

THE SOLD-OUT DINNER BENEFITED THE AMERICAN RED CROSS' DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS AFTER HURRICANE IRMA. RIGHT: JACQUES AND LYSIELLE CARIOT OF BLEU PROVENCE, INGRID AND FABRIZIO AIELLI OF SEA SALT.

EGG-STUFFED RAVIOLI WITH RICOTTA AND SAGE LEAVES



## COOKING FOR A CAUSE

Naples is a community where neighbors come together to help neighbors, as we realized once again after Hurricane Irma ravaged Collier County. In a show of support for the storm's victims, chefs Lysielle Cariot of Bleu Provence and Fabrizio Aielli of Sea Salt joined forces for an evening of stellar food and wine to benefit disaster relief efforts of the American Red Cross.

"The response was amazing," says Ingrid Aielli, co-owner of Sea Salt, where the dinner was held on October 11. "We sold out in less than 24 hours, and ended up with 121 guests rather than the 60 or 80 we expected. It was a testament to how much everyone in Naples wanted to step in and help others."

The menu featured a combination of classic French and Italian



FOIE GRAS TERRINE



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WAGYU BEEF STRIP LOIN

THE NIGHT'S MENU WAS A COMBINATION OF CLASSIC FRENCH AND ITALIAN DISHES BY CHEFS LYSIELLE CARIOT OF BLEU PROVENCE AND FABRIZIO AIELLI OF SEA SALT, WITH WINE PAIRINGS BY SEA SALT SOMMELIER LISET ZELAYA.



FRENCH TARTE TATIN WITH ITALIAN SAFFRON GELATO

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INGRID AIELLI WITH RED CROSS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JILL PALMER

dishes, with wine pairings by Sea Salt sommelier Liset Zelaya. Each chef contributed two specialties. Bleu Provence created a foie gras terrine and loup de mer pastilla, or Mediterranean sea bass with vegetables inside a French pastry. Sea Salt served a dish of egg-stuffed ravioli with ricotta and leaves of fresh sage, as well as a Wagyu beef strip loin cooked over low heat for eight hours. Dessert was a cultural mix of traditional French Tarte Tatin and Italian saffron gelato.

"Most people don't think about the Red Cross until a disaster strikes," says Jill Palmer, executive director of Florida's Southern Gulf Chapter, who attended as a special guest. "Revenue from this event is a great opportunity for us to provide additional help to some of the hardest-hit communities such as Goodland, Plantation Island, and Everglades City, where many homes either suffered water damage or were destroyed by fire."

"We were in Italy when the hurricane hit," adds Fabrizio Aielli. "When we returned and saw the damage, we were shocked. Hopefully, we were able to help people rebuild their lives. Our goal was to try and have a happy time during a sad moment." —*Mark Spivak*



LOUP DE MER PASTILLA