MEET THE CHEF

ROCCO RUSSO

Chef Rocco Russo brings more than 30 years of culinary experience and heartfelt hospitality to the table. A proud graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, he began his journey in some of New York's top kitchens before opening his own acclaimed Italian restaurant in St. Johns, Florida.



Rocco has led food and beverage programs at celebrated hotels including Hilton, Sheraton, and most recently the EnVue and Residence Inn Marriott in Weehawken, NJ. His leadership has shaped menus across 45 Columbia Sussex hotels, blending regional flavors with a creative, guest-first approach.

What sets Rocco apart is his deep commitment to people—mentoring teams, delighting guests, and ensuring that every meal is both thoughtful and delicious.

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