

A Foodie's Paradise

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Views of the AQ Chop House by Il Mulino. (Photo courtesy of Acqualina Resort & Spa.)

Set on 4.5 oceanfront acres in Sunny Isles Beach, Florida, **Acqualina Resort & Spa** is a luxury resort with 98 guest rooms, a 20,000-sq.-ft. spa, and spectacular indoor-outdoor spaces for weddings, plus a new restaurant space for receptions and group dining for up to 126 seated. Named AQ Chop House by Il Mulino, this new venue has plenty of natural light and sports high ceilings with an Art Deco-style chandelier, handmade walnut dining tables and modern comfy seating. The restaurant is a collaboration with chef Michele Mazza of the Il Mulino New York and team, and offers a menu of Italian influences, but with a Mediterranean twist like the resort itself. It also blends with the modern steakhouse concept with offerings of prime cuts and a selection of seafood you would expect on a Mediterranean-infused menu.

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part of an ongoing guest chef series that the Acqualina Resort & Spa is offering throughout the year. We tasted dishes such as red shrimp arrabbiata saffron risotto, handmade potato gnocchi with seafood and crispy sea bass. All were beautifully presented and enjoyed. Of special note are the wines that were paired with the five-course dinner, all by Antinori Wineries of Italy, a 26-generation winemaking family. Many of the wines are served on the menu at AQ Chop House. We enjoyed a selection such as the Castello della Sala, Sauvignon Semillon and Conte della Vipera, to a chardonnay, pinot nero, and finally, dessert wine.

Travel agents can let their clients know they can work with the resort to set up special wine tastings with the Antinori wine representative to pair with menus for weddings and other family or friend group events.

Book your clients at Acqualina and extend their stay with the fourth night free promotion. In addition to one complimentary night with a 4-night stay, guests also receive daily \$40 spa credits for two, a welcome amenity, and complimentary WiFi.



Views of the outdoor terrace at Acqualina. (Photos courtesy of Acqualina Resort & Spa.)

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