonaccorsi, August West and Cargasacchi) who will be on a tour through Colorado, showcasing their celebrated wines. John Salamanski of CS Wines leads this outing with stops at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs and Table Six in Denver. Described by wine writer Kelly Hayes, "This group of fabled artisan winemakers, hailing from diverse regions ranging from the Central Coast of California to Oregon and Washington, make some of the most sought-after pinot noir in the world and come to Aspen to share it." Always an engaging experience among guests and winemakers, the evening features a four-course menu, complemented by seven pinot noir pairings. For reservations, please contact Ajax Tavern at 970.920.6334. \$150++/guest. 7 - 10 p.m.

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About The Little Nell

Cosmopolitan yet intimate, contemporary yet timeless, The Little Nell invites guests to experience Aspen's only Forbes Five Star, AAA Five Diamond, ski-in/ski-out hotel – a Relais & Châteaux resort. For more information and for reservations, please call 888.The.Nell (888.843.6355) or visit www.thelittlenell.com.

Awards, Accolades and Talent

The Little Nell's culinary team is led by Executive Chef Matt Zubrod with Curtis Cameron as Executive Pastry Chef and Matt Padilla as Chef de Cuisine for element 47 and JD Baldrige as Chef de Cuisine for Ajax Tavern. Master Sommelier Carlton McCoy oversees the wine program. Element 47 has been acknowledged with [numerous awards](#) including The Grand Award from Wine Spectator since 1995, recognition as one of America's 100 Best Wine Restaurants from Wine Spectator and a Forbes Five Star rating in 2015.

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