



THE MASTER

Michael Jordan

The world is home to just 190 master sommeliers, and Orange County has one of the best: Michael Jordan. He's brought respect and credibility to each establishment he's graced—Disney's Napa Rose, The Beachcomber Café and now, The Ranch Restaurant & Saloon, where he plans to build an 18,000-bottle collection. (The destination, which earned our Best New Restaurant moniker, already has amassed 5,000, thanks to Jordan.) He's a skilled expert and fab GM, and we're glad he's ours. theranch.com

BEST NEW RESTAURANT

★ The Ranch

Andrew Edwards knows a thing or two about business. He founded a company that's become a leading provider of AV electronics. But a Western-themed restaurant? His hunch that O.C.'s luxe crowd hungered for a place where they could dine on a perfect set of ribs, then kick their cowboy heels up in the adjacent saloon hit the bull's eye. And with folks like master sommelier Michael Jordan and chef Michael Rossi, Edwards all but guaranteed his success. theranch.com

