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**BALBOA BAY RESORT ANNOUNCES THE RETURN OF
NEWPORT BEACH WINE FESTIVAL**

The 3-day extravaganza takes place at the luxury waterfront resort over Memorial Day Weekend



Pictured: Newport Beach Wine Festival at Balboa Bay Resort

(NEWPORT BEACH; April 10, 2023)— This Memorial Day Weekend, [Balboa Bay Resort](#) is proud to kick off the summer season with the return of the beloved [Newport Beach Wine Festival](#). Over three days at the luxury waterfront resort, the 18th Annual Newport Beach Wine Festival will host an array of premium wineries and distributors representing over 50 labels. Guests can sip and mingle while enjoying live music, tasty bites, fun activations, and breathtaking views along the waterline.

“This is one of our favorite weekends of the year,” said Jason Hsieh, Food & Beverage Director at Balboa Bay Resort. “With such great views here, it’s the perfect destination to enjoy a glass of wine or sample some tequilas or spirits. We’re excited to host this event again this year.”

Last year, the festival returned to Balboa Bay Resort after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic and drew over 500 guests.

Also known as the Newport Beach Wine & Spirits Festival, the extravaganza begins **Friday, May 26 at 6 PM** with a dinner and reception with Duckhorn Winery, the iconic Napa Valley winery known for its exceptional Cabernet Sauvignons and Merlots. An expertly curated 5-course dinner will accompany the tasting, courtesy of Balboa Bay Resort’s Executive Chef Prabeen Prathapan, including Wild Morro Bay Smoked Salmon Roulade, Mishima Ultra Wagyu Ribeye, Meyer Lemon Cake with Grand Marnier Coconut Curd, and more. This intimate dinner and reception will take place in the resort’s beloved Lighthouse Room, framed with

oversized accordion glass doors that offer tranquil ocean breezes and sweeping harbor views. The outside patio area offers Adirondack chairs surrounding a firepit that overlooks the marina and harbor.

On **Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28**, the Newport Beach Wine Festival will welcome over 50 wine and spirits vendors, with live music, hors d'oeuvres and stunning bay views. Participating vendors include DAOU, 818 Tequila, Off Hours Bourbon, Martin Ray & Angeline, and more. The festival will be in the resort's Lighthouse Room pouring out onto the boardwalk, overlooking the marina, yachts, and Lido Island in the distance.

New to the Newport Beach Wine Festival this year is The Macallan Speyside Lounge. The speakeasy-style lounge will offer elevated cocktails from The Macallan's single malt scotch whisky collections. This experience takes place on Friday and Saturday evenings with rare tastings at 6pm, 730p, and 9pm both days. Festival guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a selection of The Macallan's one-of-a-kind scotch at the Grand Tastings on Saturday and Sunday.

Ticket information for each event is available online at www.balboabayresort.com/nbwinefestival and tickets start at \$145 per person (plus tax, service charge, and fees). Combination tickets are also available for guests who desire a full weekend of wine and cuisine starting at \$215 per person (plus tax, service charge, and fees). Parking is limited and ride share is recommended. Alternate parking location will be available.

Resort guests who make a room reservation for the Wine Festival over Memorial Day Weekend will receive 15% off guest room rates and 20% off tickets to the Newport Beach Wine Festival.

Newport Beach's premiere waterfront destination, Balboa Bay Resort is the only Forbes Four-Star, AAA Four-Diamond resort in town. Located on PCH, surrounded by the jaw-dropping yachts of Newport Harbor, Balboa Bay Resort is the epitome of Southern California luxury with a sea of possibilities: 159 luxurious guestrooms and suites; a private spa for guests only; recreation including paddle boards, kayaks, electric bikes and Duffy boats; Olympic-sized pool with private cabanas and daybeds; and decadent waterfront dining at A+O Restaurant | Bar, fit with roaring firepits and breathtaking sunset views. This year, the resort debuted a [Pampered Pooch Package](#), which provides the VIP treatment to all four-legged hotel guests, including branded pet apparel, in-room dining, and more. Balboa Bay Resort was named the #1 best hotel in Newport Beach this year by U.S. News & World Report. The resort is located at 1221 West Coast Highway, Newport Beach, CA 92663.

For more information on the Newport Beach Wine Festival at Balboa Bay Resort, visit www.balboabayresort.com. Stay up to date with Balboa Bay Resort by following [@balboabayresort](#) on Instagram.

About Balboa Bay Resort

Balboa Bay Resort is Newport Beach's premier waterfront retreat offering stunning bay views and sunsets over Balboa Bay's harbor. Recently named the #1 Resort in Newport Beach by U.S. News & World Report, the Forbes Four-Star and AAA Four-Diamond property features 159 luxurious guestrooms and suites, offering relaxed yet refined accommodations. The celebrated culinary program includes A+O Restaurant | Bar with food and beverage direction by Executive Chef Prabeen Prathapan, spirit-forward, creative craft cocktails and live acoustic music most nights; Blend, offering fresh grab-and-go delicacies and delights that pair perfectly with beautiful bay views; a pool bar; and in-room dining. Wellness amenities include a fitness studio, year-

round heated outdoor swimming pool and whirlpool with poolside cabanas, a full-service 10,000-square-foot spa, and Drybar salon. Balboa Bay Resort's Recreation Concierge offers land and water sport rentals from the hotel's private dock along with curated experiences and a robust Poolside Cabana program. Wedding and group offerings include the waterfront Lighthouse Room, Bayfront ceremony lawn and more, totaling nearly 32,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor function space. For more information, please visit www.balboabayresort.com.

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