

Entertaining Ideas

Simple Tips For An “Ultra” Extraordinary Soiree

(NAPSA)—Outdoor entertaining has a certain ease to it. Don't overlook the details though, as simple touches go a long way toward creating a truly memorable experience for your guests.

Start by establishing a theme for your event, which distinguishes your party from the typical backyard gathering. Food, beverage, decor and music decisions are easier to make when they support a central theme.

“The theme can be simple but sophisticated,” suggests entertaining expert Donatella Arpaia. “Bring out classic summer colors by hosting a ‘Red, White and Blue Party.’ Set an elegant tone by inviting guests to dress all in white and use bold reds and blues for everything from decor to dessert.”

Once the theme is set, enhance the party by accenting the food, drinks and space. Additions to the table setting can be the focal point as guests enter.

“Create an ocean-side feel by filling glass cylinders and bowls with sand and seashells,” says Arpaia. “Place candlelit lanterns in the middle of the tables for a beach cookout ambiance that grows as the sun sets.”

To spend less time serving and more time socializing and to help guests circulate, set up mini self-serve stations in different locations with a variety of food and beverage pairings. Cookouts and a selection of cold beers are a natural fit. Michelob Ultra is a refreshing complement to grilled chicken, and its crisp finish



Add a Mediterranean flair to burgers with grilled sweet onions, sun-dried tomatoes, crumbled feta and extra-virgin olive oil.

also stands up to a spicy Mexican dish. The beer can be a smart choice for any menu as it has only 95 calories and 2.6 grams of carbs.

Some guests may prefer the deep amber color and malty, full-flavored taste of Michelob Ultra Amber to go with their seasoned burger. Michelob Ultra Fruit, available in Lime Cactus, Tuscan Orange Grapefruit and Pomegranate Raspberry, can be served in champagne flutes with a fruit garnish for a simple and chic presentation.

More tips from Donatella Arpaia and other social influencers are in the June/July issue of *Every Day with Rachael Ray*, featuring a special pullout section with party themes and entertaining advice. Look for Michelob Ultra in stores to get a special subscription offer and access to an exclusive digital issue of *Every Day with Rachael Ray*.

Michelob ULTRA: ABV 4.2%, 95 calories, 2.6g carbs, 0.6g protein and 0.0g fat, per 12-oz bottle.

Michelob ULTRA Amber: ABV 5.0%, 114 calories, 3.7g carbs, 1.1g protein and 0.0g fat, per 12-oz bottle.

Michelob ULTRA Fruit: ABV 4.2%, 107 calories, 6.0g carbs, 0.5g protein and 0.0g fat, per 12-oz bottle.