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### **THE LITTLE NELL TO HOST FINALE PARTY FOR BRAVO'S *TOP CHEF* COLORADO AT CHAIR 9**

**Aspen, Colo. (February 27, 2018)** – The Little Nell will be hosting a finale viewing party for Bravo's widely-watched cooking competition show "Top Chef" on Thursday, March 8, to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> season set entirely in colorful Colorado. The two-part finale airing March 1 and 8 were filmed in Aspen, which included a fly-fishing adventure with guides from The Little Nell and a high-elevation cooking challenge at the Aspen Mountain Club at The Little Nell. Join us at our après-ski bar, Chair 9, to watch the Top Chef Colorado finale starting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 8. The show will air from 8 - 9:00 p.m. MT, and the bar will be open until 10 p.m., serving complimentary truffle popcorn and \$9 Colorado wines (Sutcliffe, Monkshood, Jack Rabbit Hill Farms) selected by Little Nell Wine Director and Master Sommelier Carlton McCoy, plus \$3 beers on tap (Coors Lights, Avalanche Ale, Voodoo Range IPA, Shocktop Wheat). The [Chair 9 bar menu](#) from Executive Chef Matt Zubrod will be available as well with favorites such as Wagyu Beef Sliders, Truffle Fries, Pork Belly Banh Mi Lettuce Wraps and more.

As one of just two Five-Star, Five-Diamond hotels in Colorado and recognized by many industry leaders for an award-winning wine cellar and culinary program, The Little Nell was honored to be a chosen venue for filming Top Chef 15.

#### **About Top Chef 15**

Colorado continues to be recognized as a culinary hub in the country, evidenced in the talent blossoming throughout the state and also among the cast of Top Chef 15. Of the fifteen cheftestants this season, two hail from Colorado - Carrie Baird, head chef of Denver's Bar Dough, and Brother Luck, of Colorado Springs' Four by Brother Luck. The show crisscrossed Colorado, filming in Denver,

Boulder, Telluride, and Aspen, with many of the state's most reputable restaurants, award winning talent and even namesake dishes featured. Challenges included a mise en place relay race, a deconstruction of the Denver Omelette, an Olympics-themed team race with Telluride native and pro skier Gus Kenworthy and a Rocky Mountain Oyster challenge with the Voltaggio Brothers as judges. Filming locations included the Governor's Mansion in Denver where cheftestants prepared and served dinner to Governor John Hickenlooper, as well as Telluride's lofty Alpino Vino, the highest elevation restaurant in North America, sitting at 12,000 feet above sea level, for a high altitude cooking challenge. The Top Chef 15 host is Padma Lakshmi with judges Tom Colicchio, Gail Simmons and Graham Elliot.

### **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](http://www.thelittlenell.com).

### **Awards, Accolades and Talent**

The Little Nell's culinary team is led by Executive Chef Matt Zubrod, Executive Sous-Chef Keith Theodore, Patrick Dunn as Chef de Cuisine of element 47 and Oscar Carrasco as Chef de Cuisine of 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 Enthusiast and awarded a Forbes Five-Star rating since 2015.

### **Element 47 at The Little Nell**

The signature restaurant at The Little Nell has been honored by Forbes as a Five-Star restaurant since 2015 and Wine Spectator with its Grand Award distinction since 1997. The name element 47 pays tribute to silver, the precious metal that first put Aspen on the map, and to the finest silver service cuisine —for breakfast, lunch, après and dinner, seven days a week. 675 East Durant Avenue, 970.920.6330, [element47@thelittlenell.com](mailto:element47@thelittlenell.com). <https://www.thelittlenell.com/dining/element-47>

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