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House of Spades

Kate and Andy Spade's throwback prepster world is one of Martinis, meatloaf, and Triscuits (yes, Triscuits). Makes us wonder if they didn't travel to their Napa Valley vacation home in a time machine. We asked the couple for tips on throwing parties, from how to mix the ideal cocktail to what to do when guests just won't leave.

What's typically on the menu at a Spade dinner party?

KATE SPADE: Ideally it's meatloaf and mashed potatoes, paired with elegant lighting, candles, and flowers. For dessert, I serve Duncan Hines chocolate cake or banana cream pie. Give me a cake like your grandmother makes!
ANDY SPADE: Katy likes hearty food, not some light, dainty fare. My favorite is her chicken with vegetables.

KS: My mom had six kids and used to make it in a

slow cooker. I serve it with Pepperidge Farm stuffing.

Who inspires you when it comes to entertaining?

KS: Our friends Clarke and Elizabeth Swanson in Napa just threw a Maine-themed party. It was insanely perfect.
AS: There were 50-foot-long tables with barrels of seafood. We ate with our hands, cracking open lobsters and crabs and shrimp.

Is there Spade-approved party attire?

AS: We never reject anybody based on what they're wearing. If a guy showed up in a tank top, flip-flops, and a sailor

hat, we'd say, "Come on in. Who are you?"

What about cocktails? Any rules?

AS: We always have a well-stocked bar, as well as beer and wine.
KS: I also love serving Southsides: lemonade, vodka, club soda, and muddled mint.
Martini: shaken or stirred?
KS: Stirred, with olives. With shaken, people think they're Tom Cruise from *Cocktail* and shake too hard. You end up with a watery, beaten-up drink. With stirred, you have more control.

So, how do you get lingerers to go home?

KS: I pull the Irish good-bye: I just go to bed!

AS: If the hosts go to bed, it's time. And if people don't figure it out, what do you care? You're sound asleep.

What about snacks for everyday?

KS: Triscuits. Every time I go to the market, Andy says, "Don't forget the Triscuits!"
AS: No I don't! I say, "Don't forget the Triscuits...and the nuts!"

Well, the Pepperidge-Triscuit diet seems to be working.

KS: Not really. I actually just went to The Ranch at Malibu for a boot camp. We'd work out all day, with a vegan diet.
AS: While she was away, I'd wake up with my Triscuits, almonds, pistachios, and beer...
KS: Now he and my daughter are like, "Nag is back. We have to sit up straight and chew with our mouths closed." —INTERVIEW BY ALYSSA SHELASKY



The Spades love making mixtapes—of everything from classic rock to mambo.