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## **TYLER FLORENCE**

Chef Tyler Florence graduated from the prestigious culinary program at Johnson and Wales University, and moved to New York where he honed his skills under the tutelage of premier chefs like Charlie Palmer, Marta Pulini and Rick Laakonen, ultimately becoming executive chef at Cafeteria.

Tyler is a veteran star of Food Network. He has starred in such series as *How to Boil Water*, *Food 911* and *Tyler's Ultimate*, as well as *The Great Food Truck Race* and *Worst Cooks in America*.

In 2010, Tyler opened his restaurant, Wayfare Tavern, in San Francisco followed by the historic El Paseo in Mill Valley, March 2011. Tyler was awarded "Restaurateur of the Year" by Wine Enthusiast Magazine in 2011 and earned a three star review from San Francisco restaurant critic, Michael Bauer. He has his own line of award-winning wine and an organic baby food company called Sprout in addition to a line of gourmet food products. Tyler has released multiple top-selling cookbooks, including *Inside the Test Kitchen: 120 New Recipes, Perfected* (Clarkson Potter), *Tyler Florence Fresh* (Clarkson Potter) and *Tyler Makes Spaghetti* (Harper Collins).

Tyler lives in Mill Valley, California with his wife Tolan and his three children – Miles, Hayden, and Dorothy.

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