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Sun Sets on SoBe Wine and Food Festival

Connecticut casino Mohegan Sun hosted the festival wrap party Sunday night at Mansion.

As the sun set on Sunday and exhibitors and guests alike exited the SoBe Wine and Food Festival's Grand Tasting Village for the last time, the party continued over on Washington Avenue, at [Mansion](#) nightclub. With the goal of creating brand awareness, casino giant Mohegan Sun took on the role of hosting the closing party for the third consecutive year.

Mary Devizia, director of catering and event services for the casino, worked closely with event manager Heidi Ladell, who handled all the logistics and contract fulfillment for the evening. The two-hour party showcased eclectic music mixes spun by [DJ John Cash](#) and, most importantly, fantastic fare provided by [A Joy Wallace Catering Production and Design Team](#).

"It was important for us to find a local caterer that would represent our brand and culture, and Joy Wallace fit the bill," said Devizia, who made several trips down to Miami in the past year interviewing candidates. "They were anxious to learn about our culture and presented dishes that represented our property and heritage to guests, like fish tacos, Cuban sandwiches, and yucca fries."



The nightclub's V.I.P. level boasted fresh ceviche creations and a raw bar with oysters provided by American Mussel Harvesters Inc. and shucked by James Beard Award-winning chef Jasper White, whose Summer Shack restaurant is inside the casino.

To create additional brand awareness, DCPhoto Pro, a Connecticut-based photographer, was on-site taking images of the nearly 500 guests in front of a greenscreen that was later superimposed on an image of the casino and mailed to guests nationwide.

-Brittany Peitsmeyer



Catering: [A Joy Wallace Catering Production & Design Team](#)
DJ: [DJ John Cash](#)
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Venue: [Mansion](#)

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