



## A Delicious Conversation with Star Chef Mario Batali

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"Would you rather build a Ferrari or a Fiat?" Star Chef Mario Batali doesn't build cars, but even when he explains his passion for excellence in fine cuisine, his choice of a metaphor demonstrates his love for anything Italian. One of the most renowned chefs in America, Batali spends his time juggling between running his top New York restaurants, hosting Food Network shows, publishing cooking books, grooming his Tuscany vineyard, and spending time with his wife and two daughters. When choosing a topic for their "Leading Teams" paper - their last at HBS - ECs Eldad Persky (OG) and Josh Benaim (O1) decided to spare their section mates the pleasure of filling yet another poll and, with the help of HBS alumna and founder of starchefs.com Antoinette Bruno, went beyond the Charles to the Big Apple to get Mario Batali's view on what it takes to run a great kitchen. Their journey was rewarded with a fascinating (and delicious) glimpse into a magic world of steaming pots and sharp knives.

