



The Resort at Pelican Hill, Newport Beach, California

Curious foodies: Reserve the Tasting Table

There's an epicurean shake-up happening at this five-star resort's Pelican Grill: The restaurant's new head chef, Luke Turpin, has created an intimate Tasting Table option where diners can interact with him and learn more about the meal they are being served. Guests are seated at a long wooden table (room for 10) next to the open-concept kitchen in the main dining room. The meal is a collaboration of whatever Chef Turpin is finding fresh and delicious that day; butternut squash and apple soup, seared diver scallops and blood orange sorbet have made an appearance on the menu. And, of course, there's an option to add wine pairings that range from local Napa Valley favorites to exotic blends from around the world. PELICANHILL.COM -J.F.