

DINNER WITH THE QUEEN OF SPAIN



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Based in Truro, N.S., Costandi Designs is a full-service interior design firm and retail showroom, specializing in residential design and decorating from concept to completion. Our Dine By Design East space was conceptualized by our designers Robyn Cox and Kelsey Adams, but is realized with the help of principal designers/owners Karl and Atousa Costandi.



What was the inspiration for your dining room?

We were inspired by the 1963 photograph of Mick Jagger in his apartment that featured the iconic "Queen of Spain" wallcovering. We re-imagined it for contemporary living and created a dining space that is glamorous, modern and a little bit rock and roll. By combining this wallpaper with polished brass, lacquered finishes, sumptuous fabrics and contemporary art, we've achieved a high-drama dining environment.

What is your favourite dining room look?

We all agree that truly great dining spaces need to have a little drama, even if it's used with restraint.

What does great design bring to the dining experience?

Great design sets the stage for entertaining. Thoughtful design through the use of lighting, fabric, pattern and texture all contribute to evoking the senses and creating ambiance for the perfect dining experience.

If you could have dinner with one person, dead or alive, who would you pick?

We should probably say Mick Jagger, although we wouldn't mind sharing a meal with Anthony Bourdain (providing he prepares it for us as well).

Chef Dan Vorstermans

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Co-owner and chef at Field Guide, Dan Vorstermans is dedicated to his craft. A chef with a hyper local focus, he sources as many products as possible from within Nova Scotia, both farmed and foraged. Born and raised outside of Toronto, Dan has found his home in Nova Scotia and takes his inspiration from our beautiful province with an ambitious and pure approach to cooking: think the whole animal, raw fish dishes and beautiful, fresh vegetables. His memorable food experiences are cooking and eating outside. He recalls camping as a kid with his family in Georgian Bay on Lake Huron. During blueberry season, they'd pick wild blueberries and make pancakes. There's really nothing better than harvesting your own food to eat.



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