

John Gray Restaurant Group to Participate in Prestigious 2010 Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival

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***Acclaimed Restaurateur Will Represent the World-Class Cuisine from the
Mexican Caribbean***

Join Chef John Gray at the Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival presented by *Food & Wine*, February 25-28, 2010!

John Gray Restaurant Group's owner and chef John Gray and executive chef Karl Mayhofler will participate in the Perrier-Jouët Champagne BubbleQ hosted by Emeril Lagasse at the 2010 Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival. The BubbleQ, featuring some of the world's best BBQ paired with delicious Perrier-Jouët Champagne, will take place beachside at the Delano Hotel on February 26th, 2010 and will feature some of America's most celebrated chefs who love to BBQ. As a participating chef of the Perrier Jouët Champagne BubbleQ and the festival's only chef representing Mexico, Chef Gray plans to serve his signature creation of *Grilled Duck Breast with a Chipotle, Tequila and Honey reduction and sweet potatoes.*

"We are honored to be a part of this prestigious event," said John Gray, owner and chef of four highly acclaimed restaurants and one bar in Cancun and the Riviera Maya, Mexico. "There is no better place to showcase the talents of the John Gray Restaurant Group team than on a culinary stage of this magnitude."

The Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival is a national, star-studded, four-day destination event showcasing the talents of the world's most renowned wine and spirits producers, chefs and culinary personalities. Sink your toes into the sands of South Beach and rub elbows with your favorite celebrity chefs and culinary personalities including Paula Deen, Bobby Flay, Tyler Florence, Rocco DiSpirito, Ming Tsai, Wolfgang Puck, Daniel Boulud, and many more. Returning classics like the Amstel Light Burger Bash hosted by Rachael Ray, Whole Foods Market Grand Tasting Village and BubbleQ hosted by Emeril Lagasse will be accented by new events, such as a closing party with Guy Fieri and Interactive Dinner hosted by Lidia & Joe Bastianich.

The ninth annual 2010 Food Network South Beach Wine & Food Festival is scheduled to take place February 25-28, 2010. Last year's event set new record highs for the annual culinary extravaganza. More than 53,000 participants attended the four day-event; \$4 million USD in tickets were sold and approximately \$2 million USD was raised for the Florida International University School of Hospitality and Tourism Management and the Southern Wine & Spirits Beverage Management Center. Tickets on sale NOW -get yours at www.sobewineandfoodfest.com or by calling 877-762-3933.

La Suegra de John Gray BBQ

To celebrate being named one of Perrier-Jouët Champagne BubbleQ's participating chefs, La Suegra de John Gray has begun hosting a Sunday BBQ! Every Sunday, from 1pm-5pm, La Suegra, which is perched above the sand and just steps from the Caribbean Sea on the beach in Puerto Morelos, offers guests an 'All you can eat' (prepared by order - "straight from the grill to the plate" and not a buffet) bbq for \$175 pesos (or roughly \$14usd)! The bbq includes fresh fish, ceviche, beef and pork ribs, chicken, corn on the cob, grilled vegetables, potato salad, coleslaw, frijoles charros (baked beans). In fact, John and Karl made the huge bbq themselves by cutting and then welding a large stationary gas tank. Kids will be charged 2pesos per kilo (up to 40kg) or under 11 years old -so get them ready to step on the scale!