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Food & wine**The real deal: Great Las Vegas restaurants****Fine dining hits the jackpot**

Deep-pocketed diners and megabucks from casino/hotel developers keep top chefs from across the country — and France — flocking to Las Vegas. The latest wave includes major players who've just opened or will open restaurants by next year:

Chef	Flagship restaurant	New Vegas outpost
Mario Batali	Babbo, New York	Italian seafood trattoria, opening at The Venetian in early 2005
Daniel Boulud	Daniel, New York	French restaurant at the forthcoming Wynn Las Vegas resort, due next year
Tom Colicchio	Craft, New York	Wichcraft sandwich shop, opening at MGM Grand in July
Alain Ducasse	Louis XV, Monaco; Plaza Athénée, Paris; Alain Ducasse, New York	Mix, due at The Hotel at Mandalay Bay, date to be determined
Bobby Flay	Mesa Grill, New York	Mesa Grill, opening at Caesars Palace in September
Hubert Keller	Fleur de Lys, San Francisco	Just opened Burger Bar at Mandalay Bay, will open Fleur de Lys there in late summer
Thomas Keller	French Laundry, Napa Valley; Per Se, New York	Recently opened Bouchon at The Venetian
Rick Moonen	rm, New York	rm seafood, opening at Mandalay Place at Mandalay Bay in late summer
Wolfgang Puck	Spago, Beverly Hills	Just opened Wolfgang Puck Bar & Grill at MGM Grand
Joel Robuchon	L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon, Paris	French restaurant due at the forthcoming The Mansions at MGM Grand in 2005
Richard Sandoval	Maya, New York	Just opened Isla Mexican Kitchen & Tequila Bar at Treasure Island
Piero Selvaggio (restaurateur)	Valentino, Santa Monica, Calif.	Recently opened Caffè Giorgio at Mandalay Place at Mandalay Bay
Michael White	Fiamma Osteria, New York	Recently opened Fiamma at MGM Grand
No celebrity chef	Il Mulino Italian restaurant, New York	Il Mulino, due at Forum Shops in Caesars Palace this fall
No celebrity chef	Joe's Stone Crab seafood restaurant, Miami Beach	Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab, opening at Forum Shops in Caesars Palace this fall