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Elements Restaurant at Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort Receives Wine Spectator 2021 Award for Excellence

Guests' trends revealed

EAGLE BEACH, Aruba – July 8, 2021 – The return to travel sits just right on the palate at Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort as judged by Wine Spectator, the world's leading authority on wine. The Eagle Beach resort just received Spectator's 2021 Restaurant Award of Excellence.



Guests' (almost) post-pandemic wine trends revealed

"On any given day, our guests to Elements Restaurant at Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort hail from 25 countries worldwide, and while tastes may vary, we have witnessed our wine-loving guests in general stay with trusted brands through 2020 and are now seeing premiumization, a move to higher-priced wine, growing in 2021 as they celebrate the return to somewhat normalcy," shares Executive Chef and Director of Food & Beverage Marc Giesbers. "It is a great honor to please their requests and find that our wine list selections are recognized once again with a Wine Spectator Award of Excellence."

Additionally, guests' interest in sustainably produced wines is growing, an ideal fit at the Caribbean's only carbon neutral hotel. Regenerative production is factoring into the decision-making set particularly for the younger generation visiting the adults-only resort.

Complementing sustainability is guests' equally thriving interest in plant-based dining options. Elements restaurant offers full menus for vegan and vegetarian, gluten-free, world cuisine and its newest dining experience, the Authentic Aruban & Caribbean Menu. From its popular vegan menu, Chef Marc recommends pairing the colorful Layered Roots of Andes with the smooth midday to midnight delight of Whispering Angel Rosé by Caves d'Esclans of Côtes de Provence, France, a darling of the Rosé Renaissance. He recommends complementing their Healthy Italian Vegan Patties and Marinara Sauce-dressed Pasta with the dry, crisp Wente Vineyards Riverbank Riesling, Arroyo Seco of coastal Monterey, California.

Wine paired with romance, tranquility and nature

Guests enjoy sips while dining in the beachfront Elements restaurant inside the floor-to-ceiling glass setting, outside along its newly refurbished deck. At the adults-only enclave, couples can also opt for selections from the award-winning wine list while cozied up together on a beach daybed tended to via <u>Beach Butler service</u> while watching Aruba's prismatic sunsets. For lucky nature lovers, some are even able to toast Mother Nature as they witness Leatherback sea turtle hatchlings emerge from nests along Bucuti & Tara's location on Eagle Beach, thanks to the <u>new Sea Turtle Countdown Calendar</u>.

Bucuti & Tara's Elements restaurant has been on the coveted <u>Wine Spectator Restaurant Awards</u> list since 2019. Meticulously crafted wine lists from just a bit more than 2,900 restaurants spanning 72 countries and territories made this year's award-winning collection. All award winners will also be featured in the August 31 print issue of Wine Spectator, which hits newsstands on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Additionally, Bucuti & Tara along with all the winners are part of *Wine Spectator's* Restaurant Awards app for iPhone and iPad, available for download from iTunes.

To learn more, visit Bucuti.com.

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Bucuti+Tara_BeachButlerService Guests at the adults-only Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, Aruba, can opt for a romantic sunset experience complete with beach butler service to keep their favorite wine topped off.

Bucuti+Tara_ExecutiveChefMarcGiesbers Director of Food & Beverage and Executive Chef Marc Giesbers of Elements restaurant at Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, Aruba, stands next to the award-winning wine selection he carefully curates based on guest requests, sustainably produced wine and forward-thinking practices.

About Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort

Declared the first CarbonNeutral®/net zero hotel in the Caribbean in August 2018, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort is one of the Top 10 Hotels for Romance in the World (third straight year), No. 1 Hotel for Romance in the Caribbean (sixth straight year) and No. 3 Hotel for Service in the Caribbean. Aruba's premier adults-only boutique resort is led by celebrated hotelier and environmentalist, Ewald Biemans, named by Caribbean Journal as the 2017 Caribbean Hotelier of the Year. The resort is nestled on the powdery white sands of Eagle Beach, home to protected sea turtles and named one of the "Dream Beaches of the World."

Now home to the Caribbean's Safest, Healthiest Vacation Experience thanks to its physician-developed COVID-19 safety protocols and Aruba's Health & Happiness Code seal, Bucuti has 104 well-appointed guestrooms, suites and penthouses. It offers sunbeds and shade for every guest; freshwater infinity pool; spa; WiFi; and complimentary iPad with Skype for use during stay. Award-winning healthy dining is enjoyed at oceanfront Elements, Tara Lounge and private beach dining. Reserved exclusively for guests and their friends, the newly renovated open-air SandBar offers top-shelf cocktails and live music daily along with the Caribbean's first Healthy Hour. The resort is TAG Approved® as a LGBTQ-friendly hotel. Bucuti, a worldwide sustainable tourism leader, holds eco-certifications of LEED Gold, Green Globe Platinum and Travelife Gold and was named the World's Most Sustainable Hotel/Resort in 2016 by Green Globe.

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