

Wine Spectator

A man with short dark hair and a slight smile, wearing a black chef's uniform with a small gold 'M' logo on the chest, stands with his arms crossed in a restaurant setting. The background shows a window with a view of a building and some greenery. In the foreground, a white tablecloth is visible with a wine glass and a water glass on it.

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