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**SILVIES VALLEY RANCH EXECUTIVE CHEF DAMON JONES NAMED
2019 CHEF OF THE YEAR BY OREGON BEEF COUNCIL**

*Silvies Valley Ranch Chef Honored for Innovative
Culinary Experiences and Diverse Menus During Opening Season*

SILVIES, OREGON – March 13, 2019 – The team at [Silvies Valley Ranch](#), a new frontier boutique resort destination in the pure West, continues to rack up the accolades. Head Chef Damon Jones was recently named Chef of the Year by the [Oregon Beef Council](#), an honor that is awarded annually to recognize outstanding culinary achievements in the region. Chef Jones was awarded the prestigious accolade for his innovative culinary ranch-to-table practices at Silvies Valley Ranch and creative recipes featuring organic grass-finished beef and chevon, high quality goat meat, sourced directly from the ranch.

“It’s an honor to be recognized among the best chefs in Oregon and I am having lots of culinary fun at Silvies! For my team and I it’s all about the food and Silvies has given me the opportunity to prepare menus and dining experiences that showcase our organic grass finished meats, ranch-grown herbs and microgreens, and locally sourced produce in a creative and flexible way,” said Damon Jones, Executive Chef at Silvies Valley Ranch. “Our menus are curated daily to highlight our ranch products and create a memorable dining experience for our guests.”

Chef Jones joined the Silvies Valley Ranch team in 2018 from Neuman Hotel Group, where he previously served as Executive Chef of Larks Ashland at Ashland Springs Hotel, Larks Medford at Inn at the Commons and Luna Café at Ashland Hills Hotel. His previous culinary experience also includes executive chef positions at the Hershey Country Club in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and Crosswater at Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, Oregon. Chef Jones received his Associates Degree in Culinary Arts at Trenholm Stat Technical College in Montgomery, Alabama. Early in his career, Jones also served as a cook at Emeril’s of New Orleans and sous chef Rogue Valley Country Club in Medford, Oregon.

Silvies features over 220 different types of wine from across the Pacific Northwest, California, and Europe and boasts the largest Scotch collection in the region with over 110 different varieties. A signature dining experience is the 7-course gourmet tasting menu served at the big ranch table! Combine the wonderful meals with a huge selection of beverages and remarkable views and you are in for a simply amazing time.

In addition to the ranch-to-table cuisine, guests at Silvies can also enjoy a number of [winter activities](#), including snowshoeing, ice fishing, and Cool Golf, a new winter golf experience featuring oversized cups and tennis balls. Silvies Valley Ranch indulges guests with downhome western ranch service and top of the line amenities for those looking for a true luxury destination and fun adventures on and off the golf course.

For availability and reservations, please call 1-800-745-8437, email info@silvies.us or visit www.silvies.us.

About Silvies Valley Ranch

[Silvies Valley Ranch](#), founded in 1883, is an ecologically sustainable Western livestock ranch and Guest Retreat with herds of healthy wildlife, cattle and goats. In many ways, it sets the standard for the nation in best ranching, guest and environmental practices. Made up of 140,000 acres of deeded and leased National Forest lands in and surrounding Silvies Valley, Oregon, the property is made up of mountain meadows, Ponderosa Pine forest, the Silvies River, 12 other named creeks and drainages and is home to over 100 species of wildlife, over 4500 cattle, 3000 goats, 50 horses and hundreds of species of wildflowers.

[The Retreat & Links](#) at Silvies Valley Ranch is the boutique 34-room eco-resort, complete with luxurious accommodations, fine dining, an executive conference center and full-service [spa](#) on the northwest corner of the ranch. The ranch also provides an incomparable golf experience for players of every skill level, with 4 golf courses – the [Hankins](#) and [Craddock Courses](#), both 18 hole championship courses. [McVeigh's Gauntlet](#), a stunning 7-hole ridge course, and [Chief Egan](#), a mountain meadow 9-hole par 3 course. Merging lodge, golf and spa amenities with amazing western adventures such as horseback riding, bicycle trails, pistol shoots, wagon sleigh rides and other activities, intertwined with an [authentic Western ranch](#), Silvies Valley Ranch is simply amazing. Each and every stay brings a new experience of a lifetime - please come visit.

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