



FOOD & WINE MAGAZINE NAMES AMERICA'S NEXT SUPERSTAR CHEFS

18th Annual List of Best New Chefs Full of Unexpected Picks

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Per Se's Jonathan Benno, Momofuku's David Chang, Cyrus' Douglas Keane, Schwa's Michael Carlson and six other up-and-coming chefs nationwide have earned the coveted Food & Wine Best New Chef title, revealed Food & Wine Editor in Chief Dana Cowin today. The 2006 Food & Wine Best New Chefs will be celebrated at a party this evening at the Battery Maritime Building in New York, and will be featured in the annual chef issue, available on newsstands June 15.

"I believe Food & Wine readers will agree that we're seeing amazing talent and innovation at all kinds of restaurants—from haute dining to noodle bars," explains Cowin. "Food & Wine's Best New Chefs 2006 are testing the boundaries of culinary arts everywhere and succeeding at the highest levels."

2006 F&W Best New Chefs

- Cathal Armstrong Restaurant Eve, Alexandria, VA
- Jonathan Benno Per Se, New York, NY
- Michael Carlson Schwa, Chicago, IL
- David Chang Momofuku, New York, NY
- Mary Dumont The Dunaway Restaurant at Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth, NH
- Douglas Keane Cyrus, Healdsburg, CA
- Christopher Lee Striped Bass, Philadelphia, PA
- Pino Maffeo Restaurant L, Boston, MA
- Jason Wilson Crush, Seattle, WA
- Stewart Woodman Five, Minneapolis, MN

Food & Wine's staff travels the country in search of the most brilliant new chefs for their annual list, now in its 18th year. Past F&W Best New Chefs who have gone on to culinary stardom include Thomas Keller, Nobu Matsuhisa and Daniel Boulud.

Co-hosting the Food & Wine Best New Chefs party this year will be Katie Lee Joel and former F&W Best New Chef ('91) Tom Colicchio of Bravo's "Top Chef." Food will be prepared by past F&W Best New Chefs in New York City: Scott Conant of L'Impero and Alto, Shea Gallante of Cru, Laurent Tourondel of BLT Steak, BLT Fish and BLT Prime, and Tom Valenti of Ovest. Chrysler, Penfolds and Riedel will be sponsoring the evening.

The 10 F&W Best New Chefs will cook together for the first time at an exclusive tasting dinner at the 2006 Food & Wine Magazine Classic in Aspen, June 16-18, 2006.