

La Celle en Provence (South en France), March 30th 2016

Dominique Potier is the new director of l'Hostellerie de l'Abbaye de la Celle and Nicolas Pierantoni becomes the chef de cuisine.

In 1999, Alain Ducasse fell in love with this 18th century residence located in the center of La Celle en Provence. He restored this old and elegant house to her original nobility where guests can now enjoy an authentic Mediterranean cuisine. Since 2006, the Michelin Guide has awarded the restaurant with one Michelin star.

Nicolas was born in Brignoles and grew up in the village of La Celle. When he was a teenager, his dream was to work at L'Hostellerie de l'Abbaye de la Celle. Right after he finished his study, he joined the team that opened the establishment in 1999. Three years later, Alain Ducasse sent him to the Louis XV, his restaurant in Monaco. Nicolas had the opportunity to learn from the Executive Chef Franck Cerutti. He came back to L'Hostellerie de l'Abbaye de la Celle in 2006 as the sous-chef of Benoit Witz. In 2016, Alain Ducasse appointed him as the chef of this inn.

Dominique Potier started his career as pastry chef at Alain Chapel restaurant, then he worked as a pastry sous-chef for the Louis XV – Alain Ducasse à l'Hôtel de Paris. In 1996, Alain Ducasse offered him to become the general manager of La Bastide de Moustiers, and later, of all the Alain Ducasse inns including l'Hostellerie de l'Abbaye de la Celle. After 10 years in Provence, Dominique wanted an international turn for his career and he became the new general manager of the restaurant Beige Tokyo. He stayed in Japan until 2014. Once back in France, he joined Lasserre in Paris. He finally came back to his first true love in 2016 and became the general manager of L'Hostellerie de l'Abbaye de la Celle.

According to Alain Ducasse: ***“Dominique and Nicolas totally understand the spirit of the house. They will perpetuate the peaceful Provençal lifestyle, the sophisticated atmosphere and the local and seasonal cuisine of l'Hostellerie de l'Abbaye de la Celle.”***

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