

# LES AMIS

## **Les Amis Chef de Cuisine Sebastien Lepinoy**



Les Amis Chef de Cuisine Sebastien Lepinoy, 39, is a protégé of legendary chef Joël Robuchon.

Widely recognised as Chef Robuchon's right hand man, Sebastien Lepinoy first joined the Les Amis Group in 2010 as the Head Chef of CÉPAGE in Hong Kong where he helped the restaurant earn its first Michelin star one year after taking over the kitchen.

Chef Lepinoy has worked in Michelin-starred restaurants since beginning his career in 1990 at the one-star Chateau de Noirieux in Briollay, followed by a stint at the one-star Restaurant CAYOLA in Sables D'Olonnes.

Following military service, he resumed his career at the two Michelin star Restaurant LAURENT in Paris, where he received training from renowned Chef de Cuisine Philippe Braun, and Joël Robuchon, who was a consultant to the restaurant.

In 1997 he joined Joël Robuchon as Chef de Partie before rising to Sous Chef de Cuisine and Chef de Cuisine at the Societe de Gestion Culinaire Joël Robuchon,

where he was involved in gastronomic research and development, as well as numerous TV cooking shows and international promotions.

From 2002-2006 he established his own name as Chef de Cuisine at Le Grand Café, one of the finest restaurants in the Ukraine. During that time, he was voted 'Best Chef in the Ukraine', with his dining room voted 'Best Restaurant' in the country.

Chef Lepinoy's affiliation with Joël Robuchon resumed in 2006 as he became Chef de Cuisine at the two Michelin star Hotel Metropole Monte Carlo.

Later that year, he joined Robuchon's Hong Kong flagship for its opening. The restaurant quickly established itself among the world's top 100 restaurants, earning two stars in the Michelin Guide Hong Kong-Macau and voted 'Best Restaurant in Asia'.

With the closure of CÉPAGE in June 2013, Chef Lepinoy relocated to Singapore to take on the helm of Les Amis in September 2013 as the restaurant's fifth Chef de Cuisine in almost two decades.

As a frequent recipient of top accolades as the 'Restaurant Magazine San Pellegrino World's Best Restaurants' and South East Asia's third restaurant to be inducted into the prestigious 'Tradition et Qualite Les Grande Table du Monde', all eyes will be on Chef Lepinoy's repertoire of cuisine as Les Amis celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014.

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