



2006 MEDIA FACT SHEET

STUDIO CELEBRATES CALIFORNIA CITRUS

Executive Chef James Boyce Shares His Zest for Locally Grown Citrus With a Unique Seasonal Bar Menu

Executive Chef James Boyce of Studio at Montage Resort & Spa introduces flavorful flights of cocktails and small plates that celebrate California specialty citrus.

WHAT: Served at the bar and communal table, Studio's California citrus tasting menu offers three variations on different citrus themes — such as Murcott Tangerines, Cocktail Grapefruits, Meyer Lemons and Key Limes.

Each flight includes an original cocktail (with or without alcohol); a meat, poultry or seafood accompaniment; and a dessert. For example, the Meyer Lemon tasting features *Strawberry Meyer Lemon-ade*, made with freshly squeezed Meyer lemon juice, crushed strawberries, Grey Goose Le Citron and soda; *Aged Soy-Marinated Flank Steak with Meyer Lemon Caponata*; and *Meyer Lemon Meringue Pie*.

Guests can enjoy the featured flights (\$40 each) or sample any beverage or dish individually (\$14 to \$20). Menu changes seasonally or upon availability.

WHY: During a recent trip to Japan, Chef Boyce was inspired by the different ways Japanese cuisine pays tribute to the beauty and complexities of citrus fruits. "I personally have always loved to create with the clean, fresh flavors of citrus and highly value the local, exotic fruits that we have access to in Southern California," says Boyce.

WHO: Developed by Executive Chef James Boyce; Sous Chef Jessica Alexander and Mixologist Marnie Schnabel

WHERE: The Bar at Studio,
Montage Resort & Spa, 30801 South Coast Highway, Laguna Beach
Phone: (949) 715-6420

WHEN: Tuesday to Sunday, 5 to 10 p.m. (Open nightly Memorial Day to Labor Day.)

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ABOUT MONTAGE: Montage Resort & Spa, set on a coastal bluff overlooking the Pacific in the heart of the vibrant arts community of Laguna Beach, offers 30 acres of oceanfront luxury. The 262-room craftsman-style resort features beachfront accommodations; a 20,000-square-foot spa; destination dining at Studio; a wealth of outdoor recreation, including three pools, beach and water sports; a fine art collection; and more than 20,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space. For information and reservations, please contact Montage Resort & Spa, toll-free, at 1-888-715-6700; or visit the Web site at www.montagelagunabeach.com.

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