

ZAGATBUZZ SAN FRANCISCO EDITION

Jun
07
2010

Star Chefs Descend on San Francisco



This year's winners.
Courtesy of StarChefs.com

As if we need any validation, San Francisco has been chosen to be one of the four U.S. cities deemed "hot enough" by [StarChefs](#) to honor its up-and-coming chefs, pastry chefs, sommeliers and mixologists. (The other cities, just in case you care, are NYC, LA and DC.) To celebrate, the organization is hosting a [Rising Star Revue](#) on Wednesday, June 16, at Ghirardelli Square (900 North Point St.) from 7:30–10 PM. The walk-around gala tasting, which benefits [La Cocina](#) (a nonprofit that helps up-and-coming food entrepreneurs), will be hosted by [Martin Brock](#), the chef de cuisine for [Gary Danko](#), and will feature signature sweet and savory dishes, each paired with premium wines or featured cocktails, presented by the newly crowned future tastemakers. The complete list of winners is shown below (general admission is \$95 per person, VIP tickets are \$150, which includes a pre-event champagne and caviar reception at 6:30 PM; purchase tickets [here](#)).

2010 San Francisco Bay Area Rising Star Award Winners:

Chefs

- > [Matthew Accarrino](#), [SPQR](#)
- > [John Paul Carmona](#), [Manresa](#)
- > [Maximilian DiMare](#), [Wood Tavern](#)
- > [Louis Maldonado](#), [Aziza](#)
- > [Thomas McNaughton](#), [Flour + Water](#)
- > [Scott Nishiyama](#), [Chez TJ](#)

Pastry Chefs

- > [Melissa Chou](#), [Aziza](#)
- > [Catherine Schimenti](#), [Michael Mina](#)

Mixologists

- > [Erick Castro](#), [Rickhouse](#)
- > [Brian MacGregor](#), [Jardinière](#)

Sommelier

- > [Sarah Valor](#), [Commis](#)

Concept

- > [Joshua Skenes](#), [Saison](#)

Restaurateur

- > [Shelley Lindgren](#), [A16](#) and [SPQR](#)

Hotel Chef

- > [Josh Thomsen](#), [The Claremont Hotel Club & Spa](#)

SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

SAN FRANCISCO CATEGORIES:

[Closings](#) | [Coming Soon](#) | [Deals](#) | [Dining News Elsewhere](#) | [Events](#) | [New Openings](#) | [News](#) | [Outtakes](#) | [The List](#)

GOT A BUZZ-WORTHY TIP?

E-mail us your restaurant news and we may include it in a future post. [E-mail Us](#)

MOST POPULAR POSTS

- > [Where to Watch the World Cup in New York](#)
- > [The Best All-You-Can-Eat in New York](#)
- > [5 Corners Kitchen Gets Cozy in Marblehead](#)
- > [Where to Eat for Father's Day in New York](#)
- > [Where to Watch the World Cup in Chicago](#)

[SEE A LIST OF OTHER FOOD BLOGS »](#)