



**Acclaimed Mexican Restaurant Sol Agave Opening Second Location
at Kaleidoscope in Mission Viejo**

Mission Viejo, California, April 20, 2018 – The popular South Orange County restaurant Sol Agave, known for its authentic Mexican cuisine, is opening a second location at Kaleidoscope in Mission Viejo. The restaurant will open on the upper level as part of Union Market Mission Viejo in early summer.

Restaurateur Jesus Galvez and his partner Chef Manny Velasco, who was honored as the Golden Foodies 2017 Rising Star Chef of the Year, were at the forefront of the food truck trend when they started Sol Agave as a taco truck in 2015. They attracted such a loyal following for their upscale Mexican cuisine that they decided to open a restaurant in San Juan Capistrano in 2016. The success of that original location led to moving into a larger space within the same retail center just a year later.

“Opening Sol Agave at Kaleidoscope is like coming full circle for me,” said Galvez, who met Velasco when they worked together at Carmelita’s in 2014. “One of my first jobs was at El Torito Grill at Kaleidoscope when the center opened. I have fond memories of Kaleidoscope and it’s always felt like home. For the last two decades, I thought it would be great to return and open my own restaurant there.”

Most of Sol Agave’s menu will be the same as the original location, with a focus on organic ingredients, fresh seafood, USDA Prime steak, and all-natural pork for its carnitas. The new restaurant at Kaleidoscope will add a gourmet taqueria section with handmade tortillas, and a few new specialty items including Ceviche a la Mesa with fresh mahi mahi and served with tostaditas.

Signature dishes that will remain at the new location include Our Famous Carnitas (chef’s famous Mexican braised pork, served with rice, refried beans, sour cream, guacamole, “trocka” sauce, and hand-made corn tortillas), Tacos de Hongo (skirt steak, portabello mushrooms, grilled onions, and cheese served on a hot skillet with salsa morita, rice, refried beans and hand-made tortillas), and Camarones Vallarta (jumbo breaded Mexican prawns, butterflied and stuffed with Dungeness crab, topped in a Creole tomato spicy sauce, and served with cilantro rice.)

Popular cocktails not to miss include the Table Side Old Fashioned (Hornitos Black Barrel añejo tequila, corazon chocolate bitters, splash of agave and mango) infused and flamed table side with rosemary and orange. Sol Agave also offers an array of margaritas, including the Grilled Piña Margarita (Maestro Dobel tequila, muddled grilled piña, jalapeños, agave mix, chili rim.) Guests should be sure to save room for the Sol Agave Mexican Coffee (artisan cinnamon-based coffee with tequila, Kahlua, and Bailey’s.)

Sol Agave will feature rustic wood accents, white stone and colorful paintings, along with a patio for al fresco dining. The restaurant will serve lunch and dinner daily, along with Happy Hour from 3-6pm. A weekend brunch will be available later in the summer.

“Sol Agave is one of South County’s favorite restaurants and we’re excited to welcome them to Kaleidoscope,” said Lisa Miller, Senior VP of Property Services for Sentinel Development, which manages the Mission Viejo center. “Their gourmet Mexican cuisine is a great addition to Kaleidoscope’s dining options, including the recently opened Tapas Flavors of Spain and Panini Kabob Grill.”

Sol Agave will be located on the top level of Kaleidoscope at 27741 Crown Valley Pkwy. in Mission Viejo. For more information, visit www.solagavesjc.com.

About Kaleidoscope

Kaleidoscope is a 245,000 square foot lifestyle center located at 27741 Crown Valley Parkway, just off the 5 Freeway, in Mission Viejo. The center offers popular entertainment, retail and restaurants, along with a variety of community events throughout the year. In addition to Sol Agave opening this summer, Kaleidoscope includes Edwards Cinemas, LA Fitness, Burke Williams, Sola Salon, Ortho Mattress, Buffalo Wild Wings, Howie’s Game Shack, Laser Quest, Panini Kabob Grill, Riptide Rockin’ Sushi & Teppan Grills, Tapas Flavors of Spain, Tasty Bowl, Tacos Cancun, Rocco’s Pizzeria, Yogurtland, AT&T, Bold Girlz, Jump 'n Jammin, Color Me Mine, and Union Market Mission Viejo, offering specialty retail and unique chef-driven restaurants including Diced, Slice Shabu, Hummus Bowl, Portola Coffee, Market 2 Plate, Milk Box, Dry Society, R.T.E. and boutique Scent Avenue.

Kaleidoscope Center was purchased in June of 2010 by an entity owned by certain funds managed by Westport Capital Partners LLC, and is managed by Sentinel Development. Be sure to follow all the happenings at Kaleidoscope via [facebook.com/gokaleidoscope](https://www.facebook.com/gokaleidoscope), twitter.com/gokaleidoscope and <http://gokaleidoscope.com>.

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Shrimp Taquitos with butterflied jumbo prawns stuffed with Dungeness crab filling.



Sol Agave's signature "Famous" Carnitas.



Handcrafted margaritas from Sol Agave, made with fresh squeezed lime and organic agave.



Lunch Bowls from Sol Agave, opening soon at Kaleidoscope in Mission Viejo.



Restaurateur Jesus Galvez and Chef Manny Velasco co-own Sol Agave and are opening a second location at Kaleidoscope in Mission Viejo.