

# Monettes

ARTISAN FISH AND STEAK

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***Kohala Coast, Hawai‘i Island*** – Monettes Artisan Fish and Steak restaurant, located at the prestigious Mauna Kea Beach Resort, has received one of the world’s most prestigious awards for its outstanding and comprehensive wine list. *Wine Spectator* magazine, the premier publication on wine, food and travel – read by wine and food aficionados world-wide – has presented its coveted “Best of Award of Excellence” honor to Monettes in “special recognition of a wine list that displays vintage depth and excellent breadth across several regions.”

Monettes is the only restaurant on Hawai‘i Island to be honored with the publication’s “Best of Award of Excellence” this year, and is one of just five restaurants in the state to be recognized with that award in 2010.

“We are thrilled and humbled to receive this award and to be in the company of some of the world’s most acclaimed restaurants,” Scott Monette, co-owner with his brother Executive Chef Mark Monette, said.

“Presenting a well-balanced selection of wines – older vintages alongside new releases and venerable Old World wines together with exciting New World offerings – to our guests is something my family has been committed to for decades,” Chef Monette said.

And while Monettes Artisan Fish and Steak is celebrating just 18 months of operation here on Hawai‘i Island, the Monette family has owned and managed the respected Flagstaff House in Boulder, CO, for nearly 40 years.

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“We are extremely fortunate to have had our *Wine Spectator* “Grand Award of Excellence” wine cellar at Flagstaff House accessible to us in building our wine program here at Monettes,” Scott Monette said. “The rare and older vintages in that collection, along with vertical selections from internationally acclaimed vineyards, allowed us to create a list with great depth that otherwise would have been extremely challenging, especially in the current economic environment,” he added.

The “Grand Award of Excellence” is the magazine’s most treasured prize in the annual competition. Currently, fewer than 100 restaurants worldwide have been recipients of this “trophy”, Flagstaff House among them.

The August 31 issue of *Wine Spectator* magazine will feature the 2010 Restaurant Wine List Award winners – a “roadmap for your wining and dining pleasure in... restaurants around the globe”, according to the magazine’s promotion of this popular annual issue. The magazine, available on-line and in full-color, large format, print edition, will be published in mid-August

Monettes was founded by brothers Mark and Scott Monette in early 2009. The brothers also own and operate the award-winning Flagstaff House in Boulder, CO. Monettes Artisan Fish and Steak features the finest meats and freshest seafood in one of the world’s most beautiful tropical settings. It is all delivered with the warm, professional service the Monette family has become known for over the past 38 years. For more information, please visit [www.monetteshawaii.com](http://www.monetteshawaii.com).

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