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## Marco Pierre White and Bourdain Butt Heads Over Chefs Who Don't Cook

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Metromix caught Marco Pierre White referring to Alain Ducasse as "soulless" during his talk with Anthony Bourdain at the Star Chefs International Chefs Congress yesterday. When moderator Michael Ruhlman asked the two to define the role of a chef, White, who spent some weeks shooting *Chopping Block* here, insisted that if you put your name on a restaurant you should be in the kitchen. Bourdain, on the other hand, thought it "cruel and snobbish" to expect an aged chef to put in 90 hours a week at a stove. Meanwhile the event's host, Ted Allen, "looked on uncomfortably during the extended lashing of chefs working in the medium." So which chefs got called out? Well, Gordon Ramsay, for starters ("The last thing you should be doing in the kitchen is belittling people," said White), and pretty much anything on the Food Network.

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