

A CHEF'S LIFE

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More than a cooking show, *A Chef's Life* is an enticing, character-driven documentary series that takes viewers inside the life and kitchen of Chef Vivian Howard. Each episode follows Vivian out of the kitchen and into the cornfields, strawberry patches, and hog farms of North Carolina as she hunts down the ingredients that inspire her seasonal menus. Using a chef's modern sensibilities, Vivian explores the cuisine of the southern United States, past and present—one ingredient at a time.

A celebration of true farm to table food, this series combines the action and drama of a high-pressure business with the joys and stresses of family life. Vivian and husband Ben Knight juggle a full plate with a fire that nearly destroys the restaurant, the opening of a second restaurant, and a bustling young family to raise. Much more dynamic and personal than a typical cooking show, *A Chef's Life* celebrates modern Southern cuisine, seasonality, farmers, and food artisans.

Vivian originally made a name for herself in the competitive Manhattan restaurant world and with her own gourmet delivery service. As she and Ben considered job offers and contemplated their next step, her parents made an offer to help them build their own restaurant—with one catch. She had to open it back home in North Carolina, where she swore she would never return. With that, the famed restaurant *Chef and the Farmer* was born.

Season One of *A Chef's Life* follows Vivian and Ben as they recover from a devastating fire in their restaurant, adjust to life in a small-town, and juggle a busy and stressful career with raising a young family. Instantly beloved by viewers, the series' first season is a James Beard Award finalist and winner of the prestigious Peabody Award.

In the second season, the series takes Vivian out of *Chef and the Farmer's* kitchen and on the road with a new roster of Southern ingredients. From blueberries to turnips to butterbeans, Vivian explores Southern cuisine. As they introduce viewers to the farmers and cooks of the American South, Vivian and Ben also celebrate their twins' third birthday and open a second restaurant, *The Boiler Room*.

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CREDITS

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