

Chance peach ... in late August or September.”

ALICE WATERS, CHEF AND CO-OWNER, CHEZ PANISSE

“David Chang’s pork buns with ’09 Perret Condrieu Chery; Eric Ripert’s tuna and foie gras baguette with ’62 La Tache; Daniel Boulud’s pressed duck with ’61 Chateau Latour; Meredith Kurtzman’s olive-oil gelato with ’67 Chateau d’Yquem.”

JAY MCINERNEY, AUTHOR AND WINE CRITIC



“First course: nasturtium appetizer at Noma. Second course: toro tasting at Sasabune. Third course: a plate of jamon and anchovy peppers

from La Cepa in San Sebastián. Fourth course: braised stinco from Ardigna in Sicily. Fifth course: orange tart made by Philippe Urraca, Gimont, France, and a slice of mom’s apple pie”

FRANK FALCINELLI, CHEF AND CO-OWNER, FRANKIES 570 SPUNTINO



“I would want my last meal to be something very French. I would ask for a rare filet mignon with seared foie gras and black truffles. It is a very old-fashioned, very traditional French dish that is very rich and popular in the winter. It’s just incredible. If I have to pick a last meal, this would be it. I

have had it many times, and it would be the perfect, final au revoir.”

FRANÇOIS PAYARD, PASTRY CHEF AND OWNER, PAYARD

“One piece of every single kind of shellfish and crustacean known to man cooked à la plancha by Ferran Adrià, Eric Ripert, Jean-Georges Vongerichten, Alain Ducasse, Daniel Boulud, Enrico Cerea, Massimo Bottura, Mark Ladner, José Andrés and Carme Ruscalleda, each making one in alphabetical order and then back to the start, to be paired with a glass of every single great white wine made in the Le Montrachet appellation of Bourgogne, France, in the last 30 years. And if we have to wait till we find each of the shellfish? Well, then we will have to wait.”

MARIO BATALI, CHEF, AUTHOR, RESTAURATEUR



“A piece of bluefin tuna sashimi, some Argentinian beef, chocolate from Bernachon in Lyon, half a dozen local oysters and clams. A P.B.R. in a can (for the clams and oysters), white and red burgundy wine with everything else.”

DAVE PASTERNAK, CHEF AND CO-OWNER, ESCA

“Cheeseburger with a fried egg. My wife’s homemade chocolate-chip cookies. Copious amounts of red wine. Enjoyed in the company of family and friends and accompanied by the

Grateful Dead played very loud.”

WYLIE DUFRESNE, CHEF AND CO-OWNER, WD-50

“New England clam chowder from the Seafood Shoppe in Wainscott, N.Y.; foie gras with toast from La Grenouille; Nate ‘n Al’s hot dog; strip steak from SW Steakhouse; duck from the Four Seasons; fried chicken from The Dutch; corn on the cob, hearts of lettuce with Roquefort, onion rings, Bubby’s cherry pie, the unbelievable grapefruit dessert from Boulud Sud.”

NORA EPHRON, AUTHOR



“My last meal will be a romantic one. I will (Continued on Page 73)

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

By EMILY COX AND HENRY RATHVON

ACROSS

- 1 Piece by Joplin and a piece by Shankar (4)
- 3 Opening in a building both narrow and wide, strangely (4,6)
- 9 Angry fly is heard (4)
- 10 Behind tavern, be giving the signal by grilling (10)
- 12 Philip & Erin Green carrying on a flirtation (10)
- 15 Harvest with juicy fruit is seen again (9)

- 17 He holds a cop back for a long time (5)
- 18 A single American League big guy in the N.B.A. (5)
- 19 Vee occupies an easy job, making a graph line (4,5)
- 20 Square knot I’m unknottng ...? (8,4)
- 24 Frequently relating to X x (10)
- 25 Leafy plant right inside swamp (4)

26 Student of the Bible both loose and tight, strangely (10)

27 Old Testament is uplifting fellow? (4)

DOWN

- 1 Chance to relax is reported mistakenly (4,6)
- 2 Begins developing Teutonic octets in a vocal setting (10)
- 4 Excellent country for antelope (5)
- 5 Davies who wrote “Torn Robes” novel (9)
- 6 Brilliant Peruvian ancestry? (12)
- 7 Where a speaker may stand amid Florida islands (4)
- 8 Payment for labor in the second Bush era (4)
- 11 Passageway to the arm of redesigned nuclear plant (6,6)
- 13 What to call us amid explosive series of contests (10)
- 14 1999 George Clooney movie with things full of bad odor (5,5)
- 16 Helping family member caught in a con (9)
- 21 Sadie changed lightbulbs? (5)
- 22 Army master of ceremonies (4)
- 23 Indian digit under zero (4)

