

Chef Mark McLean



*Remarkable
Cuisine*

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Remarkable Mission



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Growing up in a house of four boys, you have to learn to fend for yourself sometimes.

I was the youngest and, for a while, the least athletic of my siblings (hey, I liked to eat). One early advantage I had over my brothers was that when my parents weren't readily available to prepare food, I was firing up some "emulation of goodness" at a young age. This became my main bartering technique since they surely were making grill cheese without butter. Hence, my "hanging" around the kitchen probably began. Poking my head in the oven quickly led to jobs like grating cheese and then preparing French toast. Innocently, I was a sous chef in 4th grade.

With such an early background in holding a spatula, the rest became easy. My first menu came from my Mother's request to make dinner: "Anything I wanted to create with what we had in the freezer", while home from boarding school. My first set of knives was the demonstration set from selling knives by appointment. During my plus 4 year stint at a couple of colleges, I was steady apartment chef, making sure there was family-style Sunday dinner. So when my plus half-decade stint on Wall Street was threatened, I knew where the rest of my time would be spent.

So begins **Remarkable Cuisine**, the culmination of more than four years of private chef services and now near 200 catered events. **Remarkable Cuisine** will show who Mark McLean is, and how my passion in the kitchen comes to light through the food I prepare, and the service **Remarkable Cuisine** provides. I am not here to present a standard or ordinary fare that is "good" or a "decent option". I attack an ingredient, menu, and dish like the rest of things in my life — with a strong knowledge base and hard work that will make that dish shine. Things cannot be just special...I am aiming for a unique experience on a culinary path that can only be known as **Remarkable Cuisine**. work that will make that dish shine. Things cannot be just special...I am aiming for a unique experience on a culinary path that can only be known as Remarkable Cuisine.

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Testimonials

"I used Remarkable to cater for my wife's surprise 30th birthday, and they were incredible... Mark put together a fantastic menu based on our favorite dishes for 40 of our closest friends. I can't thank Remarkable enough and would recommend them for any style occasion."

"On many occasions and important family events, we have relied on the professional style and exquisite taste created by Remarkable Cuisine. Mark has a natural vision for what dishes fit every event. The flavor and presentation of every dish create the perfect atmosphere for our guests to rave about.... for weeks and even years later.

"Mark, thanks for being a part of our many great memories...and more to come."

"Mark planned and perfectly executed a surprise three-course private welcome-home dinner for my boyfriend, who I should note is especially impossible to surprise! Mark encouraged me to participate in developing a custom menu, which was based on some of our favorite foods from our travels abroad. Mark's versions of the dishes I described to him were unique, fresh and absolutely delicious.

"Mark also goes the extra mile by ensuring each event is full of personal touches. We were constantly in contact the evening of the dinner such that the surprise was timed perfectly and went off without a hitch. He even thought of special touches like tea light candles lining the steps, decorating the dining room and table, selecting jazz music to set the mood, and even bringing a professional waiter so we never lifted a finger.

"Mark also catered my family's Thanksgiving last year. My mother previously used a local Franklin Lakes catering business for all past Thanksgiving dinners, but the dishes Mark prepared were so above and beyond expectation with regard to taste, presentation and variety that I'm sure we will be using him going forward, both for holidays and other events.

"Thanks again!!"

"I've hired Remarkable Cuisine for three separate events now and my guests each time were blown away by the interesting food combinations and overall quality. Perfect for private events!

"We have a tradition of coming up with unique themes for each of our dinner parties and the team at Remarkable was always up for the challenge and exceeded expectations every time.

"Their execution was so good, it was as if one or two of the tricky special requested dishes, some of which the team was serving for the first time, had been in their repertoire for years.

"And the venue was cleaner when they left than it was when they arrived!"

"Quality service...I highly recommend!"