



## **`ELUA ANNOUNCES WINE DINNER SERIES**

`Elua Restaurant & Wine Bar today announced their Wine Dinner series for 2008 starting with a wine dinner featuring Copeland Creek Vineyards on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Each wine dinner will feature a four-course dinner, with wine being paired with each of the first three courses. “We wanted to introduce the public to some of the boutique wineries in Italy and the United States represented by my company, Flavors of Italy”, said `Elua co-owner and Chef, Donato Loperfido. On February 28<sup>th</sup> the restaurant will feature Copeland Creek Vineyards of Sonoma. It will be the first time that these wines have been sold in Hawai`i. This winery is a small winery in the Petaluma Gap owned by Kimberly Pfendler. Her son, Ryan Pullis, who is the winery’s sales manager, will be on hand that evening to introduce the wines. A Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and a Meritage will be poured and the charge for the dinner is \$70.00 including wines, excluding tax and tip.

On March 27<sup>th</sup> the restaurant will feature the wines of Puglia, which is the area in Italy where Chef Donato was born and raised. The price for that dinner, which will include four wines with four courses, is \$75.00 including wines (tax and tip excluded). On April 17<sup>th</sup> `Elua welcomes Diana Schweiger Isdahl to the restaurant. Diana Isdahl is the national sales manager for the family-owned Schweiger Vineyards. For that evening the restaurant will pour the Schweiger Cabernet from the 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2002 vintages. Call `Elua Restaurant at 955-3582 for reservations and more information. The winery also expects to feature wines from Raptor Ridge Winery in Oregon and Vinoce Vineyards in Napa later in the year.