

Biltmore
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**CULINARY DREAM TEAM AT THE “2002 ANNUAL BILTMORE
GREAT SOUTH FLORIDA WINE FESTIVAL”**

CORAL GABLES - (January 18, 2002)-- The Annual Biltmore Great South Florida Wine Festival has selected four of the nation's most distinguished chefs to participate in its 2002 Grand Food & Wine Tasting. The walk-around brings together 25 of the most prestigious local restaurants and 50 great wines of the world in one extraordinary event.

Many of the invited restaurants have been recognized throughout the country and abroad for their commitment to fine cuisine, exceptional service and stimulating atmospheres.

Amongst this year's participating celebrity chefs are Chef Charlie Trotter of Charlie Trotter's in Chicago, IL; Chef Julian Serrano of Picasso in the Bellagio Hotel - Las Vegas, NV; Chef Dean Ferring of The Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas, TX. And Chef Norman Van Aken of Norman's in Coral Gables, FL. Each restaurant will feature a selection of its finest dishes. The winemakers will be on hand to explain the wines.

“The Annual Biltmore Great South Florida Food & Wine Festival has a tradition of attracting renown chefs,” said Lyn Farmer, executive director of the festival. “Miami is already known for having some of the country's most extraordinarily talented chefs and it will be during the 2002 Great Food & Wine Tasting that they will come together to display their art.” Proceeds from this event will benefit the United Way of Miami Dade-County and Baptist & South Miami Hospitals Foundation.

Built in 1926, The Biltmore is designed in the Mediterranean-revival style with large stone columns, decorative hand-painted ceilings, Italian marble floors and an open-air courtyard and fountains. Its magnificent architectural centerpiece is a 15-story, 300-foot copper-clad tower modeled after the Giralda Tower in Seville, Spain. With its the prestigious Cellar Club, and award winning cuisine, The Biltmore continues to serve as the center of cultural and social life in South Florida.

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