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## Daniel Sullivan

BEE WHISPERER

**"BUSY AS A BEE" IS NO MISNOMER**, especially when it comes to the hard-working bees at Salish Lodge & Spa, overlooking Snoqualmie Falls. Thousands of honeybees pollinate the property's organic herb garden and supply honey for the resort's culinary offerings, spa treatments, food products, ales—and its heritage Honey from Heaven service, with honey poured from high above house-made biscuits. Producing the precious golden elixir is equal parts craft and magic, according to the resort's beekeeper, Daniel Sullivan, of Shipwreck Apiaries, who is a bee whisperer of sorts. In 2011 Sullivan started out at Salish with four hives, and he now tends a 12-hive apiary on a flower-bedecked hillside overlooking the resort.

### HOW DID YOU GET INTO BEEKEEPING?

Curiosity is 100 percent how I got started. I had a question about honeybees. I ended up on YouTube watching videos, and then signed up for a class.

### DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR FIRST TASTE OF LOCALLY PRODUCED HONEY?

I was maybe 7 or 8, at my great-grandfather's tiny spread, deep in the mountains in North Idaho. He had a couple of beehives, and I had my first taste of honeycomb. I remember the way it crunched, the way it tasted, the way it smelled, I never forgot that emotional connection I felt.

### WHAT CHARACTERIZES SALISH LODGE HONEY?

It changes with the seasons. Early spring is always maple nectar, light and sweet. Then it's into raspberries and blueberries, and in midsummer we'll be deep into our blackberry flow, an even darker honey.

### HOW MUCH HONEY DO THE BEES PRODUCE?

It depends on the year. My goal every year is to pull something like 150 to 180

pounds out of each hive; you harvest several times during each season.

### EVER AFRAID OF GETTING STUNG?

Always. I try to just be cool as a cucumber. If I come in agitated, I'll get shot up pretty good—they're pheromone based. I don't get stung nearly as much as I used to.

### CAN GUESTS VISIT THE HIVES?

They're in an enclosure, so it's an ideal situation, because everyone can see them from a safe distance. There's an herb garden—I call it the garden of the gods—in the apiary itself, that is really like an all-you-can-eat buffet for the honeybees.

### WHAT DO GUESTS TAKE AWAY FROM THE EXPERIENCE?

You can see a connection happen with older folks who have this honey—they say they'd forgotten about that flavor. With kids, though it's possibly the first time they've ever had something like that, they recognize it. There's a profound emotional currency behind the magic of honey. —LESLIE FORSBERG

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