

## Executive Chef Elbert Wiersema

# Queenston Heights Restaurant

Holland-born Executive Chef Elbert Wiersema C.F.B.E. graduated with a culinary degree in 1985. His journey began at the famous Chez Castel in Paris, France, then the 45 Park Lane Metropole Casino in London, United Kingdom and Horizons & Cottages, a Relais & Chateau property in Bermuda. During 15 years on the islands he worked for prestigious properties like Elbow Beach Hotel a Mandarin Resort, Harmony Club and finally Ariel Sands Hotel. While in Bermuda he graduated as a designated Certified Food and Beverage Executive through the American Hotel and Motel Association.

His philosophy and styles are firmly rooted in Classic French cuisine with Pacific Rim and Caribbean undertones. Chef Elbert was involved in purchasing at the grand market of Rungis in Paris, which established his understanding of variety, freshness, quality and pairing of local products. His continued exposure to seafood and local produce has shaped and strengthened his style.



Upon moving to Canada, Chef Elbert landed at the picturesque Queenston Heights Restaurant, home of the *Best of Niagara* wine collection which has won the VQA award of Excellence three years in a row. He works with local producers and has created signature dishes using Ontario, Canadian and local products. From local St. Davids Prosciutto Ham with Golden Beets, Baby Arugula and Apple Cider Vinaigrette to succulent Grain Fed Ontario Veal Osso Bucco, unpasteurized Quebec Brie filled with Portobello Mushrooms and Duck Confit and Leek filled Pork Tenderloin with Mennonite Goat Cheese Turnover and Port Sauce.

Chef Elbert is an Advisory Member of the Niagara Culinary Trail and has represented Canada at the Toronto Food & Wine Classic. We are delighted to have Chef Elbert welcome you to Queenston Heights Restaurant, where flavors and ambiance are infused with the spectacular view and Ontario Wines.

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