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FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, EMBER – THE WE-KO-PA CASINO RESORT’S FINE DINING RESTAURANT – RECEIVES OPENTABLE’S DINERS’ CHOICE AWARD

Voted on by appreciative guests, Ember was recognized this year in particular for its steaks, notable wine list, ambiance and service

FORT McDOWELL, Ariz. – Feb. 28 , 2023 – The We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort is proud to announce that [Ember](#), its fine dining steakhouse, has been given OpenTable’s coveted 2023 Diners’ Choice Award.

“Property Executive Chef Richard Pelz, Ember General Manager Brent Rumph, Sommelier Dennis Payne and our entire Ember team are thrilled to receive this accolade once again,” said Zac Gallo, Executive Director of Food & Beverage for the We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort. “We’re especially proud that it recognized our world-class cuisine, exemplary service, inviting ambiance and extensive wine library. We believe these four pillars of hospitality at Ember greatly contribute to an exceptional, memorable and first-class guest experience.”

Boasting an exceptional 4.9 stars out of 584 reviews, Ember (OpenTable restaurant ID: [204628](#)) has received glowing accolades.

Said one diner: “The staff and management at this establishment are so attentive. They really go out of their way to make it a fine dining experience. The steaks are all USDA and prepared and seasoned excellently. Our cocktails were amazing, and overall I'd say this is one of the best dining experiences I've ever had.” Another guest, returning for a second visit, stated that “Ember is a treasure for those visiting We-Ko-Pa from afar or for those who live close by. The ambience is outstanding, the food is excellent, and the bar atmosphere and pianist are without peer.”

Open since October 2020 when the new [We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort](#) was unveiled, Ember has carved a niche for itself in the local fine dining space. Popular with repeat diners from the Valley as well as hotel guests and out-of-town visitors, Ember specializes in Japanese Wagyu and USDA Prime beef prepared on a wood-burning grill, and boasts an innovative menu that reflects the latest food trends and Chef Pelz’s culinary inspirations. The restaurant is proud to have received Wine Spectator’s coveted “Best of Award of Excellence” for both years since it opened.

An honor reserved for the top-rated restaurants, Diners’ Choice lists are powered by confirmed diners who booked through OpenTable’s industry leading online reservation network of more than 52,000 restaurants. More than 30 million ratings and reviews have been provided around the world, with over 450,000 submitted monthly.

For more information on Ember, or to view their dining menu and expansive, award-winning wine list, visit <https://www.wekopacasinoresort.com/dining/ember>.

About We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort

Owned and operated by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, the spectacular 166,341-square-foot We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort boasts state-of-the-art gaming, a variety of specialty fine and casual dining restaurants, and live

entertainment. The attached AAA Four Diamond hotel offers 246 luxurious guestrooms and suites; 25,000 square feet of meeting space; and two resort-style outdoor pools.

The casino resort's proximity to the two highly acclaimed courses at We-Ko-Pa Golf Club and numerous outdoor activities at Fort McDowell Adventures make it the ideal destination for a vacation, business function or special event.

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