

Mario Batali

Quotes

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We would load up the yellow Cutlass Supreme station wagon and pick blackberries during blackberry season or spring onions during spring onion season. For us, food was part of the fabric of our day.

~Mario Batali

There are pockets of great food in Spain, but there are also pockets of very mediocre food in Spain, and the same in Morocco and the same in Croatia and the same in Germany and the same in Austria.

~Mario Batali

I come from an Italian family. One of the greatest and most profound expressions we would ever use in conversations or arguments was a slamming door. The slamming door was our punctuation mark.

~Mario Batali

If you want your kids to listen to you, don't yell at them. Whisper. Make them lean in. My kids taught me that. And I do it with adults now.

~Mario Batali

When I was a child, our whole family cooked. All my cousins cooked. All my aunts and uncles cooked. It was part of our heritage.

~Mario Batali

I got some media coverage for using the tail, the ear, the oink.

~Mario Batali

I obsess everyday about everything. Not only about what we do well but what we can do better... In the end, the only reason I am motivated to do what I do is for the hedonistic pleasures of the table.

~Mario Batali

The passion of the Italian or the Italian-American population is endless for food and lore and everything about it.

~Mario Batali

Close your eyes and place your finger on a map. Wherever it lands, that's the theme of the evening. So many times we settle for routine dishes. This forces you to try new cuisines.

~Mario Batali

Chefs don't actually say 'That's a spicy meat-a-ball,' except to indicate that there's a bomb threat in the restaurant without alarming the customers. Terrorism is the spiciest meatball there is.

~Mario Batali

One of the most important leadership lessons is realizing you're not the most important or the most intelligent person in the room at all times.

~Mario Batali

The kitchen really is the castle itself. This is where we spend our happiest moments and where we find the joy of being a family.

~Mario Batali

Recipes are just descriptions of one person's take on one moment in time. They're not rules.

~Mario Batali

It's fascinating to travel around Italy and realize just how many different ways they make spaghetti.

~Mario Batali

Bologna is the best city in Italy for food and has the least number of tourists. With its medieval beauty, it has it all.

~Mario Batali

There's a battle between what the cook thinks is high art and what the customer just wants to eat.

~Mario Batali

Passion is what adds so much value to life. And if you think about the things that you do, there's so much juice potential for them if you do it.

~Mario Batali

To eat the boiled head of a pig sliced like salami is very strange. It may seem cutting edge, but it's actually a lot older than any of the other traditional salami.

~Mario Batali

The Italians were eating with forks when the French were still eating each other.

~Mario Batali

Food, like most things, is best when left to its own simple beauty.

~Mario Batali

I can teach a chimp how to make linguini and clams. I can't teach a chimp to dream about it and think about how great it is.

~Mario Batali

I don't put cream in any pasta noodles ever. I would use a little butter, but I don't ever use cream.

~Mario Batali

My family makes these vinegars - out of everything from grapes to peaches and cherries. We go through the whole process with the giant vat and drainer, label them, and give them as Christmas presents.

~Mario Batali

In America, I would say New York and New Orleans are the two most interesting food towns. In New Orleans, they don't have a bad deli. There's no mediocrity accepted.

~Mario Batali

I'm a big fan of featuring all of the local shellfish and seafood provided.

~Mario Batali

The Hamptons are usually filled with what I had hoped to leave behind in New York City.

~Mario Batali

Any simple but delicious dish that celebrates the season and locality is what I want to be known for.

~Mario Batali

Unlike curing cancer or heart disease, we already know how to beat hunger: food.

~Mario Batali

I think in times of bizarre strangeness, what you can and should do is spend time with your family eating lunch or dinner. And if you can do that, you will restore us to the peace.

~Mario Batali

Everyone makes pesto in a food processor. But the texture is better with a mortar and pestle, and it's just as fast.

~Mario Batali

Look at cookbooks with your kids and ask them what sounds good.

~Mario Batali

Shop often, shop hard, and spend for the best stuff available - logic dictates that you can make delicious food only with delicious ingredients.

~Mario Batali

In growing up in Seattle, I don't know a single family that didn't barbecue or cook on the weekends and make its own kind of simple,

pared-down, what I call Pacific Northwest cooking.

~Mario Batali

Michigan is my antidote to Manhattan. This is where I come to relax.

~Mario Batali

The American Dream is ownership Â... a house, a car, a vacation home and, even better, your own business

~Mario Batali

I put hibiscus flower in every cup of tea I have. It's sweet, sexy, and cleansing.

~Mario Batali

Reading is a key feature in the life of every single successful person I have ever met.

~Mario Batali

I just signed to do my next book with Ecco Press, a new primer or encyclopedia. This will be my take on what classic Italian cooking is.

~Mario Batali

My kids and I make pasta three days a week now. It's not even so much about the eating of it; they just like the process. Benno is the stuffer, and Leo is the catcher. They've got their jobs down.

~Mario Batali

When you use it in cooked foods, it changes [the Tabasco flavor] a little bit; it loses a little bit of the bright acid that you love on it, but you get that more cooked heat and chile flavor down.

~Mario Batali

Food is "everyday"-it has to be, or we would not survive for long. But food is never just something to eat. It is something to find or hunt or

cultivate first of all.

~Mario Batali

You have to live life to its full chorizo.

~Mario Batali

I like cast iron coated with enamel for longevity and forgiveness if I happen to take my eyes off the prize while pouring Chianti.

~Mario Batali

I like thick or middle (spaghetti). Thin for me is always overcooked by the time I'm eating it.

~Mario Batali

Larousse Gastronomique is a veritable dictionary of cooking terms for the French kitchen. If a chef were allowed only one book, this would have to be it.

~Mario Batali

When you add just a little bit [of Tabasco] at the end, what you taste is the spectrum between the cooked chile flavor and the kind of nearly raw, just kind of fermented chile flavor at the end.

~Mario Batali

If I hear something's not quite going right, then I'm there quicker than if I hear something's going wrong.

~Mario Batali

Food is much better off the hand than the fork.

~Mario Batali

In case you're wondering why Guy Fieri is here, he won a contest.

~Mario Batali

Jimmy Fallon and I play regularly at the Bayonne Golf Club in Jersey. He's eighteen holes of fun. Any time we play he has moments of brilliance, but also moments of utter catastrophe.

~Mario Batali

You have to be generous if you want to spend your time making someone else dinner. Even if you're charging, you're still giving.

~Mario Batali

My last meal? The food would be much less significant than the company.

~Mario Batali

I like anchovies, and I don't tell everybody about them. Almost every time, they don't even notice.

~Mario Batali

The way the bankers have kind of toppled the way money is distributed, and taken most of it into their own hands, is as good as Stalin or Hitler.

~Mario Batali

Finishing food is about the tiny touches. In the last seconds you can change everything.

~Mario Batali

If you're going to buy pasta, you should buy dry pasta. If you're going to make it you can make the real thing, but you shouldn't buy fresh pasta.

~Mario Batali

Protein has been intensely over-represented on the plate. Now, the garden should be the main drag for main courses.

~Mario Batali

Indianapolis versus Denver would not be a great one gastronomically.

~Mario Batali

I really want to be a rock star.

~Mario Batali

I would challenge any American cook, regardless of what they've learned from their mom, to operate a restaurant and not have spent any real time in Italy.

~Mario Batali

The hardest part of anything is making a dish consistently great - you order it seven years later, if it's still on the menu, and it's still as good as what you remember.

~Mario Batali

Are we Darwinists - where we live and let live? Or are we nurturing as a society? There has to be a standard of living that we decide to support.

~Mario Batali

The perfect recipe for a margarita is 2 ounces tequila, 2 ounces fresh lime juice, 1 ounce Cointreau, and a tiny splash of some kind of an agave or orange juice.

~Mario Batali

The Gulf Coast has the potential to create a culinary raw ingredient paradise that smart cooks can capitalize on.

~Mario Batali

My wife Susi and my kids quite simply are the most fun of all my friends.

~Mario Batali

I am happiest when I am with my wife, Susi, and our two boys exploring and loving something for the first time.

~Mario Batali

When you use Tabasco in the marinade, it kind of infuses everything.

~Mario Batali

The Chinese five-spice works really well in the quantity that I used. It makes it almost imperceptibly just a little bit sweeter without making it really sweet or really even that Asian flavored.

~Mario Batali

I think Tabasco brings me pure heat and Southern kind of familiarity, along with the vinegar and the barrel-aged spices.

~Mario Batali

There's a pretty equitable distribution in the restaurant industry of how money gets paid, except for in the kitchen. The kitchen is the lowest-paid group of people.

~Mario Batali

What will always remain is love, passion and family time.

~Mario Batali

Find something you love, because if you love what you do, you'll never spend a day at work.

~Mario Batali

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