

Chef Bobby Flay Celebrates 15th Anniversary of Mesa Grill At Caesars Palace Las Vegas



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LAS VEGAS (November 17, 2019) - Over the past 15 years, celebrity chef Bobby Flay has continued to deliver bold and innovative Southwestern fare at his iconic Las Vegas restaurant, Mesa Grill at Caesars Palace. On Saturday, November 16, Bobby Flay celebrated the incredible milestone of 15 years of Mesa Grill, his first Las Vegas restaurant, and announced the launch of the restaurant's limited-time-only anniversary menu.

"15 years of Mesa Grill at Caesars Palace is an incredible achievement that is owed to the amazing team we have here," said Bobby Flay. "Mesa Grill has served as a stage for me to showcase my love for Southwest cuisine and ingredients and has also become an integral part of Las Vegas. Not only am I proud of the hard work that happens in the restaurant, but also the work we do in the community, especially with Three Square Food Bank."

To honor the momentous celebration, local television host JJ Snyder of KTNV-ABC's "Morning Blend" acted as the emcee for the evening and led a memorable presentation where Bobby Flay was celebrated by invited guests including Caesars Entertainment Chief Marketing Officer Chris Holdren and Frank Pellegrino Jr. of Rao's Restaurant, along with colleagues and friends. Flay was surprised with a congratulatory video that featured special messages from fellow chefs including Masaharu Morimoto, Cat Cora, Giada De Laurentiis and Jet Tila. In addition, Three Square Food Bank President and CEO Brian Burton recognized Bobby Flay and Mesa Grill with the special Extra Helping Award, for the outstanding achievement of raising over \$135,000, resulting in more than 400,000 meals for the Las Vegas community since 2009.

It was truly a celebratory evening as guests mixed and mingled with the famed chef, enjoyed signature bites and cocktails from the popular destination, as well as a stunning tequila fairy who was on hand supplying shots throughout the night. Guests were also invited to contribute to the coloring mural of his beloved Maine Coon cat, Nacho Flay.

To continue the festivities, Mesa Grill will offer a limited-time-only '15th Anniversary Experience' menu, priced at \$75 per person (excludes tax and gratuity) available beginning Monday, Nov. 18 through the end of the year.

Guests are invited to experience the delectable three-course menu - choice of appetizer, entree, and dessert - featuring many of Bobby Flay's famous dishes including:

- Appetizer

- Jumbo Lump Crab Cake: habanero tartar sauce and avocado crema (*a favorite of Bobby Flay's cat, Nacho Flay*)
- Roasted Pumpkin Soup: with toasted pepitas and canela crema

- Entree

- Fire-Roasted Venison Chop: cranberry relish, Brussels sprouts with pumpkin tamale and molasses butter (*served to former First Lady, Michelle Obama*)
- Lamb Shank Posole: guajillo chile broth, hominy, and mint chimichurri (*This dish was on the first Mesa Grill Las Vegas menu when the restaurant opened in 2004*)

- Dessert

- Salted Caramel Chocolate Pudding: malted whipped cream (*this was the first dessert served during Three Square Food Bank's Las Vegas Restaurant Week*)

Mesa Grill, which opened in fall 2004, has welcomed nearly 2.5 million guests, and is home to 15 year-one employees and 10 day-one employees. Since day one, the restaurant continues to pay homage to its signature dishes such as the Tiger Shrimp + Roasted Garlic Corn Tamale, which was introduced at the original Mesa Grill New York location in 1991, and Ancho Chile-Honey Glazed Salmon, as well as the New Mexican Spice Rubbed Pork Tenderloin, serving approximately 250,000 orders since the opening.

Plus, Las Vegas' proximity to Mexico has given the restaurant access to some of that country's highest-quality tequila and mezcal offerings, and the expansive wine list has a global reach yet maintains an emphasis on top American wines. Guests can imbibe with signature margaritas including the Mesa Margarita, Prickly Pear Margarita and the White Peach Margarita, each made with 100 percent Blue Agave tequilas. In total, the restaurant has made approximately 350,000 margaritas during its 15-year run.

Since its inception, Mesa Grill has been a big supporter of Three Square Food Bank and its Las Vegas Restaurant Week. The restaurant has won Las Vegas Restaurant Week 'Top Gold Plate Donor Award' for 11 consecutive events and sold over 3,000 entrees during the week-long event in 2019, setting an all-new record.

Mesa Grill at Caesars Palace is open daily Monday to Friday for lunch 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and dinner nightly from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. For more information about Mesa Grill at Caesars Palace, visit <https://www.caesars.com>.

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