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Margaritaville Lake Resort and Bernhardt Winery Pair Up to Serve Unique Dining Experience

Montgomery, Texas (Nov. 23, 2020) – Make Fridays during December a culinary escape at License to Chill Bar & Cafe, located inside the tower lobby at <u>Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake Conroe | Houston.</u>



Specially curated in partnership with <u>Bernhardt Winery</u>, guests will enjoy Margaritaville-inspired dishes paired with wines from Bernhardt's Antiquity Wine Collection.

Located just miles from Margaritaville Lake Resort in Plantersville, Bernhardt Winery is a scenic Tuscan-style boutique winery that produces 100% Texas wines, classic American varietals unique blends, as well as the newly released ancient Antiquity Wine Curation series. These wines are sourced from Thrace's geographical and historical region

in southeastern Europe, now split between Bulgaria, Greece, and Turkey.

"We enjoy our collaboration with Bernhardt Winery and are proud to be partnering with them on this unique dining experience," said Amit Sen, Director of Food and Beverage at Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake Conroe | Houston. "We hope our resort guests and the general public take advantage of this distinctive dining experience throughout the holiday season."

The four-course pairing menu consists of:

- Appetizer: Nueske's smoked bacon-wrapped shrimp, pan-seared, smoked gouda grits, Ali lime Amarillo aioli, and crispy leeks. Paired with Antiquity Chardonnay, Danube Plains, 2018.
- Salad: Fresh Caprese salad with creamy burrata, tondo balsamic, basil, and olive oil. Paired with Antiquity Rose' Innana, Thracian Lowlands, 2018.
- Palette Cleanser: Guests will enjoy a serving of the Chef's sorbet between the salad and entree courses.



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- **Entrée:** Guests may choose from a selection of three carefully crafted main courses, including:
 - Crab on encrusted grouper with roasted root vegetables, fingerling potatoes, and Provencal vinaigrette. Paired with the Antiquity Sauvignon Blanc, Thracian Lowlands, 2018.
 - Texas prime petite filet served with Yukon Gold Gorgonzola mash and a balsamic Pinot Noir reduction. Paired with Antiquity Mavrud, Thracian Lowlands, 2017.
 - Barbequed medallion jerk chicken served with sweet plantain hash, and locally roasted pumpkin. Paired with Antiquity Sangiovese, Thracian Lowlands, 2017.





"Our mission with the Bernhardt Antiquity wine series is to find indigenous varieties as close to the genetic original and grown in the same terroir as in ancient times," said Jerry Bernhardt of Bernhardt Winery. "We are proud to have them served at Margaritaville Lake Resort, and in doing so, hope to recreate a shared communal experience of our ancestors such a love, passion, family, and celebration through the tasting of these age-old wines."

The pairing dinners are available for Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake Conroe | Houston guests, and the public, on Friday evenings Nov. 27 through Dec. 18. The Dec. 11 wine pairing dinner is booked. Interested guests should call 936-448-3200 for more information about priority seating and reservations. To learn more, visit https://www.margaritavilleresorts.com/margaritaville-lake-resort-lake-conroe.

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About Bernhardt Winery

What began as a passion led to fulfilling a dream for two dedicated Texas school teachers. This dream developed into a desire to produce quality wines from grapes not only sourced from our home state of Texas, but from diverse viticultural areas. Bernhardt Winery is a scenic Tuscan-style winery located in Plantersville, Texas that produces 100% Texas wines, American classic varietals and unique blends, and the newly released ancient Antiquity Wine Curation series.

Set atop a rise overlooking rolling hills and valleys, Bernhardt Winery takes pride in offering guests a relaxing Houston Hill Country experience. The winery, vineyard and event grounds are at the heart of a 20-acre estate, a beautiful location just a short drive Northwest of Houston. The winery hosts a variety of special events such as live music, artisan vendor markets, weddings, and signature private events.

Visitors can experience the ambiance of the Texas Hill Country just 8 miles from historical Montgomery, Texas, the birthplace of the Lone Star flag and 17 miles from Navasota, the Blues Capital of Texas, and home to numerous antique stores, easily accessible to travelers.

About Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake Conroe | Houston

The Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake Conroe | Houston, an all-suite resort, features 335 guest suites; including 32 lakefront cottages, on 186 lakefront acres on Lake Conroe. It is the first Margaritaville Resort in Texas. Bars and restaurants feature signature Margaritaville dining concepts – the LandShark Bar & Grill with boat slips on Lake Conroe, the 5 o'Clock Somewhere Bar, the Lone Palm Pool Bar, the License to Chill Bar & Café, Joe Merchant's Coffee & Provisions, and a Margaritaville Retail Shop.

The new Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake Conroe | Houston offers an array of recreational activities: an 18-hole golf course, a three-acre waterpark with a lazy river and outdoor pools, pickleball, tennis, swimming, boating, fishing, and waterskiing. Margaritaville's popular full-service St. Somewhere Spa, and a spacious, Fins Up Fitness Center, provide exceptional wellness options. With 72,000 square feet of indoor/outdoor IACC-approved meeting space, the resort can host special events and meetings of every size. Located just an hour from Houston and about three hours from the major hubs of Austin, Dallas and San Antonio, the resort is within easy reach of over 19 million Texans. The project is a joint venture of Songy Highroads (SHR) and The Wampold Companies. The Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake Conroe | Houston, is part of BENCHMARK®, a global hospitality company's Benchmark Resorts & Hotels portfolio.