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TWENTY YEARS OF WINE EXCELLENCE

Aspen, Colo. (July 06, 2017) – The Little Nell has been named to *Wine Spectator's* esteemed list of Grand Award winners for 2017, marking twenty years of being acknowledged for wine excellence at our fine-dining restaurant. To celebrate this achievement, a **20th Anniversary Dinner** will take place at element 47 at The Little Nell on Thursday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m., with a five-course menu by Guest Chef Francis Mallman and Little Nell Executive Chef Matthew Zubrod. Wine service will be provided by past and present sommeliers at The Little Nell including Bobby Stuckey, Dustin Wilson, Jonathan Pullis, Sabato Sagaria, Carlton McCoy, Csaba Oveges, Chris Dunaway, Erik Elliott and Jesse Libby, with special guests Robert Bohr and Raj Parr. Together with Stefanie Cove and Co., The Little Nell is planning a regal celebration to honor the hotel's wine legacy.

The evening will begin poolside amidst the lush gardens at The Little Nell as guests gather for cocktails on the terrace overlooking Chef Mallman's fascinating Patagonian barbecue methods. Passed hors d'oeuvres combine the talents of both Mallman and Chef Zubrod, complemented by champagne, as well as a specialty cocktail: Fennel Delight with grapefruit and Roca Patron. Dinner awaits in the elegant element 47 dining room where guests will delight on the cuisines of Mallman and Zubrod and fine wines from The Little Nell's legendary cellar.

"We are incredibly honored and humbled to receive this recognition and coveted award from *Wine Spectator*," notes Little Nell Wine Director Carlton McCoy, Master Sommelier.

"In commemoration of this historic achievement, we are preparing one of the most special dinners ever planned at The Little Nell," McCoy continues. "We have invited several of the sommeliers who played a part in earning this award over the past two decades to join us in service and as guests at the dinner. More than fifty wines, hand selected from our cellar, will be poured from the greatest producers of the world such as Domaine Dujac, Jacques Frederic Mugnier, Domaine Leflaive, Domaine Armand Rousseau, Giacomo Conterno, Soldera, Chateau Rayas, Guigal Cote Rotie, La Mission Haut Brion, Schrader, Gaja, and Domaine Roulot."

Space is limited for this special event, with reservations available on The Little Nell website via [Resy](#) for \$1,200/person. For questions or further details, please contact Little Nell Wine Director Carlton McCoy: cmccoy@thelittlenell.com.

About Wine Spectator's Grand Award

Since 1981, Wine Spectator has been honoring restaurants with extraordinary wine programs, announcing the newest list of [Restaurant Award winners](#) on July 5, 2017, hailing from all 50 states and more than 75 countries for their outstanding dedication to wine. The awards are given across three categories: Award of Excellence, Best of Award of Excellence and Grand Award. The Grand Award, the program's highest honor, is the ultimate recognition for restaurants with world-class wine programs. This coveted award is presented to restaurants that show uncompromising, passionate devotion to the quality of their wine program. These wine lists, which typically have 1,000 or more selections, deliver serious breadth of top producers and outstanding depth in mature vintages, in addition to selections of large-format bottles. Along with superior presentation of the wine list and its excellent harmony with the menu, these restaurants offer the highest level of wine service. Wine Spectator inspects all candidates for the Grand Award to evaluate the overall dining experience and cellar. The 2017 Grand Award was presented to 89 restaurants worldwide, including The Little Nell.

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, Executive Sous-Chef Keith Theodore, Patrick Dunn as Chef de Cuisine of element 47 and Chris Guzman as Pastry Chef. Master Sommelier Carlton McCoy oversees the wine program. Element 47 has been acknowledged with [numerous awards](#) including The Grand Award from Wine Spectator since 1997, recognition as one of America's 100 Best Wine Restaurants from Wine Enthusiast and a Forbes Five-Star rating since 2015.

About Chef Francis Mallman

Francis Mallman is an Argentine celebrity chef, author, and restaurateur who specializes in Argentine cuisine with a focus on various Patagonian methods of barbecuing food. He has been featured on numerous international television programs, as well as on the Netflix original series *Chef's Table*. Mallman is an expert at cooking with fire: over it, under it, in it and around it and was invited to be the special guest chef for The Little Nell's 20th Anniversary Dinner of receiving Wine Spectator's Grand Award.

About Stefanie Cove and Co.

Based in Los Angeles with more than 15 years of experience, Stefanie Cove recently founded Stefanie Cove and Co., producing notable, full-service events around the globe. Previously, Stefanie worked in the event department at The Little Nell, and maintains a close working relationship with the hotel and Aspen. Stefanie and her team create uniquely inspired social events, high-end galas, nuptials and private dinners for high-profile clients and brands including Molly Sims, Gwyneth Paltrow, and NET-A-PORTER. Known for her discretion and refined taste, Stefanie is the consummate event planner, providing unparalleled knowledge, creativity and resources while executing ideas from concept to completion. Stefanie Cove and Co. is involved with the production of The Little Nell's 20th Anniversary Dinner of receiving Wine Spectator's Grand Award.

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