

THE ST. PAUL GRILL OFFERS A “TRIPLE CROWN” OF BOURBON SPECIALS AS A TOAST TO THOROUGHBRED RACING’S PEAK SEASON

The Grill’s Kentucky Derby Bourbon Lunch kicks off Triple Crown festivities on Saturday, May 2

St. Paul, Minn. (March 2009) – In celebration of horse-racing’s storied Triple Crown season, The St. Paul Grill will offer a variety of Kentucky-Derby-inspired drink specials and dining opportunities. From 4-6 p.m. daily starting on Derby Day, Saturday, May 2, and running through Saturday, June 6 (the date of the Belmont Stakes), The Grill Bar will offer a St. Paul Grill Mint Julep, a St. Paul Grill Bourbon Sour, and a St. Paul Grill Southern Belle for \$3 each.

In addition, on Saturday, May 2, Derby fans can take in the most exciting day of the thoroughbred racing year at The St. Paul Grill’s Kentucky Derby Bourbon Luncheon. The noon-hour reception and the 1 p.m. Bourbon Luncheon will give diners a taste of the old-style Southern charm for which the Derby has become known.

“The Triple Crown is one of the sporting world’s most storied and exciting series,” explains Randall Kahn, General Manager of The St. Paul Grill. “At The St. Paul Grill, we want to invite diners to immerse themselves in the history, excitement, and gentility of American thoroughbred horse racing by enjoying the racing season here at Minnesota’s most historic and elegant hotel.”

The Grill Bar’s “Triple Crown” of \$3 drink specials includes three Kentucky-inspired specialties. The St. Paul Grill Mint Julep contains rye whiskey and a splash of soda flavored with a house-made fresh mint syrup and garnished with fresh mint. The St. Paul Grill Bourbon Sour combines bourbon, lemon, and a house-made sugar-based syrup to add just the right hint of sweetness to the drink’s signature tart, lemony flavor. The St. Paul Grill Southern Belle combines rye whiskey, triple sec, pineapple juice, orange juice, and grenadine for a fresh and colorful cocktail twist.

The Grill’s Kentucky Derby Bourbon Luncheon has been created by The Grill’s Executive Chef Doug Tigges. The four-course luncheon, which will cost \$45 per person (tax and gratuities excluded), will feature Deviled Quail Eggs and Benedictine Sandwiches; Crab and Watercress Salad; Kentucky Hot Brown and a Banana Custard. And of course, the Kentucky Derby live broadcast will be shown on The Grill’s television, allowing diners to experience all the excitement of the race for much less than the price of an admission ticket to Churchill Downs.

The Triple Crown of Thoroughbred Horse Racing includes the Kentucky Derby (May 2, 2009), the Preakness Stakes (May 16), and the Belmont Stakes (June 6). No horse has won all three events—and achieved the “Triple Crown”—since 1978.

Voted 2009 Best Restaurant by *Mpls.-St. Paul Magazine*, The St. Paul Grill is a local institution, featuring classic American Grill entrées in an upscale yet casual environment. The St. Paul Grill also has won numerous awards from *Minnesota Monthly’s* Silver Spoon awards. Open daily for lunch and dinner, with a well-known Sunday brunch, The St. Paul Grill has been consistently acknowledged for its unbeatable food and service.

This Saint Paul icon features a classic, yet surprisingly diverse menu, ranging from prime steaks and thick-cut chops, to succulent poultry and fresh seafood. The Grill is known for its classic bar, offering the Twin Cities finest selection of rare spirits and wines. Located adjacent to the historic Saint Paul Hotel in downtown Saint Paul, The St. Paul Grill overlooks beautiful Rice Park at 350 Market Street. For more information or reservations, please call The St. Paul Grill at 651-224-7455 or visit stpaulgrill.com.

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