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The Great Whites of Spain and Italy

When we think of wines from Spain or Italy, we first think red.

But what about the whites you've seen in your favorite wine shop. Unfamiliar names – ones you can't pronounce – from Spain and Italy? You think, "The price is right, but will I like it? Will it be dry or sweet? Fruity or floral?"

Wine University tastes and explores the great whites of these two countries on Thursday, June 25 at Larkspur Restaurant. Wine Director Kevin Furtado heralds the Albariños, Verdejos and Muscats of Spain and sings the praises of Italy's Fiano, Soave and Myrto. "These varietals are light and refreshing, and have high acidity," he said. "They are perfect with summer's light dishes – grilled meat or fish, salads, or picnic fare."

The American wine industry has recognized that these wines are a welcome relief in today's economy, and has made them more widely available in restaurants and retail stores. You may never have heard of these on-trend whites, but their affordable price tags and crisp characteristics make them a great choice for warm weather drinking.

For the opportunity to try these unique white wines from Spain and Italy, compare them, and determine your favorites, register for Wine University. Class is held from 6:30pm – 7:30pm and costs \$40 per person. Chef Armando Navarro will serve light picnic snacks to accompany the class.

For reservations, call 970.754.8050.

For details on the entire Wine University syllabus, please visit:
http://www.larkspurvail.com/documents/WineUschedule_000.pdf

About Larkspur Restaurant:

Larkspur Restaurant at the base of Vail Mountain has been serving American Classics with a fresh interpretation since 1999. The dining room is warm and inviting with an open kitchen and glass enclosed wine cellar. For more information, visit larkspurvail.com.

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