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JENNIFER BRYANT NAMED KAUA'I'S BEST BARTENDER AT RUMFIRE POIPU BEACH

PO'IPŪ, KAUA'I, HAWAII, Nov. 18, 2016 – Tonight, [RumFire Poipu Beach](#) declared Jennifer Bryant of The Club at Kukui'ula champion of the Kaua'i's Best Bartender competition. In the contest's second year, 16 finalists from the island's food and beverage industry were challenged to showcase original Kōloa Rum-based cocktails over a 15-week competition for the chance to earn the title and the \$4,000 grand prize. Eric Carroll of La Spezia was the runner-up and received a \$1,000 second-place prize, both courtesy of Kōloa Rum.

Beginning Aug. 12, 2016, two competitors went head-to-head each week at RumFire to showcase their original, handcrafted Kōloa Rum cocktails, utilizing a different mystery ingredient every round. Mystery ingredients ranged from jackfruit and mango to kombucha and bacon. In her journey to the final round, Bryant won the battles for coconut, ginger and Hawaiian sea salt. The contestants created cocktails that were judged based on five categories: Taste, Balance, Creativity, Presentation, and Use of the Mystery Ingredient.

The final round, held Friday, Nov. 18, allowed the contestants to create their best Kōloa Rum cocktail — with no mystery ingredient — for 250 guests at RumFire. Each participant, along with an expert panel of judges, was invited to cast their vote to determine the winner.

The winning cocktail was named “Malie,” the word for tranquility in the Hawaiian language. It utilized Kōloa Coconut Rum, kaffir lime leaves, fresh Hawaiian guava juice and a hint of lemon. A version of the winning cocktail will be featured on RumFire's menu over the next year.

COCKTAIL RECIPE: MALIE

INGREDIENTS

¾ oz Kōloa Coconut Rum
1.5 oz Hawaiian guava juice
Fever-Tree club soda
Kaffir lime leaf
Lemon peel

METHOD

Twist the lemon peel inside the glass to release its oils. Add ice and pour Kōloa Coconut Rum and guava juice. Top with Fever-Tree club soda. Bruise kaffir lime leaf and add to glass.

RumFire Poipu Beach, located at the oceanfront Sheraton Kauai Resort, features locally sourced cuisine with global influences and an inventive beverage menu to ignite your palate. Pair a memorable meal with 180-degree oceanfront views from all of the signature restaurant's 240 seats. RumFire is home to the Table 53 charity program, which supports local non-profit organizations each month and has raised over \$150,000 for Kaua'i's charitable causes.

For more information about RumFire Poipu Beach, visit [rumfirekauai.com](#) or call 808 742 4RUM. For more information about Kōloa Rum Company, visit [koloarum.com](#).

ABOUT SHERATON KAUA'I RESORT

Sheraton Kauai Resort, nestled into 20 acres along world-renowned Po'ipū Beach, features 391 rooms and 11 suites. A full complement of guest services and facilities enhances this oceanfront location, including two swimming pools, an open-air Ocean Courtyard with conversational seating areas and fire pits, two restaurants, RumFire Poipu Beach and Lava's on Poipu Beach, a host of beach activities, a variety of meeting facilities and beautiful locations for weddings and special functions. For more information about Sheraton Kauai Resort, please call 808 742 1661 or visit [sheraton-kauai.com](#).

ABOUT KŌLOA RUM COMPANY

Kōloa Rum Company, on the Hawaiian island of Kaua'i, produces artisanal, single-batch Hawaiian rum and ready-to-drink cocktails at its distillery in Kālaheo, Kaua'i and operates Kaua'i's first and only distilled spirits Tasting Room & Company on the grounds of Kilohana Plantation, near Lihū'e. The Company's award-winning portfolio includes its premium Kaua'i White, Gold, Dark, Spice, Coconut and Coffee Rums in 750ml and 50ml bottles. The firm also produces Kōloa Ready-to-Drink Mai Tai, Rum Punch and Pineapple Passion cocktails. For more information about Kōloa Rum Company, please visit [koloarum.com](#).