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ROCKING
THE MENU

Diners at David Chang's latest New York restaurant, Momofuku Ko, might be surprised to find the menu of haute ingredient mash-ups (kimchi consommé, anyone?) backed by a solid roster of rock and hip-hop tunes. But what better example of Chang's inspired approach to fusion? Herewith, the deliciously eclectic music and dish pairings from a recent dinner.

1st Course / Fluke, whipped buttermilk, white soy, poppy seeds
THE SONG: Van Halen/ DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

2nd Course / Kimchi consommé, grilled pork belly, BeauSoleil oysters, puntarelle
THE SONG: The Kinks/ DO YOU REMEMBER WALTER?

3rd Course / Scallop, Benton's bacon puree, breakfast radish, herbs, almonds
THE SONG: Wilco/ WAR ON WAR

4th Course / Shaved foie gras, lychee, pine nuts, Riesling gelée
THE SONG: Positive K/ I GOT A MAN

5th Course / Deep-fried short rib, pickled mustard seed, daikon
THE SONG: Creedence Clearwater Revival/ BORN ON THE BAYOU

6th Course / Miso soup, pickled vegetables, grilled rice
THE SONG: The Who/ YOU BETTER YOU BET

7th Course / Dried pineapple, chewy pineapple sorbet
THE SONG: The Band/ OPHELIA
 —Andrew Knowlton

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GASTROGAMING

The booming video-game industry and foodie revolution have converged in new games that cater to players of all ages—and tastes. Get cooking with three culinary adventures:

HELL'S KITCHEN/ Gordon Ramsay lends his voice and likeness to this new game based on the hit reality show. To complete a dinner service, you prepare ingredients, keep track of the cooking time, and manage the dining room. Anything short of perfection could incur Ramsay's verbal wrath. Available for PC, Mac, Nintendo Wii, and Nintendo DS. \$20 for PC and Mac, \$40 for Wii, \$30 for DS

COOKING MAMA: COOK OFF/ In this spin-off of the hit Nintendo DS game *Cooking Mama*, players earn medals for whipping up 55 international dishes ranging from hot dogs to borscht. Nintendo's Wii Remote becomes the ultimate kitchen tool that mashes potatoes, grinds meat, and pipes cream puff filling. Available for Nintendo Wii. \$53

IRON CHEF AMERICA: SUPREME CUISINE/ *Iron Chef* fans, rejoice! Under the Chairman's watchful eye, now you can battle your way through cooking challenges at Kitchen Stadium. The winner's cuisine will reign supreme. Available for Nintendo Wii and handheld DS. \$40 for Wii, \$30 for DS—Rachel Ng

books/

RESTAURANT READS

This month, the best chefs around share their secrets for restaurant-worthy recipes



A16: FOOD + WINE/ Located in San Francisco's Marina district, Nate Appleman's A16 is named after the highway that cuts across Southern Italy. This first cookbook from the restaurant known for Neapolitan pizzas includes tips for getting the dough just right. There's also a lengthy regional Italian wine primer and many more popular recipes from the menu. \$35.



CHOCOLATE EPIPHANY/ For more than 10 years, chocolate and pastry lovers have been flocking to New York's Payard Pâtisserie and Bistro for fresh éclairs, creamy truffles, and luscious layer cakes. In his latest book, François Payard takes readers into his delicious world of desserts with easy-to-follow instructions for all of his most beloved, decadent treats. \$35.



WINE BAR FOOD/ Specializing in wine pairings for Mediterranean small plates, this book from chef and Spiggia co-owner Tony Mantuano and his wife, Cathy, is full of ideas for entertaining at home. Recipes include falafel crab cakes and steak tagliata; wine suggestions include offerings from Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Greece. \$28.—Elisa Huang