

## Featured Chef: Matthew T Janiec

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**Featured chef Matthew T Janiec of Z'Tejas.**



**How did you get your start in the restaurant business?**

I was working as a dishwasher in a Seabury Western Theological Seminary in the Chicagoland area.

**What is your favorite Valley restaurant, besides your own?**

I love breakfast. You can't go wrong with Matt's Big Breakfast in Phoenix.

**What is your favorite dish at your restaurant?**

Z'Tejas has a really great Gorgonzola N.Y. Strip Steak.

**What is the most memorable meal you've ever had?**

A holiday dinner I had with my mom at the Four Seasons hotel in Chicago. I worked for them and one of the perks we got was to come in and have a dinner with another person. It was amazing.

**If you could have anyone visit your restaurant, who would it be?**

Paul McCartney. I'm a huge Beatles fan and that would definitely be pretty cool.

**Name three ingredients that you have at home at all times.**

Butter, garlic and eggs.

**What is your favorite bottle of wine or cocktail?**

I have always been a big cabernet fan, but recently have been drinking pinot more. We had a wine tasting at Z'Tejas and I fell in love with Byron Pinot Noir. It has a very rich flavor profile.

**What do you like to do in your free time?**

I love to spend time with my two beautiful daughters. They're growing up so fast, and I know the day is coming when they won't want to spend as much time with dad, so I am taking full advantage now while they still do.

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