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Best Wine List

Addison. Golden child Jesse Rodriguez has built Grand Del Mar a rarefied collection. The former French Laundry som collaborates with the world's best wineries to create vintages exclusively for Addison. In August, he debuts a Pinot from the Santa Lucia Highlands. *5200 Grand Del Mar Way, 858.314.1900.*

CHEF OF THE YEAR



William Bradley

Calling Bravo! William Bradley's time in the lights is now. He recently became the only Southern California chef anointed with both the AAA Five-Diamond Award and the Mobil Five-Star Award for his contributions to the mouth. The brainy charmer's kitchen at The Grand Del Mar's Addison is a sanctuary—not a single knife or shallot out of place. This obsessive attention to detail shows in his food, like the clean, perfectly separated tastes of his wild leek vichyssoise with bacon crèmeux, brioche and fennel pollen. But a recent trip to the motherland loosened his approach, which should make the next few months at Addison a whole new adventure. “In the beginning, I was so worried about presentation. It had to be perfect,” he explains. “Then I went to France and had a coming to God. It's the simplest food. It's all about the taste—a motion up is a motion down.” *5200 Grand Del Mar Way, 858.314.1900.*