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SUMMER IN A GLASS

The very talented Mr. Darby Kelly, a top shelf mixologist, has left Sin City and his six-year-Wynn Hotel stint to descend upon L'Auberge Del Mar where his cocktail wizardry is pleasing patrons. This riveting refresher, a hibiscus Caipirinha, delivers a taste of summertime in a glass. In Kelly's creation, Leblon cachaça (the Brazilian sugar cane spirit) sambas with Canton ginger liqueur, housemade hibiscus syrup, and fresh lime, all vigorously shaken and poured over ice. And no pink umbrellas needed. Garnish with a sunset view, instead. And be sure to stay for dinner, as Kitchen 1540 (voted Best Hotel Restaurant in our readers poll) chef, Paul McCabe, launches a new menu this July. //ANN WYCOFF