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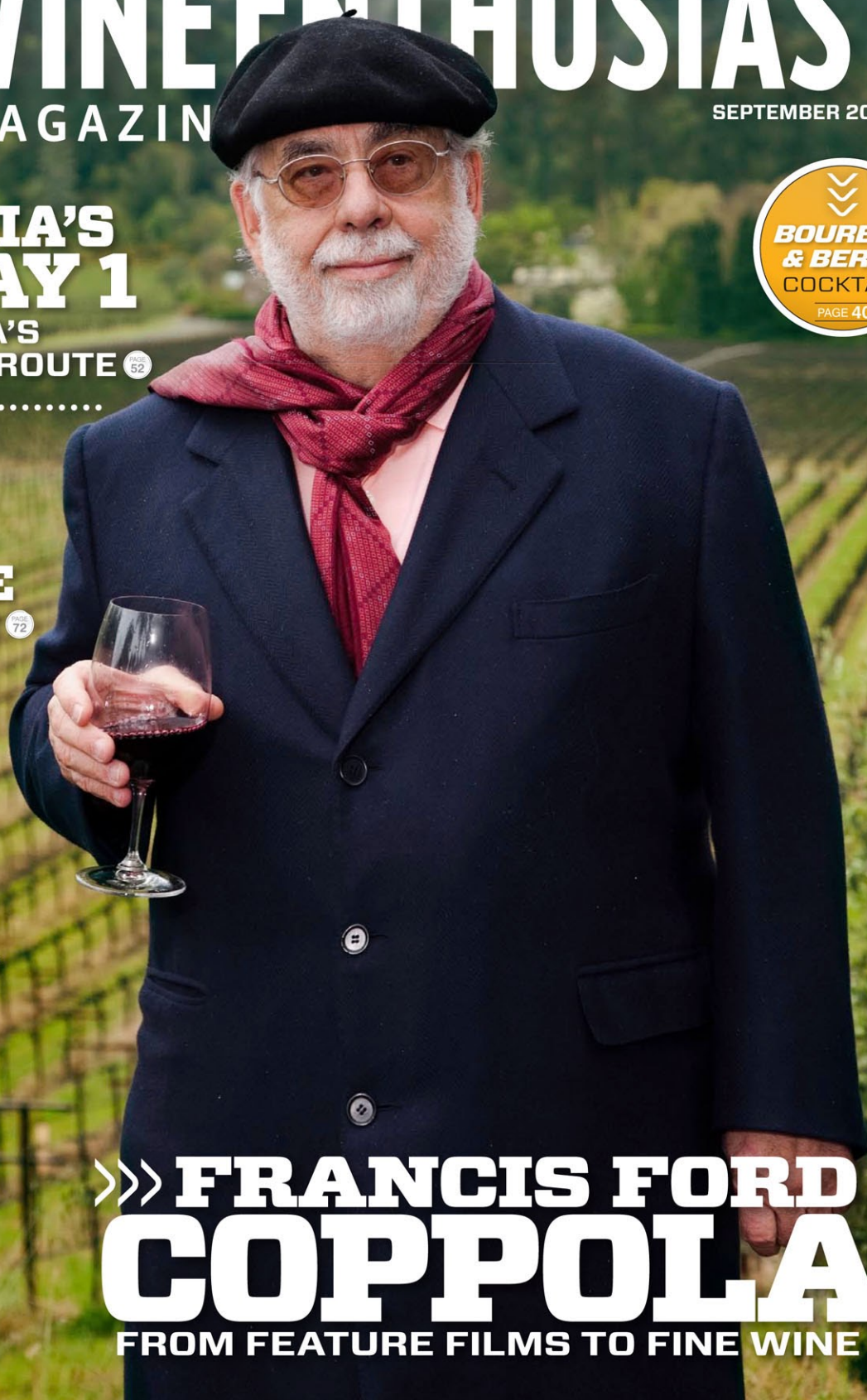
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## Endless Summer

Back-to-school sales might be in full swing, but that doesn't mean you have to shelve your carefree summertime attitude. September brings some of the summer's best weather, perfect for entertaining your family and friends outdoors with a Caribbean-inspired dinner.

- Open up a few bottles of light-bodied red wines, chill some southern hemisphere whites, and fire up the grill for Caribbean-style dishes—like jerk chicken, lime- and chili-rubbed shrimp and spicy baby-back ribs.
- Lighter reds like Rosso di Montepulciano, Barbera d'Alba and young Beaujolais pair perfectly with late summer fare. Pinot Noirs from Central Otago, New Zealand, and Burgundy, France, are also light, fruit driven and flavorful.
- Piña coladas, mai tais, and rum punch are three tropical drinks that keep the beach vibe pulsing. Just don't forget the cocktail parasols.
- Lay the table with bright tablecloths and napkins. Pull out your colorful serving platters and dishware. Seashells, driftwood, tropical flowers and tall hurricane lamps help evoke that summer feeling.
- Add some reggae, calypso and steel-drum music to your playlist. Play Jimmy Buffet and The Beach Boys (vintage and recently-released albums); their tunes will set the mood and get guests dancing. —MIKE DESIMONE AND JEFF JENSSEN

## SNAPSHOT



### Racetrack Fizz, Louisville, Kentucky

At the 138th Kentucky Derby, held on May 5 at Churchill Downs, Grammy Award-winning artist Mary J. Blige walked the event's red carpet and was one of many A-listers to sign a six-liter, limited-edition bottle of Moët & Chandon's NV Brut Impérial. For every celebrity autograph on the bottle, the Champagne house made a donation to the Churchill Downs Incorporated Foundation, which benefits causes like public welfare, education and the horse-racing industry. —ANDREW HOOVER

## LUXE life



**Six Senses Laamu, Maldives** Modern luxury and a nod to nature meet at this secluded 97-villa resort for gourmet travelers. Beyond its jaw-dropping tropical location on the Laamu Atoll and innovative architecture built over the Indian Ocean (think glass aquarium tables over the reef), the resort is serious about beverages. Let's start with the wine: 400 Old World and New World wines, half of which are organic, are kept in a one-of-a-kind glass tower overlooking the sea. Regular tastings are held in the space. For cocktail lovers, the London-trained resident mixologist conjures cocktails on the fly after perusing her own organic gardens filled with fresh herbs, exotic fruits and produce, and makes her own chili, tea and ginger syrups. The ocean-view restaurants focus on heart-healthy Indian, Chinese and Thai cuisine, showcasing the fresh seafood and produce of the island. When you're not eating or drinking, surf, snorkel or sail the famed waters around the island. For rates, visit [sixsenses.com](http://sixsenses.com).

—SUSAN KOSTRZEWA