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The Food Network to feature GRÉGOIRE RESTAURANT on June 17 special



Chef/Owner Grégoire Jacquet's GRÉGOIRE RESTAURANT at 4001B Piedmont Avenue (at 40th) in Oakland will be featured on the Food Network special, "**Sizzling Summer Destinations**," which **airs on June 17 at 9 pm PT.** (The one-hour special repeats on June 18 at 12 am, June 24 at 4 pm, and June 25 at 5 pm.)

A classically-trained French chef who formerly served as the Executive Sous Chef for the Ritz-Carlton Hotels in San Francisco, Boston and San Juan, Jacquet has been at the forefront of re-inventing 'takeout' since 2002 – when he opened his original GRÉGOIRE Restaurant around the corner from Chez Panisse in the heart of Berkeley's Gourmet Ghetto. The second location, on Piedmont Avenue where the Food Network filmed, opened earlier this year.

Inspired by his own personal preference for eating at home, Jacquet created GRÉGOIRE as the equivalent of a fine high-end restaurant without a dining room. Designed to resemble the small friendly neighborhood eateries found in the countryside of his native France, GRÉGOIRE emphasizes natural, organic and imported ingredients from around the world. Each dish is cooked to order and meticulously prepared using traditional French cooking techniques. The entire menu also changes on the first day of each month to feature hand-grown garden-fresh produce, free-range poultry, wild-caught fish and grass-grazed lamb and beef at its prime.

[Current menus available at www.GregoireRestaurant.com]

Since its debut four years ago, GRÉGOIRE has been a Bay Area dining hit with both restaurant critics and food lovers. Soon after it opened, the ***San Francisco Chronicle*** wrote: "Someone should have thought of this sooner: a takeout joint dedicated to sophisticated restaurant-style food." Among other accolades since, ***San Francisco Magazine*** named it one of "The Bay Area's 9 Top Takeout Spots," the ***East Bay Express*** called it "Takeout of the Gods," and ***Diablo Magazine*** rated it "extraordinary, upscale California-French takeout."

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