

CALISTOGA RANCH APPOINTS CHRISTIAN OJEDA AS EXECUTIVE CHEF

Ojeda to Lead Culinary Program at Famed Luxury Resort and Residence Club in Upper Napa Valley

Calistoga, Calif. (June 21, 2011) – Auberge Resorts’ award-winning [Calistoga Ranch](#) in the Napa Valley announced today Christian Ojeda as the new Executive Chef of its exclusive Lakehouse restaurant. As Executive Chef, Ojeda will lead the culinary team at Calistoga Ranch with his distinctive blend of culinary expertise.

Ojeda previously served as Master Cook at Fleur de Lys and Joel Robuchon in Las Vegas and as the Executive Sous Chef at Santa Fe’s award-winning Geronimo. Most recently, Ojeda served as Chef de Cuisine at Auberge Resorts’ Encantado Resort and Spa in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

His artfully prepared dishes at the Lakehouse restaurant are crafted with fresh, local and organic produce and pay tribute to the area’s rustic yet sophisticated flavors. Celebrating the rich culture of food and wine for which Napa Valley is known, Ojeda’s breakfast, lunch and dinner menus are built on a “land to table” philosophy with signature items like farm fresh eggs, prawn tacos, duck confit and bacon wrapped veal loin.

“We are thrilled to have Chef Ojeda on board as Executive Chef of the Lakehouse restaurant,” said Coni Thornburg, General Manager of Calistoga Ranch. “His distinguished culinary background in classic European, contemporary American and Southwestern fare is sure to deliver exceptional dining experiences for our guests.”

About Calistoga Ranch

Located in a private canyon on 157 acres just outside the town of Calistoga, Calistoga Ranch encompasses 48 guest lodges and 23 owner lodges offering overnight accommodations, spa services, historic Lake Lommel, and the private Lakehouse Restaurant and lounge. The property’s contemporary architecture is inspired by its natural surroundings, and was created to fit the landscape with a focus on an indoor-outdoor lifestyle. In keeping with the rich heritage of Napa Valley, Calistoga Ranch features an on-site vineyard and mountain wine cave, where owners and guests can share in the process of winemaking and immerse themselves in the wine culture. Owners and resort guests also enjoy a number of recreational activities, including swimming in a pool overlooking the vineyards and oak groves, and hiking on one of the property’s numerous trails.

About Auberge Resorts

Auberge Resorts is a collection of exceptional hotels, resorts and private clubs, each with a unique personality that assures a memorable guest experience. While Auberge Resorts nurtures the individuality of each establishment, all are characterized by a set of communal elements: intimate, understated elegance; captivating locations that inspire exceptional cuisine and spa experiences; and gracious yet unobtrusive service. Among the Auberge collection of distinctive properties are: Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley, Calif.; Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley, Calif.; Encantado, Santa Fe, N.M.; Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; The Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C.; Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; Element 52, Telluride, Colo.; and the Aspen Club, Aspen, Colo., with several others currently in development. For more information about Auberge Resorts, please visit www.aubergeresorts.com.

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