



PICK OF THE CROP

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU
COULDN'T STAND ANOTHER HEARTY, ROASTED
WINTER VEGETABLE, SPRING PRODUCE
IS HERE IN ALL ITS BRIGHT AND BOUNTIFUL GLORY.

Five of our favorite fantastic foodies, plus
the freshest foods of the year: We challenged these
rock star chefs and cooks to create season-
ripe recipes specially for our readers, based on what's
best at the green market right now.

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CHEF-IN-RESIDENCE AT CHEFS CLUB, NYC

In-season pick:

SPINACH

Spinach and Black Lentil Salad
with Shiitake and Citrus

“This time of year, I want to eat the best possible fruits, veggies, and proteins for my body. I just let the grocery store and markets talk to me with whatever they have. This dish is simple and refreshing and really gets me going for springtime.”

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ILENE ROSEN

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GRAINIER, HERBIER,
HEARTIER,
TASTIER WAY WITH
VEGETABLES*

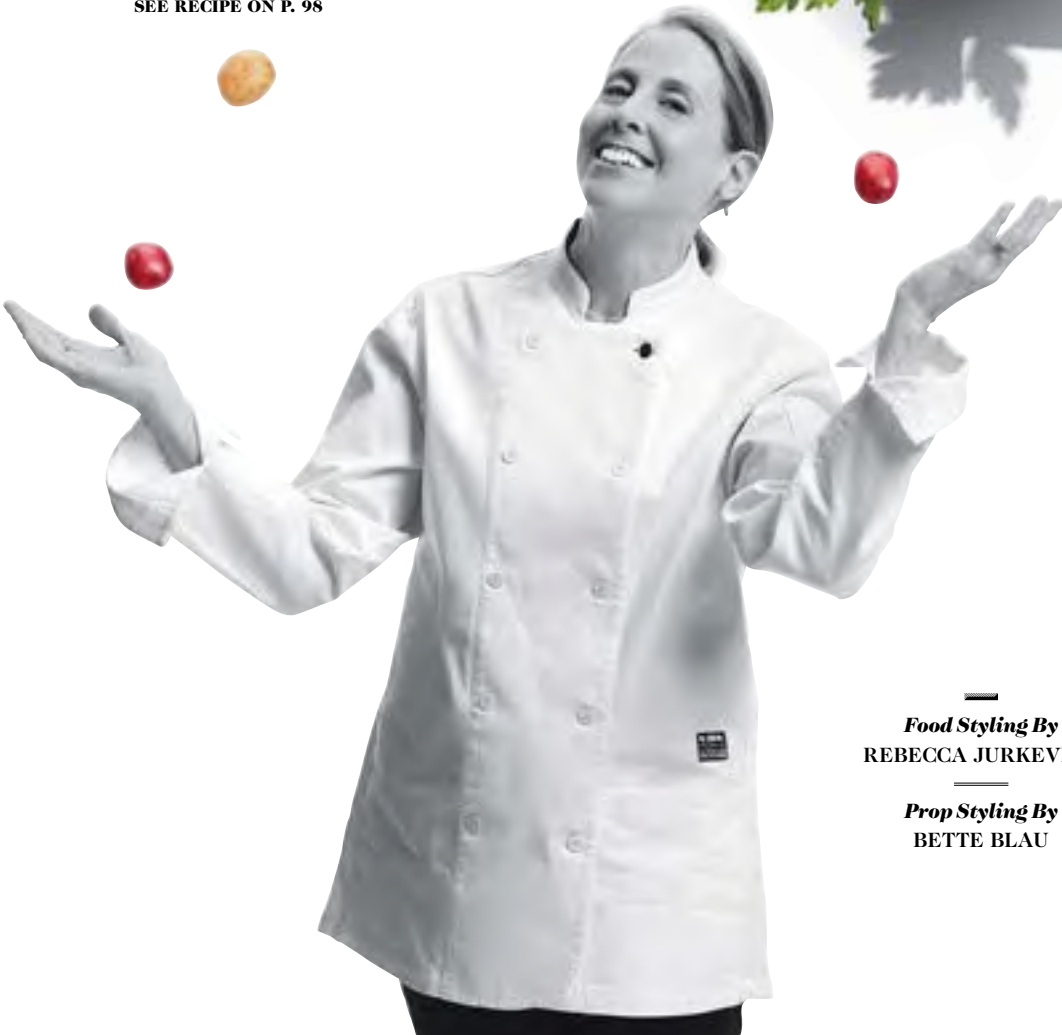
In-season pick:

NEW POTATOES,
HERBS

New Potatoes with Soft
Green Herbs

***“New potatoes
have a special sweetness
found exclusively at
this time of year.
The springiness of this
potato salad comes
from the abundance of
herbs and their
fresh, bright, green,
grassy notes.”***

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In-season pick:

RHUBARB

Rhubarb Compote over Roasted Salmon

“Spring is the best time for asparagus, radishes, strawberries, and rhubarb. In this sweet and savory dish, the pairing with herbes de Provence really makes the rhubarb shine.”

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GEORGE MENDES

CHEF/OWNER OF
ALDEA, NYC

In-season pick:

SPRING PEAS

Eggs Baked with Spring Peas
and Chorizo

“In springtime I begin to think about lighter, colorful, and refreshing flavors. In the restaurant, we focus on herbs and green vegetables like peas, which give this dish its vibrant, seasonal appeal.”

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MISSY ROBBINS

HEAD CHEF/OWNER
OF LILIA, BROOKLYN, NY

In-season pick:

ZUCCHINI

Fettuccine with
Zucchini, Garlic, and Lemon

"I like cooking with zucchini because it is a mild vegetable, which makes it the perfect blank canvas for picking up other flavors. And I always look forward to cooking and eating garlic scapes throughout the season."

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