

# David Lai

Cal alum David is one of the most influential and respected chefs in Asia. He trained and worked at fine dining restaurants in San Francisco, then moved back to Hong Kong to help to open Alain Ducasse's SPOON at the InterContinental.

Since then, he's opened a string of restaurants including Bistronomique, Kushiyaki Beco, On Lot 10, Fish School and Neighborhood.

Neighborhood has been a fixture of the "Asia's 50 Best Restaurants" list since 2018. David was also voted by his peers to receive the **Inedit Damm Chefs' Choice Award 2022**.

David was first inspired to cook by Alice Waters at Chez Panisse when he was studying art history at UC Berkeley. Her seasonal, produce-first philosophy still influences David's style at Neighborhood.



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