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CHEF JEAN-ALEXANDRE OUARATTA LANDS A STAR IN THE GUIDE MICHELIN

Jean-Claude Lavorel, owner of the Château de Bagnols is proud to announce the first Michelin star obtained by the young and talented Chef Jean-Alexandre Ouaratta in his gastronomic restaurant, Le 1217.

Once more, Guide Michelin rewards the most talented French Chefs. This year, Jean-Alexandre Ouaratta, "Chef Espoir" (*best hope*) at the Trophée de la Gastronomie et des vins 2015, is awarded his first Michelin star at age 35.

"I do not realise it yet, it is a childhood dream and the achievement of 18 years of work. I dedicate this star to my mother, who has always supported me and given me the passion for cooking. I want to thank my team to whom I try to pass on the taste for work well done, rigor, accuracy and my own definition of cuisine. I also want to thank all the Chefs I have had a chance of working with, namely Christian Lherm, Marcel Ravin, Paul Bocuse, and particularly Yannick Alléno who influenced me the most. Last but not least, I want to warmly thank Jean-Claude Lavorel for trusting me fully in this adventure."

Enlightened, the cuisine of Jean-Alexandre Ouaratta is synonymous with refinement and colour, love of the products and the terroir, revisited every season with vivacity to transcend gastronomy as we know it. A true delight to be discovered in the majestic Salle des Gardes or on the panoramic terrace dominating the valley of the Beaujolais.

A great performance!

Premier at Paul Bocuse, by the sides of Marcel Ravin at the Monte Carlo Bay (1 star), with Yannick Alléno at the Meurice (3 stars), Cheval Blanc Courchevel (2 stars) and the Royal Mansour in Marrakech, Jean-Alexandre Ouaratta displays the simplicity of genuine talent. Château de Bagnols setting, its terroir and aromatic garden are the ideal playground for this young Chef that came all the way from the Reunion isle to awaken the cuisine.



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