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## **Don Letendre chefs for Justin Timberlake**

Whistler, BC - Chef to the stars Don Letendre, of *Elixir Bar & Restaurant* at Vancouver's Opus Hotel, went on a road trip to Whistler and left with a new fan – Justin Timberlake.

*Elixir* culinary genius catered a private party at the \$13 million Vision Pacific residence in Whistler where Justin was staying during the TELUS Ski and Snowboard Festival.

The combination of Whistler's finest home, listed at \$13 million, one of Vancouver's top chefs and one of pop music's brightest stars produced the party of the year at North America top ski resort – and a new name on the menu at *Elixir*.

Justin's favorite dish of the night, Chermoula Marinated Lamb Chops with Harissa and Preserved Lemon, will be renamed for the singer, as in "I'll try the Timberlake lamb chops."

Chef Letendre has cooked for more many celebrities at *Elixir and Opus Bar*, including Cher, Kevin Spacey, Harrison Ford, Jennifer Lopez and a hundred others. And at the Whistler party he served what he calls "Hollywood's Favorite Canapés."

Other dishes included:

- Kimchee Prawns with Lychee and Passionfruit Compote
- Poached Quail's Egg Tart with Mushroom Duxelle and Truffled Sabayon
- Ahi Tuna Sashimi, Cucumber, Apple and Fennel Salad, Umeboshi Dressing
- Langres and Goats' Cheese Croquette with Concord Grape Compote
- Demitasse of Morels, Scallops in Soba Dashi
- Rice Cracker with Pan Seared Foie Gras and BBQ Eel, Soy-Mirin Glaze.

Justin was the house guest of Whistler developer Vision Pacific president Tim Regan who has completed two of four estates. The Grove, which Justin called home for one week is a 10,000 sq ft five-bedroom house built on 4.5 acres at 6717 Crabapple Drive. The house listed at \$13 million can rival the finest at Aspen, Vale or St. Moritz and are aimed at a global market.

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