



## Celebrating culinary excellence across Canada

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from Canada's Great Kitchen Party

## Canada's culinary elite

Canada's Great Kitchen Party is a celebration of Canadian culinary talent, where the nation's top chefs compete to be recognized as the best. Each dish they create tells a story of their region, heritage, and creativity.

This guide highlights the gold, silver, and bronze medal-winning chefs from all regional competitions over the past three years, along with the national champions at the Canadian Culinary Championship over the past five competing years. Whether you're seeking an unforgettable dining experience or exploring the finest Canadian cuisine, these restaurants are your go-to destinations.

In addition, this guide highlights the Best of Show winery winners from all regional competitions over the past three years, along with the Wine of the Year award at the Canadian Culinary Championship.



## MNP's commitment to the food and beverage industry

### Empowering growth from farm to table

Canada's food and beverage processing industry is a dynamic and rapidly growing sector, rich with opportunities but also marked by intense competition and complex challenges. At MNP, we are deeply embedded in this industry, bringing a comprehensive understanding of its unique demands and potential.

Through active participation in key industry associations and close collaboration with processors, we maintain a pulse on the latest developments and trends affecting businesses at local, national, and global levels. Our involvement with a wide range of organizations, events, and programs further underscores our dedication to supporting the continued growth and success of Canada's food and beverage sector.

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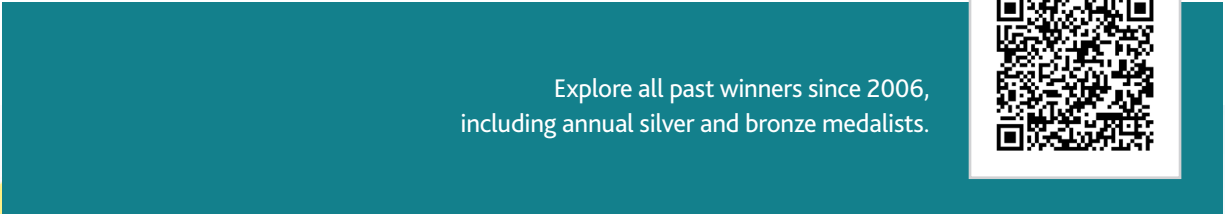
# Canadian Culinary Champions

Winning regional gold and standing on the podium is a major milestone. But the ultimate thrill is being eligible to compete against all the regional gold winners at the Canadian Culinary Championship. Being crowned the top chef in Canada is a career-defining moment that opens doors to new opportunities and recognition.

2025 winner	<b>Alex Kim</b> Vancouver, B.C.   Five Sails Restaurant Where the city meets the harbour and the land meets the sea, Five Sails creates an unparalleled dining experience. Enjoy exquisitely prepared West Coast fare while you drink in the breathtaking waterfront views.
2024 winner	<b>Jasper Cruikshank</b> Whistler, B.C.   Wild Blue Restaurant & Bar Wild Blue Restaurant + Bar is a distinguished Whistler fine-dining establishment that is devoted to Pacific Northwest cuisine, sustainable seafood, and locally sourced ingredients. Chef Cruikshank is now at L'Abattoir.
2023 winner	<b>Briana Kim</b> Ottawa, ON   Alice Alice was a vegetable- and fermentation-focused tasting menu restaurant. Her new restaurant, Anthea, is an evolution of the concept and opens in 2025.
2020 winner	<b>Roger Ma</b> Vancouver, B.C.   Boulevard Kitchen & Oyster Bar Vancouver's Boulevard Kitchen & Oyster Bar blends fine dining with creative seafood dishes, rooted in classical technique and infused with West Coast flair and international influences.
2019 winner	<b>Yannick LaSalle</b> Chelsea, QC   Les Fougères Since opening in 1993, Restaurant Les Fougères has offered a constantly rolling menu rooted in the West Quebec seasons and terroir, with flavours extending beyond the region. Chef LaSalle is now the private chef for the Supreme Court of Canada, but Les Fougères remains excellent in his absence.

Owing to the sometimes peripatetic nature of the restaurant industry, chefs will occasionally change roles. We endeavour to keep this list updated, but also believe that restaurants of the calibre that are able to compete and win at the regional and national level maintain standards that allow us to recommend them even if a chef has moved on.

Explore all past winners since 2006,  
including annual silver and bronze medalists.



# Regional culinary winners

## Calgary

### 2024

- Gold – Matthias Fong, Primary Colours
- Silver – Tracey Little, Sauvage, Canmore
- Bronze – Jenny Kang, Orchard Restaurant

### 2023

- Gold – Rupert Garcia, Hawthorn at The Fairmont Palliser
- Silver – Jun Young Park, Ryuko & Zushi
- Bronze – Shamir Bechara, Pat & Betty

### 2022

- Gold – Scott Redekopp, Yello Door Bistro
- Silver – Jason Barton-Browne, Deane House
- Bronze – Sterling Cummings, Bridgette Bar

## Kelowna

### 2023

- Gold – Chef Neil Taylor, Home Block at Cedar Creek Estate Winery
- Silver – Chef Joshua Mueller, Liquidity Winery Restaurant at Liquidity Wines
- Bronze – Chef Stacy Johnston, The Restaurant at Poplar Grove Winery

## Moncton

### 2024

- Gold – Jordan Holden, Tony's Bistro

## Ottawa

### 2024

- Gold – Lizardo Becerra, Raphaël Peruvian Cuisine
- Silver – Jason Sawision, Stofa Restaurant
- Bronze – Mitch Lacombe, Gitanes

### 2023

- Gold – Khalid Farchoukh, Carben Food + Drink
- Silver – Raghav Chaudhary, Aiana
- Bronze – Kristine Hartling, Oz Kafe

### 2022

- Gold – Briana Kim, Alice
- Silver – Éric Chagnon-Zimmerly, North & Navy
- Bronze – Justin Champagne, Perch

## Edmonton

### 2024

- Gold – Doreen Prei, Riverview at Glenora Park
- Silver – Jason Greene, Braven
- Bronze – Julia Kundera, Out of Bounds Restaurant

### 2023

- Gold – JP Dublado, Red Deer Resort and Casino
- Silver – Winnie Chen, Fu's Repair Shop
- Bronze – Bri Campbell, May Restaurant

### 2022

- Gold – Serge Belair, Edmonton Convention Centre
- Silver – Lindsay Porter, The Common
- Bronze – Holly Holt, She Cooks

## Montreal

### 2024

- Gold – François -Emmanuel Nicol, Tanière

### 2023

- Gold – Thomas Deschamps, The Hotheads
- Silver – Rémi Lemieux, Nomi
- Bronze – David Bernard, Joséphine

### 2022

- Gold – Imad-Eddine Makraji, Bab Ketch
- Silver – Francis Blais, Menu Extra
- Bronze – Tarik Belmoufid, Bistro 1843

## Saskatoon

### 2024

- Gold – Taszia Thakur, Calories Restaurant & Pique Cafe
- Silver – Steve Squier, Cohen's Beer Republic / Picaro Tacos & Cocktails
- Bronze – Michael Brownlee, Mabel Hill Farm Kitchen & Marketplace

### 2023

- Gold – Garrett Thienes, Harvest Eatery
- Silver – Alex Stephenson, Taste Hospitality Group
- Bronze – Michael Brownlee, Mabel Hill Farm Kitchen & Marketplace

### 2022

- Gold – Steve Squier, Cohen's Beer Republic / Picaro Tacos & Cocktails
- Silver – Tracy Leonhardt, Leopolds Taven
- Bronze – Anthony McCarthy, Stoked

## St. John's

### 2024

- Gold – Nicholas Walters, The Merchant Tavern
- Silver – Lacey Coffin, Vu Resto and Bar
- Bronze – Cody Lamb, Blue Smoke BBQ

### 2023

- Gold – Kyle Puddeste, Fork, Mobile, NL
- Silver – Nick Walters, The Merchant Tavern
- Bronze – Brennen Tower-Bowering, Sláinte

### 2022

- Gold – David Vatcher, Best Coast Restaurant, Corner Brook, NL
- Silver – Daniel Butler, The Wilds at Salmonier
- Bronze – Michael Wozney, Mauels River Catering

## Vancouver

### 2024

- Gold – Alex Kim, Five Sails Restaurant
- Silver – Bo Li, The Fish Man
- Bronze – Jonah Joffe, Bar Bravo

### 2023

- Gold – Jasper Cruickshank, Wild Blue Restaurant + Bar
- Silver – Akira Kishimoto, Kishimoto Japanese Restaurant
- Bronze – Warren Chow, Wildlight Kitchen + Bar

### 2022

- Gold – Bobby Milheron, Tableau Bistro, Homer St Cafe, Maxine's Cafe
- Silver – Mike Tuangkiktun, Maenam
- Bronze – Vish Mayekar, Caffè La Tana

## Toronto

### 2024

- Gold – Ryan Lister, The Dorset
- Silver – Jonathan Williams, Park Hyatt Toronto
- Bronze – Davide Ciavattella, Don Alfonso 1890

### 2023

- Gold – Frank Parhizgar, FK Restaurant
- Silver – Jesse Vallins, Barberian's Steak House
- Bronze – Johnson Wu, Islington Golf Club

### 2022

- Gold – Sebastian Perez, Isabel Restaurant & Lounge at The Pearce Hotel & Spa
- Silver – Lorenzo Loseto, GEORGE Restaurant
- Bronze – Frank Parhizgar, FK Restaurant

## Winnipeg

### 2024

- Gold – Austin Granados, Cake-ology
- Silver – Graham Peltier, Tabula Rasa
- Bronze – Jessica Young, Spruce Catering

### 2023

- Gold – Kristopher Kurus, deer + almond
- Silver – Renée Girard, Made by Paste
- Bronze – Graham Peltier, Sous Sol

### 2022

- Gold – Edward Lam, Yujiro Japanese Restaurant
- Silver – Brent Genyk, Harth Mozza & Wine Bar
- Bronze – Pamela Kirkpatrick, Bonnie Day Resto



# Winner and finalists for the national Wine of the Year award



## 2025

- 1 Mill Road 2022 Home Block Pinot Noir, Naramata Bench
- Ailm Estate 2021 Blanc de Blancs Brut, Okanagan Valley
- Bachelder 2022 Wismer-Wingfield Chardonnay, Twenty Mile Bench
- Benjamin Bridge 2022 Wild Rock White, Nova Scotia
- Closson Chase 2022 Churchside Pinot Noir, Prince Edward County
- Hinterland 2016 Les Etoiles Brut, Prince Edward County
- Nk'Mip 2022 Qwam Qwmt Pinot Noir, Okanagan Valley
- **Mason 2022 L'Avenir Chardonnay, Twenty Mile Bench — Wine of the Year**

## 2024

- Bachelder 2021 Grimsby Hillside Frontier Block Chardonnay, Lincoln Lakeshore
- River Stone 2019 Cornerstone, Okanagan Valley
- Rust 2020 Ferreira Vineyard Syrah, Black Sage Bench
- The Long Way Home 2022 Chardonnay, Beamsville Bench
- Ursa Major 2022 Exile, Love & Misunderstandings Gamay, Naramata Bench
- **Rosehall Run St Cindy Pinot Noir 2020, Prince Edward County — Wine of the Year**

## 2023

- Quails' Gate Stewart Family Reserve Chardonnay 2020, Okanagan Valley
- Charles Baker Picone Vineyard Riesling 2019, Vinemount Ridge
- Tawse Spark Limestone Ridge Riesling 2019, Twenty Mile Bench
- Closson Chase South Clos Pinot Noir 2019, Prince Edward County
- Mission Hill Jagged Rock Syrah 2020, Okanagan Valley
- **Bachelder Hanck Vineyard Pinot Noir 2020, Twenty Mile Bench — Wine of the Year**



## About Canada's Great Kitchen Party

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Canada's Great Kitchen Party is a social enterprise dedicated to "Building a More Inclusive Canada" by celebrating and elevating Canadian Cultural and Culinary excellence. Chefs, musicians, business leaders, and philanthropists all come together for a spectacular experience and to ensure Canadian youth have equitable music education, sports, and food security opportunities. We proudly contribute to the following beneficiaries: MusiCounts, Spirit North, and a local food charity in each city where we host competitions. For more information, visit [greatkitchenparty.com](http://greatkitchenparty.com).



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