

JASON WIGGIN

BIO

Hotel Erwin, located in the heart of Venice Beach, is thrilled to welcome Executive Chef Jason Wiggin to their team. The talented Chef Wiggin brings his diverse and creative culinary expertise to Hash restaurant, located in Venice Beach's only beachfront boutique hotel. Inspired at a young age, Chef Wiggin experienced a variety of rich cuisines while traveling, and thus developed a large repertoire of culinary tastes. Inspired by his mother's ambitious home cooking, Chef Wiggin attributes his early passion of food to her culinary artistry.

Chef Wiggin launched his career at age 15, beginning as a line cook in Leavenworth, KS before landing at Oasis Café where he honed his craft for three years as a lead line cook. It was at this juncture that Jason committed to classic French culinary school. Craving real-world experience following his education, it was under the direction of Executive Chef Brent Hammer, formally of the Viceroy Santa Monica and Westside Tavern, that he found his love for French cuisine. He established his name and culinary skill in some of Kansas City's best kitchens, including Maker's Mark Bourbon House and Lounge as well as working as Executive Chef at the Hotel Phillips after taking over for Executive Chef Marshall Roth, formerly of the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. At the award-winning Aladdin Hotel and Spa in downtown Kansas City, Chef Wiggin led the culinary team and also brought the Food & Beverage experience to a new level. Most recently, he served as Executive Chef at the Raphael Hotel in Kansas City, where he specialized in providing highly individualized service and a unique dining experience for his guests. His performance at The Raphael helped the hotel garner multiple accolades including one of the top 500 World's Best Hotels by readers of Travel + Leisure Magazine in 2011. Chef Wiggin brings to Hotel Erwin an exceptional palette of creativity and excellence, with an emphasis on farm to table ingredients and innovative presentation, which will make the culinary experience unforgettable. Outside of work, he is an avid musician with a fondness for playing the guitar and getting tattoos. Wiggin's artistry not only comes out in his cooking, but also stems from his everyday life.