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# Adela's Country Eatery

'ILIMA Awards — Rave Reviews Best Hawaiian Food


Lechon malunggay pasta

Operating as a family-owned takeout restaurant serving Hawaii since 2019, the team at Adela's Country Eatery rallies behind a simple mission: Support local farmers, celebrate the islands' bounty, and strengthen food independence, "One Noodle at a Time."

"We work closely with our local farmers and growers to transform our Hawaii-grown crops such as ulu, taro, Okinawan sweet potato, avocado and moringa into the fresh Hawaiian noodles we are known for," farm outreach coordinator Richard Chan says. "Our cuisine reflects our island flavors — a melting pot of flavors anchored by the islands' agriculture. For us, our noodles are just a part of something bigger: supporting local farmers, nourishing our community and doing a small part for a more sustainable Hawaii."

Guests at Adela's Country Eatery rave about the flavorful pasta creations, including malunggay pasta with a house sauce and lechon — flavorful crispy pork belly; taro pasta with coconut cream sauce, luau leaves, mushrooms and shrimp; and ulu pasta with garlic butter and portobello mushrooms. The Adela's Country Eatery ohana is "incredibly humbled and honored by this recognition" and for the opportunity to share its love and cuisine with local and visiting guests alike.

"Food for us is more than just a plate of calories and a transactional experience," Chan says. "We never forget where our food comes from — the farmers, the land around us, and what it represents: culture and community. Come visit us in Kaneohe, be a part of our family and enjoy noodles cooked from the heart, 'One Noodle at a Time!'"

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# Yi Xin Cafe

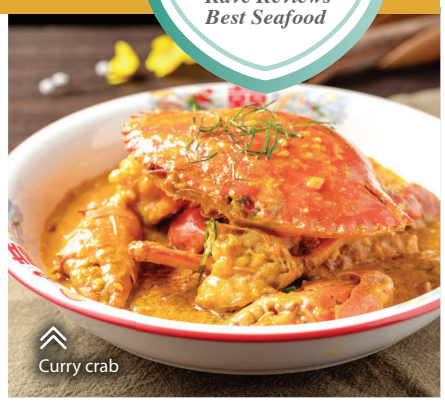
'ILIMA Awards — Rave Reviews Best Seafood

Specializing in delicious Singaporean, Malaysian and Hong Kong-style food and drinks, the husband-and-wife team of Junxi Chen and SuTong Wu have run YiXin Cafe as an extension of their family since 2023.

Chen serves as the main chef, cooking and developing new dishes and creating new flavors, while Wu runs the dining room and makes sure that every customer "comes in happy and leaves even happier."

"We would like to thank the Ilima Awards judges for giving us the opportunity to share our food with them and for taking the time to enjoy our dishes," Wu says. "This recognition truly means the world to us. Every member of our team, whether working in the kitchen or in the front of the house, always tries their best and works hard to provide the best possible experience for our customers."

Customer favorites include curry crab featuring Dungeness crab served with naan bread and Chen's homemade curry paste, which contains more than 35 different ingredients (it takes six hours to prepare a 100-pound batch); and Hong Kong-style garlic prawns that are deep-fried and tossed in a house-special garlic seasoning and dry black bean sauce.


Curry crab

"My husband Junxi and I see YiXin Cafe as our third baby, alongside our two daughters," Wu says. "At YiXin Cafe, we use fresh, high-quality ingredients for every dish, and we prepare every meal with love and passion. Come visit us, enjoy our food, and experience the love and passion that we put into every dish as part of our Yi Xin ohana!"

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# 7-Eleven Hawaii

'ILIMA Awards — Rave Reviews Best Affordable Meals

You know it and you love it. It's everyone's favorite store to stop at for a snack — 7-Eleven Hawaii.

The first 7-Eleven Hawaii opened 48 years ago on 2nd Avenue in Kaimuki, and now the franchise is an irreplaceable local staple that the community relies on for curating unforgettable moments and memories.

"7-Eleven Hawaii has developed its own identity by listening to local customers and offering the foods, products, and experiences that people here know and love," says head of marketing Amanda Kutaka. "At it's heart, 7-Eleven Hawaii is your neighborhood store. It's a place where you can quickly grab what you need, but it's also a familiar part of the community."

Among the variety of products sold, 7-Eleven Hawaii's bestselling items are the SPAM® musubi, teriyaki chicken bento, breakfast scramble bowl, Slurpee® and coffee.

"We're constantly evolving — introducing new fresh foods and products every week, supporting local vendors whenever possible and finding new ways to make everyday life a little more convenient," says Kutaka.


Teriyaki chicken bento

7-Eleven Hawaii also expresses its commitment to Hawaii through their partnerships and community programs.

"Whether it's supporting local organizations, helping during times of need, celebrating community events or simply providing an affordable meal for someone on the go, we want our stores to be a reliable part of everyday life in Hawaii," says Kutaka.

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