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## **CHURCHILL DOWNS RELEASES OFFICIAL MENU FOR 149<sup>TH</sup> KENTUCKY DERBY**

### ***Chef Kenneth Hardiman Brings Modern Twist to Louisville Flavors for This Year's Run for the Roses®***

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Tuesday, March 21, 2023)** – Churchill Downs Racetrack today released the official menu of the 149<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve, signaling the start of spring and the much-awaited countdown to one of the most storied sports traditions. For the second year in a row, Chef and Culinary Expert Kenneth Hardiman curated the official racetrack menu, which will feature an array of delectable dishes, serving guests visiting Churchill Downs for the Kentucky Oaks on Friday, May 5, and the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May 6.

In addition to being The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports®, the Kentucky Derby is also an iconic cultural and culinary event rooted in southern tradition. While the races are undoubtedly the main attraction, the food and beverages served at the Kentucky Derby are equally as exciting. This year's menu promises to elevate classic Kentucky dishes with a fresh twist, featuring locally sourced dairy and produce items that capture the essence of Louisville's unique flavors.

“Leading the culinary team at the Kentucky Derby is one of the highest honors a chef can have, and I’m excited for the opportunity to add to the Kentucky Derby’s rich culinary legacy again this year,” said Chef Kenneth Hardiman, who will helm the culinary operation for track hospitality partner Levy. “Moments like the Kentucky Derby challenge and motivate us chefs to be at our best, to focus on all of the details, from the seasonal ingredients we source all the way down to the garnishes, in order to create amazing food and beverage experiences for our guests who enjoy the event in different ways.”

Coinciding with the array of traditional menu items, Churchill Downs will also be pouring classic Kentucky beverages and serving up signature Kentucky Derby cocktails for all attendees to enjoy at the track.

For more information, including recipes and images for the official menu, please visit [www.kentuckyderby.com/officialderbymenu](http://www.kentuckyderby.com/officialderbymenu). To learn additional details about this year's race, please visit [www.kentuckyderby.com](http://www.kentuckyderby.com).

**The Official Kentucky Derby 149 Food Menu**

Kentucky Bibb Greens

*Seasonal berry, toasted almond, poppy seed, raspberry vinaigrette*

Heirloom Grain Salad

*Sundried cherry and apricot, carrot, pepita, citrus vinaigrette*

Mashed Sweet Potatoes

*Woodford Reserve Bourbon® brown butter, herb, candied spiced pecan*

Cheesy Creamed Corn

*Crispy jalapeno, Kenny's Cheddar Cheese, pimento*

Glazed Spring Vegetables

*Spring squash, carrot, parsnip, pomegranate seed*

Seared Chicken Breast

*Local honey glaze, scallion, benne seed, citrus*

Roasted Sliced Pork Loin Medallions

*Sweet Onion, green peppercorn demi-glace*

**Kentucky Derby 149 Beverage Menu**

Old Forester Mint Julep

*Old Forester, simple syrup, fresh mint, crushed ice*

Finlandia® Oaks Lily®

*Finlandia, sweet and sour, Triple Sec, cranberry juice, blackberries, lemon wedge, crushed ice*

Woodford Reserve Spire

*Woodford Reserve, lemonade, cranberry juice, lemon twist, ice*

Herradura Horseshoe Margarita

*Herradura Silver, fresh lime juice, agave nectar, lime wheel, ice*

2020 Kendall-Jackson Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma County

2021 Kendall-Jackson Chardonnay Mendocino County

### **Kentucky Derby Dining By The Numbers:**

- More than 200,000 expected dining guests in attendance
- 24,000 meals are expected to be served on Oaks and Derby Days in premium areas
- 5,000 lbs. of pork will be used
- 2,800 gallons of dairy will be used
- 400 lbs. of local cheeses will be used
- More than 1,000 culinary and support staff will be on-site

### **Kentucky Derby Beverages By The Numbers:**

- 145,000 Mint Juleps are expected to be poured
- 1,500 lbs. of mint for Mint Juleps will be used
- 500 crates of blackberries will be used
- 24,000 bottles of Old Forester Mint Julep Bourbon Cocktail are expected to be used
- 20,000 bottles of Woodford Reserve are expected to be used

### **ABOUT CHEF KENNETH HARDIMAN**

Chef Hardiman has once again joined Churchill Downs as the Chef and Culinary Expert for the 149<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby following his inaugural year as Chef for last year's Derby. A culinary leader at Levy, the hospitality partner of Churchill Downs, with more than a decade of experience, Hardiman has created award-winning food and beverage experiences at many of the most well-known venues, including Fiserv Forum, home of the Milwaukee Bucks. In addition to having won several prestigious culinary awards, Hardiman is passionate about helping the lives of others.

### **ABOUT THE KENTUCKY DERBY**

The \$3 million Kentucky Derby takes place on the first Saturday in May at historic Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. Inaugurated in 1875, the legendary 1 ¼-mile race for 3-year-olds is the longest continually-held major sporting event in North America and the first leg of horse racing's Triple Crown series. Also known as, "The Run for the Roses" and "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports," the Kentucky Derby is the most attended horse race in the nation. The 149<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby will take place on May 6, 2023. For more information, please visit [www.KentuckyDerby.com](http://www.KentuckyDerby.com).

### **ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK**

Churchill Downs Racetrack ("CDRT"), the world's most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September, and the Fall. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility. [www.ChurchillDowns.com](http://www.ChurchillDowns.com).

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