

## Timothy Hollingsworth

### Executive Chef/Owner

As Chef de Cuisine of The French Laundry in Napa Valley, California, Timothy Hollingsworth led the kitchen in the continued evolution of its world-renowned cuisine. Beginning as a *commis* in 2001, Hollingsworth exemplifies Chef Thomas Keller's commitment to mentorship and personal development. With nearly 13 years of tenure at the restaurant, Hollingsworth earned the esteemed position of Chef de Cuisine during his last four years. In 2004, Keller selected Hollingsworth as part of a core team that traveled to New York City to train and prepare for the opening of his fine dining establishment in Manhattan, Per Se.

After returning to The French Laundry, Hollingsworth was promoted to sous chef in 2005. In this position, he lent his enthusiasm and focused dedication to further communicate Keller's philosophy and culinary vision. In 2008, Hollingsworth competed in the Bocuse d'Or USA, where he was awarded the opportunity to represent the United States at the Bocuse d'Or World Cuisine Contest—the biennial global cooking competition first envisioned in 1987 by revered French chef Paul Bocuse. Hollingsworth subsequently completed a rigorous training process, during which he worked with some of the industry's most influential figures. In early 2009, Hollingsworth traveled to Lyon, France, to compete in the prestigious event, where he remains to date the highest-ranking American.

He has also staged under acclaimed European Chefs Gordon Ramsay, Alain Ducasse, Michel Rostang and Alain Senderens. Hollingsworth received the Rising Star Chef Award from *The San Francisco Chronicle* as well as the Rising Star Chef of the Year Award presented by the James Beard Foundation.

Prior to joining The French Laundry, Hollingsworth worked as a sous chef at a small town restaurant in Placerville, CA, receiving mentorship and inspiration that have helped him throughout his career. In his current role, he looks forward to being a mentor to the next generation of aspiring cooks.