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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Robuchon might be a three Michelin-starred chef-owner of an empire of restaurants, but in this back-to-basics compendium of classic French recipes, he shows that he still knows how to cook at home. He also knows how to teach: though the book has no illustration and his instructions tend to be terse, a cook with basic skills should make great progress just by cooking through the book's pages, from stock to meats and fish, every kind of vegetable and pastries. Robuchon features each ingredient (e.g., turbot or cauliflower) or food category (e.g., cold cream soups or fruit-based desserts) in several treatments to show its versatility, building on his introductory tips for sections and certain recipes. Most dishes are as French as can be, including worldwide standbys like sole meunière and beef bourguignon and regional treasures like John Dory with almonds and tomato confit or Hare Royale. But reflecting the passage of time and the influx of immigrants into France, Robuchon also includes some unusual recipes such as Tunisian-inspired langoustines in brik packets with basil. Cooking from this book certainly makes the full breadth of refined French cooking seem more within reach for the nonprofessional. (Nov.)

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Superchef Robuchon has fashioned a massive record of his cuisine that will appeal to fellow chefs and to highly skilled amateurs. His worldwide empire of acclaimed restaurants has brought him fame and established him as one of the leading exponents of contemporary French gastronomy. As this cookbook testifies, Robuchon adheres to current taste with lightness and an emphasis on superior, fresh, and seasonal ingredients. He keeps sauces on his dishes simple, not eschewing flour to thicken sauces but using such thickeners with restraint. Few unusual ingredients appear, the most exotic being pineapple. He loves to work with game, especially birds such as partridge and pheasant. Chefs replicating recipes for meat cookery will need close cooperation from a skilled and accessible butcher. Robuchon's many ways of preparing potatoes offer enough familiarity to home cooks to encourage them to step up to the challenge of the master's recipes. --Mark Knoblauch

Review

FRENCH PRAISE FOR THE COMPLETE ROBUCHON

“Ce n'est pas la technologie qui a inspiré le grand cuisinier Joël Robuchon, mais une fascination pour les techniques culinaires, qu'il n'a eu, au long de sa carrière, de cesse de maîtriser. Le *Tout Robuchon* est une explication, une vulgarisation au bon sens du terme, de la cuisine du maître, capable de fixer souverainement les saveurs et les arômes, dominant la technique, méfiante envers les exercices de style ou les effets de mode. ... Les 660 recettes de Joël Robuchon montrent qu'il est un passeur remarquable, initiateur plus qu'innovateur, l'émotion culinaire résultant de l'économie des moyens mis en oeuvre.”

"The great cook Joël Robuchon is inspired not by technology but by his fascination with culinary techniques, which he has continued to acquire and refine throughout his career. *Tout Robuchon* is an explanation and a popularization (in the best sense) of a master's cooking, full of intense flavors and aromas, beyond technique, leery of stylish exercises and fashionable effects. . . . These recipes show Robuchon to be a remarkable teacher."

- Jean-Claude Ribaut, *Le Monde*

“Clair et complet, il restitue six-cents recettes, qui se fondent sur quarante ans d'expérience. Très accessible,

il a l'avantage de passer en revue autant de préparations simples ... que de recettes sophistiquées ..., adaptées aux tablées familiales et à vos repas de fêtes.”

“Clear and complete, Tout Robuchon is based on 40 years of experience. Very accessible, it offers as many simple preparations as it does sophisticated recipes, adapted for the family table and your holiday meals.”

- V. J.-L., *Valeur Actuelles*

“Couronné "cuisinier du siècle," Joël Robuchon n'a pourtant perdu ni la tête ni le sens de l'essentiel. Adulé de Tokyo à Las Vegas par les clients de ses 12 restaurants . . . Réunies dans un ouvrage sans fioritures, ses 660 recettes éprouvées . . . Rassurant et inspirant. ... Du steak au poivre à la cuisson des mojettes, tous les classiques d'une bonne maison défilent, de l'entrée au dessert.”

“Despite having been crowned 'chef of the century,'... worshipped from Tokyo to Las Vegas by the patrons of his 12 restaurants, ... Joël Robuchon has lost neither his head nor his sense of the essential. ... The well-tested recipes gathered in this unpretentious work [are] reassuring and inspiring. From steak au poivre to bean cookery, all the classics of good home cooking are here, from starters to dessert.”

- *Paris-Match*

“Qui n'a rêvé d'avoir pour professeur de cuisine un des plus grands chefs? ... C'est chose faite avec cet ouvrage qui décortique l'art et la manière de Robuchon pour tous les apprentis chefs. La cuisine façon Robuchon est réellement à la portée de tous ceux qui le veulent.”

“Who hasn't dreamed of having one of the greatest of chefs for a cooking teacher? . . . That dream comes true in this work that dissects the art and the methods of Robuchon for everyone learning to cook. Cooking the Robuchon way is now truly possible for anyone.”

- *Nice Matin*

“Un livre de cuisine, un vrai, pas un de ces ouvrages truffés de belles photos et de recettes irréalisables. 800 recettes classées par produit . . . très simples . . . ou beaucoup plus sophistiquées . . . toutes dans le registre classique de la cuisine française chère à Joël Robuchon, sont proposées, mais l'essentiel n'est finalement pas là. Il est dans ce milliard d'informations distillées tout au long des 800 pages et qui vont répondre à toutes les questions que le cuisinier de tous les jours se pose.”

“A true cookbook, not one of those works truffled with pretty photographs and impossible recipes. 800 recipes grouped by ingredients . . . , from the very simple . . . to the much more sophisticated . . . , all classics of French cookery dear to Joël Robuchon, are presented, but in the end they aren't what's essential here. What is truly valuable is the wealth of information dispensed throughout these 800 pages, which will answer every cook's everyday questions.”

- *Bourgogne Aujourd'hui*

“Un cadeau de Joël Robuchon . . . écrites dans un langage simple et compréhensible . . . tout y est. ... Merci pour cette nouvelle bible.”

“A gift from Joël Robuchon . . . written simply and comprehensibly. . . . Everything is here. Thanks for this new bible!”

- *l'Alsace*

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