

PACIFIC SALES KITCHEN & HOME
**PALM DESERT
FOOD & WINE**
PRESENTED BY
AGUA CALIENTE CASINO RESORT SPA
MARCH 23-25, 2018

**PALM DESERT FOOD & WINE—IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GAIL SIMMONS AND FABIO
VIVIANI—TO HOST CELEBRITY CHEF RECEPTION MARCH 23
WITH TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

Additional star chefs join Simmons and Viviani at an intimate, Spanish-style Palm Springs estate to kick off the 8th annual culinary festival, including Richard Blais, Aarti Sequeira, Valerie Gordon, Laura Werlin, Zac Young, Stuart O'Keefe, and more



(L-R: Gail Simmons, Villa Vista Estate, Fabio Viviani)

(PALM DESERT, CA; March 15, 2018)—Pacific Sales Kitchen & Home's [Palm Desert Food & Wine](#) presented by Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa announces details for its annual celebrity chefs' reception and kick-off event. Taking place **Friday, March 23 from 6-8 p.m.** at a private Palm Springs estate (designed by Michael Ostrow and Roger Stoker of Grace Home Furnishings), the reception's stunning location offers unobstructed views of the San Jacinto Mountains and guests enjoy unparalleled access to some of the festival's headlining VIPs, including **culinary expert, author, and Bravo "Top Chef" judge Gail Simmons**, as well as **acclaimed chef, restaurateur, and cookbook author Fabio Viviani**. The evening includes tastings from Viviani, Simmons, and celebrity chef Stuart O'Keefe, alongside a chance to mingle with additional festival talent—ranging from **TV personality, cookbook author, and chef Aarti Sequeira** to beloved Los Angeles-based **chocolatier and cookbook author Valerie Gordon**.

Tickets are available now (\$100 per person) and may be purchased by visiting [Palm Desert Food & Wine](#) online or calling 888.596.1027. As a proud supporter of Coachella Valley's FIND Food Bank,

which provides food and essentials to those in need throughout the community, the festival will donate 35 meals to the organization for every festival ticket purchased.

Kicking off with this chefs' reception and continuing through Sunday, March 23, the 8th annual Palm Desert Food & Wine Festival transforms the desert into a culinary oasis with a series of live cooking demonstrations from some of the country's most celebrated culinary personalities, a [four-course gourmet luncheon](#) featuring James Beard-recognized chefs, plus two days of [Grand Tastings](#) with samplings from over 40 restaurants and 60 premium wineries, spirits purveyors, and microbrewers. The gourmet revelry all takes place in the heart of Palm Desert, CA's famed El Paseo luxury shopping district.

About Palm Desert Food & Wine

The Pacific Sales Kitchen & Home Palm Desert Food & Wine Festival presented by Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa is owned and operated by *Palm Springs Life* magazine; produced by Tony Marchese; and with sponsorship support in part from the City of Palm Desert; Shottenkirk Desert Lexus; Jet Blue; Oceania Cruises; The Gardens on El Paseo; Chef Works; and more. Media sponsors include KMIR and KPSE. The annual food and wine event gathers the brightest and most inspired chefs and culinary personalities from around the country for three extraordinary days of food and wine tasting. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Coachella Valley's FIND Food Bank. For more information, visit www.palmdesertfoodandwine.com, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#).

About Palm Springs Life

For 60 years, *Palm Springs Life* has been widely known as "California's Prestige Magazine" representing the Greater Palm Springs area. Its award-winning, monthly publication celebrates the Southern California desert lifestyle with both witty and thoughtful coverage of fashion, fine dining, architecture, interior design, real estate, art and culture, the environment, philanthropy, and society.

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