



MARIO AMARAL

EXECUTIVE CHEF

COMPETING CHEF



FEATURED IN

- The Talk
- Access Hollywood
- Home Shopping Network

AWARDS

- Round 1 of Iron Chef Bellagio
- BOH Brawl
- Las Vegas DICED

ABOUT:

CHEF MARIO AMARAL GREW UP IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BEFORE JOINING THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN 2001. MARIO WAS ALWAYS FASCINATED BY FOOD AND COOKING. UPON DEPARTURE FROM THE MILITARY IN 2005, HE MOVED TO LAS VEGAS, NV TO ATTEND LE CORDON BLEU COLLEGE OF CULINARY ARTS. FROM CULINARY SCHOOL MARIO OPENED RED ROCK RESORT AND WAS EXPOSED TO MULTIPLE KITCHENS FROM BUFFETS TO BANQUETS IN A HOTEL SETTING. MARIO THEN WENT ON TO WORK AT OLIVES INSIDE THE AAA FIVE DIAMOND BELLAGIO HOTEL. WHILE AT OLIVES, MARIO CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF CHEF TODD ENGLISH AND WAS ASKED TO ASSIST IN OPENING MULTIPLE RESTAURANTS IN LAS VEGAS, NV AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY. MARIO THEN WENT ON TO OPEN THE CAKE BOSS STAR BUDDY VALASTRO'S RESTAURANT BUDDY V'S INSIDE THE VENETIAN HOTEL AND WORK FOR WOLFGANG PUCK AT HIS FLAGSHIP RESTAURANT SPAGO INSIDE THE CAESARS PALACE HOTEL. MARIO GOT RECRUITED BY THE TUSCAN BRANDS GROUP IN SALEM, NH TO OPEN A BRAND NEW RESTAURANT IN THE SEAPORT DISTRICT OF BOSTON, MA AND OVERSEE OPERATIONS AT THE GROUPS FLAGSHIP RESTAURANT IN SALEM, NH. FROM THERE MARIO WENT ON TO OVERSEE OPERATIONS AT TODD ENGLISH P.U.B IN BIRMINGHAM, AL FOLLOWED BY ASSISTING WITH OPERATIONS AT CHEF ENGLISH'S RESTAURANTS IN WEST PALM BEACH, FL AND BOSTON, MA AS WELL AS ASSISTING CHEF ENGLISH WITH MULTIPLE EVENTS INCLUDING SUPERBOWL LIV AND NEW RESTAURANT OPENINGS IN LAS VEGAS, NV. HE IS VERY EXCITED TO BE BACK IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO SHARE HIS EXPERIENCE AND PASSION FOR CUISINE ON THIS NEW ADVENTURE!