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Chefs Innovate with California Grapes on Fall Menus

Fresno, CA – California table grapes are featured on menus this fall with Morrison Healthcare, Nordstrom Restaurants, Restaurant Associates, and Black Angus Steakhouse.

“Chefs continue to create exciting new menu items with fresh grapes,” said Courtney Romano, foodservice consultant to the California Table Grape Commission. “Grapes offer versatility, great flavor and visual appeal, and deliver desirable acidity and sweetness that can make the dish.”

Morrison Healthcare is featuring California grapes in its 800 healthcare units during the month of September. Grapes will be offered as an add-on side option for burgers and sandwiches at the grilling stations, in grab ‘n go grape-only cups, and snack boxes. Grapes will also be featured as a signature ingredient in seven recipes, including a flatbread, a pasta, and a new sandwich.

At Nordstrom Restaurants, the culinary team created eight new fall menu specials with California grapes offered in all 128 company units during September and October. “Exploring the culinary possibilities with grapes resulted in a flood of creativity from the team and some really great new concepts,” said Corporate Chef Keith Brunell. The new grape offerings include a smoothie, risotto, pizza, entrée salad, and more.

Restaurant Associates will promote California grapes in its 150 corporate dining and education facilities. The promotion theme of “Go with Grapes” presents California grapes in snack boxes, grab ‘n go options, and smoothies. Company chefs have developed new, unique recipes with grapes that are featured as part of the Chef’s Table in the operations, including new appetizers, a sandwich, and entrée dishes.

Black Angus has created a new Baby Kale Salad with grapes that is being tested in select locations this fall.

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