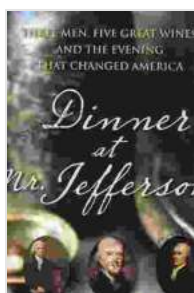


# Dinner at Mr. Jefferson's: An Extraordinary Journey Back to the Dawn of American Gastronomy

In the heart of the bustling capital of the United States, amidst the grandeur of Monticello, there stood a table that would forever alter the course of American culinary history. This was the table of Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States, a man whose passions extended far beyond the realm of politics and into the world of food.



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Jefferson was a gastronome, a lover of fine food and drink, and he believed that dining was an essential part of civilized life. He was also a man of great curiosity and intellect, and he was fascinated by the potential of American cuisine. He saw in the diverse ingredients and culinary traditions

of the New World an opportunity to create a new and distinctly American gastronomy.

Jefferson's dinner table was a laboratory where he experimented with new recipes and flavors, and where he entertained guests from all walks of life. He was a generous host, and he loved to share his love of food with others. His dinners were legendary, and they became a sought-after invitation among the elite of the young nation.

One such dinner, held on January 1, 1802, was particularly memorable. Jefferson invited a group of his closest friends and advisors to Monticello for a grand feast. The menu featured dishes from all over the United States, as well as from France and Italy. There was roasted turkey, venison stew, shad roe, and oysters Rockefeller. There was also a selection of fine wines, including Jefferson's own Monticello wine.

The guests at Jefferson's dinner table were amazed by the quality of the food and the variety of flavors. They had never tasted anything like it before. Jefferson's dinner was a revelation, and it helped to set the stage for the development of American cuisine.

In *Dinner at Mr. Jefferson's*, award-winning cookbook author and culinary historian Lisabeth Cohen recreates the menu from that historic dinner, and she provides a fascinating account of the life and times of Thomas Jefferson. The book is a celebration of American food and culture, and it is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of gastronomy.

## **A Culinary Adventure Through Time**

Dinner at Mr. Jefferson's is more than just a cookbook. It is a culinary adventure through time. The book transports readers to the dawn of American gastronomy, and it allows them to experience the flavors that shaped the nation's palate.

Cohen's writing is vivid and engaging, and she brings Jefferson's world to life. She describes the bustling markets of Philadelphia, the elegant dining rooms of Monticello, and the frontier kitchens of the American West. She also introduces readers to the people who shaped American cuisine, from Jefferson himself to the enslaved cooks who created many of the nation's most iconic dishes.

The recipes in Dinner at Mr. Jefferson's are meticulously researched and adapted for the modern kitchen. They are easy to follow, and they produce delicious results. Readers can expect to find recipes for everything from classic American dishes like roasted turkey and apple pie to more exotic fare like shad roe and oysters Rockefeller.

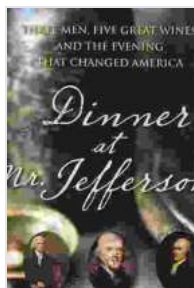
Dinner at Mr. Jefferson's is a beautiful book, filled with stunning photography and illustrations. It is a must-have for any cookbook collector or anyone interested in the history of American food and culture.

### **Praise for Dinner at Mr. Jefferson's**

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