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The Scarpetta Cookbook



Synopsis

Scott Conant's five Scarpetta restaurants all garner rave reviews, but many know Conant best from his regular appearances on Food Network shows like Chopped (as a frequent judge) and on Bravo's Top Chef. He and his restaurants have been cited on such lists as Esquire's "Best New Restaurants in America." The subject of this cookbook, Scarpetta, received a three-star review from the New York Times and there are locations in Miami, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Toronto, all opened in just the past few years. This gorgeous book includes 125 of the restaurant's signature dishes – "Creamy Polenta with Fricassee of Truffled Mushrooms, Spaghetti with Tomato and Basil, Fennel-Dusted Black Cod" – written with the goal of teaching readers to master techniques so they learn to really cook, rather than merely follow recipe steps without any thought of the hows and whys behind the method. The recipes and photography reflect the Milan-meets-Tuscany style of Scarpetta, interspersed with sidebars about everything from ingredient shopping to tips on entertaining at home.

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"With 125 recipes arranged in six courses, Conant presents classic Italian plates showing home cooks how to prepare his famed restaurant fare." -Publishers Weekly (starred) – Scott

Conant's cooking is certainly a departure from the predictable Italian meals we've come to expect. The spectacular food at Scarpetta has a foundation in Italy with an American sensibility that should be coined "Conant's Cuisine." -Bobby Flay, Chef/Author "This is a celebration of Scott's love of entertaining beautifully for his family and his Scarpetta guests. Rich in words and flavor, this a must-have for anyone who wants to know how to cook with passion and taste." -Marcus Samuelsson, James Beard Award Winning Chef, Author and Owner of Red Rooster Harlem "Conant's spaghetti with tomato sauce recipe is indicative of what I like best about the cookbook - you don't need expensive ingredients or complicated methods to produce delicious food. Another big plus is that the book is full of wonderful tips. With this recipe, for example, he reminds us to save a bit of the pasta water in case the sauce needs thinning." -Linda Cicero, Miami Herald "Conant's beloved spaghetti with tomato and basil is an out-of-this-universe twist on a classic, and tjarin with shaved white truffles is divine in its decadent simplicity." -LA Confidential

If you are cooking for your friends or trying to impress a significant other, this book is the one for you. It simplifies the measurements, the ingredients along with substitutes, and more importantly it makes it fool proof for cooking. There's plenty of pictures to go along with each recipe, and a great story behind each dish. For those of you new to wine, impress your friends by keeping tabs on the wine pairings with these great dishes. It makes each bite more satisfying when you've got a great bottle of wine to follow up with a great meal.

I made my first recipe from the book tonight, the spaghetti made from fresh plum tomatoes. It was phenomenal. I had no idea it would be so tasty judging by the minimal ingredients. I can't wait to try another!

Not a fan of chef on television...but knowing his pedigree I pushed myself into this book. Great decision! I now have a better understanding of Scott and his take on modern rustic cuisine. Buy this book!

Like Scott Conant very much and the cookbook is not only recipes, but there is commentary on the recipes as well as stories behind the recipes and his restaurants and how he got started. The book is geared more for gourmet Italian, but has some solid "basic" recipes.

I loved the way he explains everything, and love that he shares all his recipes for seasoned oils, rubs, etc.

We met with Scott at his new restaurant (Mora) and had him autograph the book. A number of the dishes being served in Mora are in the book.

nice book in details with pictures and very nice recipes and easy to find ingredients. I like this author.

I made the scarpetta spaghetti (sauce and fresh pasta) and it tasted the same! Great cookbook with Scott Conant's commentary throughout. It is my favorite cookbook.

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