



Brian Laird

Uber-talented kitchen magician Brian Laird grew up in Northern California, close to the wine country, farmers' markets, some of the country's best restaurants and numerous culinary schools, but he snubbed the textbook and polished kitchen route to work his way up and down the California coast, fine-tuning his craft in real-world galleys .

He relocated to Denver in 1994, where he worked with renowned chef Kevin Taylor until 1996, when Blair Taylor, owner of Barolo Grill, snatched him up. "I love this job and can't imagine doing anything else -- except maybe another project with Blair," says Laird, who has an affinity for duck fat, the foods of Italy, barbacoa tacos and Bob Marley.

Throughout his career, Laird has garnered praise from numerous publications, including Zagat Survey, 5280 magazine and Westword.

