

2017 Judging Overview Thursday, April 6, 2017 • 6-9pm • Divi Carina Bay Resort

Main Culinary Competition

There is a maximum of 15 entries allowed in each category. Reserve your category(ies) early!

- Indicate the category(ies) you'd like to enter into the Main Culinary Competition on your Taste registration form by March 1, 2017.
- Each participant may join up to two of the following categories:
 (1) Appetizer (2) Entrée (3) Soup/Stew (4) Dessert (5) Vegetarian (6) Local Fare (7) Beverage
- You may only enter a dish into a category **once**.

Best Presentation & People's Choice Award

All restaurant/caterer participants in Taste are automatically entered into the competition for Best Presentation and the People's Choice Award.

- <u>Best Presentation</u>: judges will tour the event from 5:30 5:55 PM. Be set up and ready to go by 5:00 PM!
- <u>People's Choice Award</u>: *Encourage all guests to vote!* A voting booth will be available on the night of Taste.

Judging Your Dish

- Each category will have a minimum of three discerning judges sampling your dish.
- Entrants must prepare three (3) identical, bite-sized samples of their dish(es), one for each judge, per category.
- Taste will provide small plates, bowls, and glasses to hold your samples. These will be provided to you at Taste Orientation, held one week before Taste (March 29-31, 2017 Dishes to hold your samples will not be paper to preserve the integrity of your sample!

JUDGING SCHEDULE

You will be provided with your anonymous judging number and judging time at Taste Orientation (March 29-31, 2017)!

2:00-5:00 PM Booth Set Up
5:00-6:00 PM Main Culinary Judging Event
5:30-5:55 PM Best Presentation Booth Judging
8:30-9:00 PM Winner Announcements

 Dishes and Beverages are judged using a 1 – 10 scale, with ten being the highest score possible. A sample of the judging form is found on the next page.

NOTE: All restaurants are given a unique number and judging is done completely anonymously; restaurants and their affiliates are not allowed in the judging area, but can feel free to watch judges taste!

And the Winner Is...

Listen carefully! 1st – 3rd place winners and Best Presentation and People's Choice Awards are announced at 8:30 PM from the balcony overlooking Taste!

- Winners must go to the balcony of the lobby of the Divi to be professionally photographed and receive certificates and/or awards.
- Media are given winners' names at this time per request.

Taste of St. Croix is the only broad-based culinary competition on St. Croix! We encourage all participants to join the Main Culinary Judging Event!

A Taste of St. Croix 2017

Judging Rubric

Judge:		Category: DESSERT				
Rest. ID#	Name of Dish	On a scale of 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest, indicate the score for each of the following:			TOTAL	Comments
		Presentation	Creativity	Ingredient Compatibility/ Flavor	SCORE	comments
Example: 21	Eggplant & banana fries	7	9.5	8.5	25	
		DH				