

# Wine Spectator

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## School of Thomas Keller

### THE KELLER GROUP TODAY

#### FINE DINING

**French Laundry**, Yountville (1994)  
Timothy Hollingsworth, chef de cuisine; Dennis Kelly, head sommelier

*Grand Award since 2007*

**Per Se**, New York (2004)  
Eli Kaimeh, chef de cuisine; Michel Couvreur, head sommelier

*Best of Award of Excellence*

#### CASUAL DINING

**Bouchon**, Yountville (1998)  
Philip Tessier, executive chef; James Hayes, associate director of wines and beverage for all casual dining venues; Garth Hodgdon, head sommelier

*Award of Excellence*

**Bouchon**, Las Vegas (2004)  
Bryan Podgorski, chef de cuisine; Paul Peterson, head sommelier

*Award of Excellence*

**Ad Hoc**, Yountville (2006)  
Dave Cruz, chef de cuisine; Julia Moretti, beverage manager

**Bouchon**, Beverly Hills (2009)  
Rory Herrmann, chef de cuisine; Alex Weil, head sommelier

#### CASUAL DINING / BAKERIES

##### Bouchon Bakery

- Yountville (2003)
- Time Warner Center, New York (2006)
- The Venetian, Las Vegas (2006)

### KELLER PROTÉGÉS: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

*Many chefs and sommeliers who trained under Keller have gone on to become stars in their own right.*

#### FORMER CHEFS

**Matt Accarrino**, SPQR, San Francisco

**Grant Achatz**, Alinea, Chicago

**Jonathan Benno**, (restaurant name not yet decided), New York

**Jason Berthold**, RN74, San Francisco

**William Briwa**, Culinary Institute of America, St. Helena, Calif.

**Frank Bonanno**, Luca d'Italia; Marco; Mizuna; and Bones, Denver

**Hsina Chen**, Country, New York



Michel Couvreur/Per Se



Grant Achatz/Alinea



Eric Ziebold/CityZen



Courtney Storrs/Noble Rot

**Claire Clark**, Sandy Lane, Barbados

**Josh Crain**, Nobhill Tavern, Las Vegas

**Stephen Durfee**, Culinary Institute of America, St. Helena, Calif.

**Rob Evans**, Duckfat; Hugo's, Portland, Maine

**Ryan Fancher**, Barndiva,



Dave Cruz/Ad Hoc



Claire Clark/Sandy Lane



Jesse Rodriguez/Grand del Mar



Bobby Stuckey/Frasca

**John Fraser**, Dovetail, New York

**Ryan Johnston**, Whisknadle, San Diego

**Chris L'Hommedieu**, Michael Mina, San Francisco

**Corey Lee**, Benu, San Francisco

**Lachlan Mackinnon-Patterson**, Frasca, Boulder, Colo.

**Fernando Marulanda**, Victor's

**Rachel Main**, Main Course, Ventura, Calif.

**Louis Maldonado**, Azziza, San Francisco

**John Marquez**, Artisan Bistro, Lafayette, Calif.

**Anthony Mazzotta**, Lucca Back Bay, Boston

**Francisco Migoya**, Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, N.Y.

**Dennis Peckham**, FigMint, Vancouver, B.C.

**Ryan Poli**, Perennial, Chicago

**Joshua Schwartz**, Del Dotto Vineyards, Oakville, Calif.

**Jason Shaeffer**, Chimney Park, Windsor, Colo.

**Gregory Short**, Masa's, San Francisco

**Ron Siegel**, Dining Room at the Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco

**Justin Smolev**, Dressed, Atlanta

**Leather Storrs**, Noble Rot, Portland, Ore.

**Josh Thomsen**, Claremont Resort, Berkeley, Calif.

**Kevin Toyoda**, Tomato Express, Lexington, Ky.

**Keith Willis**, Rox City Grill, St. Charles, Ill.

**Rachel Yang**, Joule, Seattle

**Eric Ziebold**, CityZen, Sou'Wester, Washington, D.C.

#### FORMER SOMMELIERS

**Gregory Castells**, Soutirage, Yountville, Calif.

**Jeff Eichelberger**, RM Seafood, Las Vegas

**Keith Fergel**, Teo, San José del Cabo, Mexico

**Michael Ireland**, Quince, San Francisco

**Amanda Reade**, Dovetail, New York

**Paul Roberts**, Bond Estates, Napa Valley, Calif.

**Jesse Rodriguez**, Grand del Mar, San Diego

**Michael Scaffidi**, The Jefferson, Washington, D.C.

**Justin Scribner**, Bond Estates, Napa Valley, Calif.

**Courtney Storrs**, Noble Rot, Portland, Ore.

**Bobby Stuckey**, Frasca, Boulder, Colo.

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