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**MAISON BLANCHE
THE NUMBER ONE RESTAURANT ON LONGBOAT KEY
RETAINS THE RANKING IN ZAGAT® SURVEY 2012 AMERICA'S TOP RESTAURANTS**

October 31, 2011, Longboat Key Florida – Chef Jose Martinez, a Michelin Star winner and James Beard Nominee for Best Chef (South) and proprietor of Maison Blanche on Longboat Key Florida, which features New French Cuisine influenced by modern America, garnered top honors for a second consecutive year as the best restaurant on Longboat Key, according to results in the annual ZAGAT® survey released on Thursday, October 27th 2011. The survey, *2012 America's Top Restaurants*, covers 1,578 of the nation's top restaurants across 45 major markets; the guide incorporates the votes of over 156,000 food lovers who dined out an estimated 25 million times in the past year.

“It is an honor to be awarded this designation by my diners,” said Chef Martinez.

Longboat Key does not yet enjoy a designation as a specific major market and is included in the general survey geographic category for Tampa – Sarasota, where other establishments were awarded such honors.

The ZAGAT® Survey results are available in bookstores, at www.ZAGAT.com and on Zagat's mobile products.

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About Maison Blanche

Praised by foodies and visitors as Sarasota's best, the chef has a Michelin Star for his Paris restaurant, is a James Beard Foundation nominee for Best Chef (South), a Longboat Key leading Zagat food rating of 27 and a 96% of positive survey responders. The room is designed by award winning architect, Franck Hammoutene in subtle homage to American mid-century in striking contemporary white minimalism accented by gray leather seating. The wine list has an award of excellence and the dining room and staff is overseen by wife Victoria who, with impeccable grace and care, attends to every detail, matching her husband's passion for perfection. Maison Blanche offers progressive French cuisine, a savory balance of classical French cookery with modern American influences. Your Maison Blanche occasion is brought to life in a sophisticated menu featuring "Farm & Field to Table" local ingredients as available. Your Maison Blanche dinner is a truly memorable experience. Dining Style: Casual Elegant, Cuisine: French, Seafood, Website: www.themaisonblanche.com Phone: (941) 383-8088, offering Dinner: Tuesday - Sunday: 5:30pm - 9:30pm. Maison Blanche provides free and ample self parking, in a private lot for all our diners.

Zagat® Details: The *2012 America's Top Restaurants* guide (\$15.95) was edited by Bill Corsello. Ratings and reviews are available in print, online at ZAGAT.com and via Zagat's mobile [products](#). Be sure to follow Zagat on Facebook and Twitter @Zagat for daily news and updates.

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