

Jacques Pepin Quotes

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You can't escape the taste of the food you had as a child. In times of stress, what do you dream about? Your mother's clam chowder. It's security, comfort. It brings you home.

~Jacques Pepin

Cooking is the art of adjustment.

~Jacques Pepin

Fortunately, I knew the cardinal rule of getting on with one's fellow cooks. It applies in any kitchen and can be summed up in two short words: bust ass.

~Jacques Pepin

If you have extraordinary bread and extraordinary butter, it's hard to beat bread and butter.

~Jacques Pepin

When I pair food and wine, I start with the food. If I have a beautiful roasted bird, I might choose a Cabernet or Pinot Noir, or maybe a Syrah, depending on the sauce and what is in my cellar.

~Jacques Pepin

My palate is simpler than it used to be. A young chef adds and adds and adds to the plate. As you get older, you start to take away.

~Jacques Pepin

When you are at home, even if the chicken is a little burnt, what's the big deal? Relax.

~Jacques Pepin

Great cooking favors the prepared hands.

~Jacques Pepin

When you become a good cook, you become a good craftsman, first.

You repeat and repeat and repeat until your hands know how to move without thinking about it.

~Jacques Pepin

After 45 years of marriage, when I have an argument with my wife, if we don't agree, we do what she wants. But, when we agree, we do what I want!

~Jacques Pepin

I am a glutton. I'll eat whatever is there. Pizza. I love hot dogs anywhere. I've got nothing against any of that. If I feel like eating, I eat. I don't feel guilty about it at all.

~Jacques Pepin

It's more useful to have knowledge about cuts of meat than a lot of money.

~Jacques Pepin

The idea of old was to conform yourself to a style of cooking, it was not to create a style of cooking. Now the chef is so much into 'I want to sign that dish and say I am the one who made that dish.

~Jacques Pepin

One of the biggest problems with young chefs is too much addition to the plate. You put cilantro and then tarragon and then olive oil and then walnut oil or whatever. It's too much.

~Jacques Pepin

Children never lie...I remember my daughter standing in her crib the first time I gave her caviar. I put it on bread. She ate it and said, "Encore, Papa."

~Jacques Pepin

Probably a mistake, you know, that people make in America, to think

that all great chefs are a male... I'm still the only male in the family who went into that business.

~Jacques Pepin

The menus that remain, for me, are really the menus that you have with your good friends, with your wife, with your mother, with your kids. These are what stay in your mind.

~Jacques Pepin

All the great chefs I know - Thomas Keller, Jean-Georges Vongerichten - they are technicians first.

~Jacques Pepin

My mother likes what I cook, but doesn't think it's French. My wife is Puerto Rican and Cuban, so I eat rice and beans. We have a place in Mexico, but people think I'm the quintessential French chef.

~Jacques Pepin

When I wrote 'Fast Food My Way' in 2004, I hoped that my friends would prepare my recipes. Now, more people cook from that book than any other I've written in the past 30 years.

~Jacques Pepin

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