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Gjelina: Cooking From Venice, California



Synopsis

Gjelina is Los Angeles's most talked-about restaurant, lauded by critics from London to New York to San Francisco and beloved by stars, locals, and out-of-towners alike for its seductive simplicity and eclectic Cal-Med menu from talented chef Travis Lett. This standout cookbook features 125 of the rustic and utterly delicious salads, toasts, pizzas, vegetable and grain dishes, pastas, fish and meat mains, and desserts that have had fans clamoring for a table since the restaurant burst onto the scene. More than 150 color photographs from acclaimed photographer Michael Graydon and stylist Nikole Herriott, plus a tactile, artisanal package, evoke the vibe of Venice Beach and the Gjelina (the G's silent) aesthetic, and showcase the beautiful plated food of Lett's ingredient-based, vegetable-centric cooking. This is the cookbook for the way we want to cook and eat now.

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Customer Reviews

This cookbook has absolutely blown me away. The photos are spectacular and the layout is thoughtful; almost all recipes occupy one page while the facing page is the corresponding photo, making the recipes simple to follow mid-cooking. The writing is concise and interesting, the recipes are explicit, there's a substantial range the flavors and dishes covered, and most importantly - the end results are amazing. [I've posted a list of the recipes at the end of my review.] I have never been to Gjelina, nor had I even heard of it when I ordered the cookbook, but it seemed like the sort of food that I would enjoy - homemade pizza, pasta, roasted vegetables, delicious but not complicated desserts. I wasn't sure where to start, so this cookbook lay around my house for a while, but once I tried the chickpea kale stew, I was completely hooked. I cannot stop cooking dishes from this

cookbook. Every recipe I have tried has been pure gold. Not fussy, not overly complicated, easy to source ingredients for, and incredibly enjoyable to eat. So far, I've made the chickpea stew (it works almost as nicely with canned chickpeas if you are feeling lazy), roasted cauliflower, charred Brussels sprouts with bacon, pomodoro sauce, pizza pomodoro, roasted chicken with braised kale, and the show-stopping chocolate tart.

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