



In 2012, Marilee & Richard Spanjian, both originally Southern California natives, bought the inn and restaurant and started a non-professional cooking classroom to make it a true farm-to-table culinary destination. Three years later, Executive Chef Michael Ehlenfeldt joined IW Vermont.

Chef Michael is in charge of the Inn's restaurant and heirloom vegetable garden, all on-site events and teaches some of the cooking classes. Michael grew up on a Wisconsin dairy farm where he learned how to garden, forage, pickle, can and butcher. He intended on becoming a surgeon; however, instead, after college, he moved to France and worked his way up in top restaurants.

For 25+ years, Michael's culinary career kept him in Boston, including 14 years under renowned chef/owner Gordon Hamersley of Hamersley Bistro.