

Best Resort

Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa

Ever since the day it opened its 780 rooms in 1991, its name has been the best description of its approach, attitude and ambience: Grand.

Grand in every detail on its 40 beachfront Wailea acres and fresh from a \$50 million renovation, the Grand Wailea Resort & Spa was the readers' choice for the best resort accommodations on the Valley Isle.

Its five restaurants provide Epicurean pleasures and gourmet tastes in laid-back settings where the pastel sunset adds to the entertainment. The accommodations, which have grown to include the 80 rental villas across the street, offer the widest choice of options, from recession-fighting room rates to spectacular suites where comfort blends seamlessly with art and the wonders of the natural environment.

The luxurious property is an environment unto itself, symbolized by Fernando Botero's voluptuous sculptures in the lobby, part of its \$50 million art collection. Its Spa Grande has been voted among America's 10 best by top travel magazines, and The Maui News this year.



Photo courtesy of Grand Wailea Resort

But the Wailea landmark also has a strong commitment to the island it calls home that extends well beyond the hundreds of jobs it provides on the island.

"There are few things we treasure more than our relationship with the Maui community," said Managing Director Matt Bailey when told of the award. "It is with great humility that we thank them for this honor."

Contact Info: Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa is located at 3850 Wailea Alanui Drive, Wailea. Call 875-1234.

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Wine Store/ Gourmet Market Wailea Wine

Whether you're a merlot maven or a Riesling devotee, Wailea Wines is sure to stock something to quench your thirst. But what's a good glass of wine without all the fixings? The store also offers the little things that enhance it, including a delicious selection of cheeses, local products like steaks and gelato, pastas, chocolate and more.

While some say that location is everything, this off-the-beaten-path winery and gourmet store proves that there's more to success than having a Main Street address. Tucked inside the Wailea Town Center, the cozy outlet is stocked with hundreds of wines from across the globe. One reason customers keep coming back: owners Alan and Diane Beaurline run the place like a true mom-and-pop establishment. Visit the store and you're sure to find the couple stocking the shelves or discussing wine preferences with customers. It's this personalized customer service that sets Wailea Wine apart



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Wailea Wine owners Diane and Alan Beaurline.

from your average supermarket or liquor superstore. In fact, each bottle of wine must first pass Alan's taste test, with only about 3 percent of the products making it on the shelves. Cheers to that!

Contact Info: Wailea Wine is located at Wailea Town Center, 161 Wailea Ike Place. Call 879-0555.

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