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Taste Buds Soar

Grand Hyatt San Antonio Introduces Flight Menus

With the incredible wines that are being produced in South America right now, my job was easy to pair cheeses that will awaken the senses of our guests while opening their eyes to the incredible flavors of Latin America. There is no doubt in my mind that the artisanal farmers of Latin America are making wines and cheeses right comparable to any in France or any other part of the world."

-----Jesse McDannell, Chef Tournant of Grand Hyatt San Antonio

Fasten your seat belt and prepare your taste buds for take off with Grand Hyatt San Antonio's newest culinary treat, the Flight Menu. The Achiote River Café's talented Chef Jesse McDannell has put together four flight menus designed to offer customers the opportunity to sample a selection of some of the best foods, wines and spirits from the Pan Latino regions of the world.

The Four Menus are filled with foods and libations chosen for their compatibility, flavors and uniqueness. Guaranteed to titillate the palate, the featured selections provide customers with a hint of what makes the Pan Latino regions great.

"Wine and cheese are two undeniabables in the culinary world," says Chef McDannell. "We have an opportunity to implement the bold flavor of Latin America with the artisanal concepts of local farmers and the end result is something you will find truly amazing."

One of the highlights of the new menus is the Cheese and Wine Pairing Flights. The three different flights feature goat, sheep and cow's milk cheeses that can be sampled alone or paired with one of the six recommended wine flights. To further enhance the experience, each cheese flight is served with Marcona almonds, Quince paste, guava preserves and a French baguette. The flight is interactive, with guests receiving a tasting sheet detailing character descriptions of the wines and cheeses, as well as a pen for jotting down notes on favorite selections. The wines are available by the bottle or glass and the cheeses can be purchased "to-go" for those who want to take the indulgent experience home.

While the wine and cheese flight is an extraordinary tasting experience, the other three flights are equally impressive. They include:

- Tequila Flight: Two flights, each consisting of three tequilas from different vintages as well as top of the line brands.
- Rum Flight: Two flights, each consisting of three different rums with smooth, rich flavors.
- Dessert Flight: For those with a sweet tooth, this flight delivers with a trio of Achiote River Café's signature desserts including the sweet and spicy taste of the Ancho Chili Flourless Chocolate Cake.

Tips for Pairing ~ Wine and Cheese ~

- A crisp white wine works well with creamy cheeses such as Brie.
- Full-bodied red wines stand up to pungent cheeses including Munster.
- Combine the salty taste of cheddar or Provolone with a sweet wine for contrast.
- If you are still unsure, pairing wine and cheese from the same region is usually a safe bet.

Flight menus range in price from \$9 to \$30 and are available from 5 until 10 p.m. nightly in the Achiote River Café. For reservations call 210.451.6171 or visit www.achioterivercafe.com

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CHEESE AND WINE PAIRING FLIGHTS

FLIGHT OF THREE CHEESES · 13 CHEESE FLIGHT WITH PAIRED WINES · 24 WINE FLIGHT · 13

Food and wine pairings have always had a few naturals that seem to work, and with cheeses it is no different.
Cheese flights accompanied with marcona almonds, quince paste, guava preserves and French baguette.

Goat's Milk Flight

Chevre · USA
Garrotxa · Spain
Drunken Goat · Spain

Paired With

Wine Flight 1

Poema Cava
Sparkling · Spain

Benziger
Sauvignon Blanc · Sonoma County

Martin Codax
Albarino · Spain

Or

Wine Flight 4

Cono Sur Vision
Sauvignon Blanc · Chile

Catena Tilia
Chardonnay · Argentina

Cono Sur
Pinot Noir · Chile

Sheep's Milk Flight

El Pastor · Spain
P'Tit Basque · France
Manchego · Spain

Paired With

Wine Flight 2

Matanzas Creek
Sauvignon Blanc · Sonoma County

Jadot
Pouilly Fuisse · France

Franciscan Napa
Chardonnay · Napa

Or

Wine Flight 5

Marques De Caceres Santinela
White Rioja · Spain

Mc Pherson
Viognier · Texas

Dona Paula
Shiraz/Malbec · Argentina

Cow's Milk Flight

Queso Anejo · Mexico
Caciotta · Texas
Azul Cabrales · Spain

Paired With

Wine Flight 3

Martin Codax Ergo
Rioja · Spain

St. Francis Red
(58% Merlot, 25% Syrah, 15% Cab,
2% Zinfandel) Sonoma Valley

Norton Reserva
Malbec · Argentina

Or

Wine Flight 6

Casa Madero
Chardonnay · Mexico

Mc Pherson
Tre Colore · Texas

Los Vascos
Red Reserve · Chile

DESSERT FLIGHT

A TRIO OF ACHIOTE SIGNATURE DESSERTS · 9

Dulce de Leche Flan, Pastel de Tres Leches, Ancho Chile Flourless Chocolate Cake

TEQUILA FLIGHTS

1

Don Julio Anejo
Patron Anejo
Sauza Tres Generaciones
12

2

Milagro Select Anejo
Don Julio 1942
Cuervo La Reserva
30

RUM FLIGHTS

1

Pyrat Xo · West Indies
Barabancourt 15 Year · Haiti
Porfidio Silver · Mexico
11

2

El Dorado 21 Year · Guiana
Myers Legend 10 Year · Jamaica
Agua Luca · Brazil
13

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