



## **.be Our Guest** **The Ambassadors of Belgian Hospitality** **Kathleen Billen** **Kristin Van de Voorde-Heidbuchel**

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- An overview of the best that Belgium has to offer
- More than 55 Belgian top dishes by Michelin starred chefs, including Gert De Mangeleer, Bart De Poorter and Yves MATTAGNE
- Includes information on Belgian specialties such as beer and chocolate
- An ideal gift book for those who love Belgium and/or the good life

'Burgundian' Belgium has a rich gastronomical heritage and is therefore without a doubt a hospitable and lively centre of Europe. Diplomats and their spouses have the privilege of meeting people with all kinds of different interests and at the same time they convey Belgium's hospitality and culinary quality to other countries. For this book, the authors brought together several talented Belgians who are, each in their own way, ambassadors of Belgium. In *.be Our Guest*, the authors first guide us through the world of etiquette. Next, thirteen top chefs, among them Gert De Mangeleer, Bart De Poorter and Yves MATTAGNE, share their culinary passion and offer 55 delicious dishes, and Belgium's national specialties (beer, French fries, chocolate, cheese, diamonds and even wine) are discussed thoroughly.

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