

PEDER TILLUNG Food & Beverage Manager Silverado Resort and Spa

Peder Tillung brings more than twenty years of experience in the hospitality industry to his role as Food & Beverage Manager of Silverado Resort and Spa, where he joined in the fall of 2010.

A native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Tillung began his hospitality career working in local restaurants as a teen. His love for the culinary arts led to his degree from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. Upon graduation, he was recruited by the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company to become Chef of the McLean, Virginia and St. Louis, Missouri Ritz-Carlton Hotels.

Tillung's career progressed with Interstate Hotels Corporation where he served as Executive Chef at two four-diamond Marriott Hotels in St. Louis, Missouri and Minneapolis, Minnesota. He then moved to New Orleans, Louisiana to become Executive Chef at the 1,100 room Sheraton, and later opened the award-winning Zoe Bistrot at the W New Orleans. His career with W hotels evolved as he was selected to be one of the only Operations College Relations Ambassadors in the United States, and was promoted to the role of Director of Food & Beverage.

After two years, Tillung's passion for luxury and five-diamond service led him to accept a promotion with one of Starwood Hotels' most prestigious properties, St. Regis Aspen, as Director of Food & Beverage in 2003. During his tenure, the St. Regis Aspen had one of the highest Food & Beverage guest satisfaction ratings throughout Starwood Hotels and Resorts and won Food & Beverage Hotel of the Year in 2007. He was awarded the "Best in Class for Associate Engagement" and implemented a five-diamond standards training program for the food and beverage department. He spearheaded the St. Regis' efforts as a host hotel for the prestigious Aspen Food & Wine Festival, handling all event logistics for the festival with a myriad of celebrity chefs and wine purveyors. He was also selected as the only operations manager to represent the United States in the Starwood Hotels International Recruitment program, a bi-annual assignment at five Swiss Hotel schools.

Tillung's next move landed him in Huntzville, Texas where he rounded out his extensive experience as Director of Catering for Sam Houston University, handling all aspects of catering and production for University and Alumni events, before joining Silverado Resort.

Tillung now lives in Napa, California.

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