

# Fine Food and Fine Wine

The Gasparilla Inn & Club invited gourmards and wine aficionados to its most anticipated culinary event of the season, the annual "Food and Wine Weekend." The "Food and Wine Weekend" offered guests the opportunity to learn the culinary techniques of top chefs, taste expert vintners' favorite new wines and experience the sumptuous cuisine of distinguished Master Chef Peter Timmins, executive chef at The Greenbrier.

"Fine wine and food is always part of our resort experience," said Jack Damioli, president and general manager of The Gasparilla Inn & Club. "We created this annual culinary weekend as a way for our guests to enhance their appreciation of great cuisine and wines, while also enjoying a relaxing getaway."

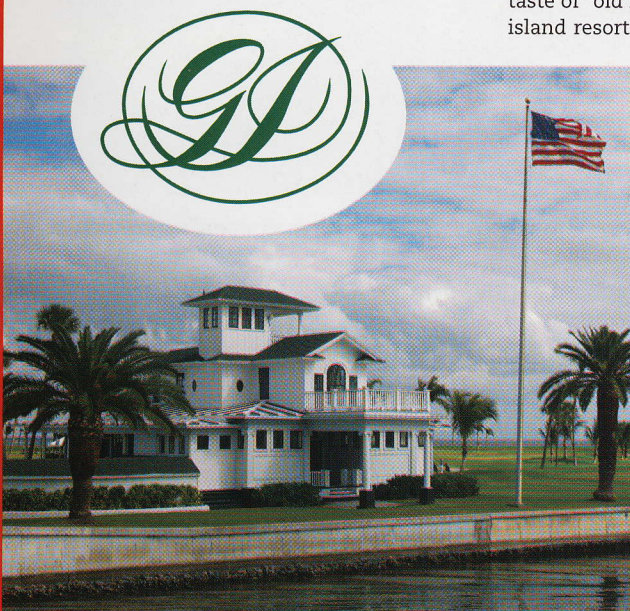
The weekend began on a Friday evening with a "Meet, Drink and Eat" welcome reception, where guests had the opportunity to meet the event's guest chefs and master sommelier, including Chef Timmins, The Gasparilla Inn & Club Executive Chef James Dyer, and Master Sommelier Lars Ryssdal. The following day guests were invited to attend three culinary events, including a pastry demonstration of elegant desserts with Chef Nancy Snyder from The Gasparilla Inn & Club. In the after-



Toasting to The Gasparilla Inn & Club's second annual Food and Wine Weekend are (pictured left to right) Master Chef Peter Timmins, executive chef at The Greenbrier; Master Sommelier Lars Ryssdal; and Gasparilla Inn Executive Chef James Dyer.

noon, Ryssdal lead two tasting programs: "Food and Wine Pairings" and "Florida Friendly Wines of Washington State." The final event of the day was a special cocktail hour and dinner with Chef Timmins, which featured multiple courses of his acclaimed classic American cuisine paired with wines.

The Gasparilla Inn and Club offers a true taste of "old Florida." Guests at the tranquil island resort may enjoy a round of golf on the Inn's picturesque Pete Dye Signature Championship Course overlooking Charlotte Harbor; a day of tarpon or sport fishing in the renowned Boca Grande Pass of the Gulf of Mexico; tennis on seven Har-Tru courts; a refreshing swim in the large family pool adjacent to the Gulf and its wide expanse of sandy beach; or a croquet match on a USCA-certified lawn. Inn guests also enjoy revitalizing in the resort's pampering spa, working out in a new, fully-appointed fitness center, and indulging in a host of other activities. 



## About The Gasparilla Inn & Club

The Gasparilla Inn & Club has been a premier destination on Florida's Gulf Coast since 1913. A member of Historic Hotels of America, the grand resort offers 142 accommodations in a pristine environment at the tip of Boca Grande Island. Owned by the William S. Farish, Jr. family, the Inn has played host to many notables throughout its storied history, including Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Thomas Edison, Katharine Hepburn, the George H.W. Bush family, members of the duPont family, Brit Hume, and others. Originally built to appeal to wealthy Northerners, the Inn is the center of village life on the island. It offers separate golf and beach club memberships, as well as the hospitality of the Inn itself for guests who appreciate Florida as it was meant to be. For additional information, please visit [www.gasparillainn.com](http://www.gasparillainn.com).