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SEAGAR'S PRIME STEAKS AND SEAFOOD KICKS OFF 2011 WITH NEW ACCOLADES

Northwest Florida's first AAA Four-Diamond restaurant continues to be recognized for its high culinary standards and award-winning wine list

Destin, Fla. (February 1, 2011) – Since opening in 1998, Seagar's Prime Steaks and Seafood continues to be extolled by critics as one of the finest dining destinations in the region. Distinguished for classic steakhouse offerings, creative seafood presentations, dramatic tableside preparations and open-theater kitchen, Seagar's is Destin's only AAA Four-Diamond restaurant and only one of two in Northwest Florida.

Culinary Excellence

Seagar's, modeled after the most renowned big-city steakhouses in the country, is unparalleled in the region, and that's due to a commitment to excellence and to providing an unforgettable fine dining experience that expands from the lounge all the way to the open-theater kitchen.

Last year, Seagar's was distinguished as the area's "Best Fine Dining Restaurant" for the fourth consecutive year, as well as for "Best Service," by *Emerald Coast Magazine*.

At the helm of the restaurant's gastronomy is Executive Chef Bruce McAdoo, who joined Seagar's in 1998 after having worked in some of Atlanta's top restaurants and received his formal culinary training in London before working under Master Chef Hartmut Handke in West Virginia.

Today, Chef McAdoo is well-known for his playful nature in the kitchen and for his dedication to providing guests with a unique culinary experience and cites creativity and guests' satisfaction as the things that make him most passionate about food.

"It's under Chef McAdoo's expert supervision and unparalleled commitment to excellence that Seagar's has garnered acclaim and awards from critics all over," said Kevin Moran, Seagar's general manager.

Wine Wisdom

Best known for its beautifully hand-selected and perfectly cut and presented USDA prime steaks, Seagar's has been further acclaimed for its extensive wine list, featuring more than 600 labels. Last year, the restaurant earned *Wine Spectator* magazine's "Best of Award of Excellence" for its seventh consecutive year. The restaurant currently features 3,700 bottles of wine on site, with an estimated 5,000 bottles of wine being poured each year.

"We're extremely proud of having been recognized once again by such a prestigious group of wine lovers and epicureans as is *Wine Spectator*," Moran said. "We pride ourselves in providing

our guests with a unique and extensive hand-selected wine list that complements our exquisite cuisine and enhances the Seagar's fine dining experience."

One of Northwest Florida's only certified sommeliers, Moran has more than 30 years in the hospitality industry and last year was awarded the designation of Certified Wine Specialist by the Society of Wine Educators, making him one of only 3,600 individuals in the world to hold the distinction.

An elegant assortment of some of Seagar's finest wines is displayed in the Wine Room, which provides the perfect ambiance for an intimate tête-à-tête. In fact, the atmosphere is so romantic, that many a proposal has taken place here. There's only one table in this exclusive area of the restaurant, which displays an elegant assortment of the finest wines. Seating in the room is complimentary, but guests will need to check for availability to reserve the space.

Experience an Experience Unlike Any Other

Located on the lower lobby level of the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa – Northwest Florida's largest full-service beachfront resort hotel – Seagar's hours vary seasonally. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 850.622.1500 or online at www.SeagarsDestin.com. Also, keep up with the latest Seagar's news on Facebook: www.Facebook.com/Seagars. To learn more about the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, please visit www.HiltonSandestinBeach.com, or call 850.267.9500.

About the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa

The Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, managed by Sandcastle Resorts & Hotels, is located directly on the sugar-white sands and emerald-green waters of Northwest Florida's Gulf Coast – one of *Frommer's* "Top 12 Destinations for 2010." Aside from its stunning location, Northwest Florida's largest full-service beachfront resort hotel boasts 598 spacious guest accommodations, more than 32,000 square feet of award-winning meeting space, excellence in service, a world-class spa and fitness center, five on-site dining venues – including a AAA Four-Diamond restaurant – countless beachside and poolside offerings, abundant resort recreation options, access to championship golf courses, and close proximity to the area's premier attractions. For more information on Destin's premier hotel, visit www.HiltonSandestinBeach.com, or stay up-to-date with its latest news and promotions on its Blog, Facebook, Twitter or YouTube.

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