

# Chef Stephan Van Heulen, Executive Chef | MDRD

Chef Stephan is familiar with a rapid rise to the top and he aims to do just that in this competition. He began his career at AHC+Hospitality cooking for the restaurants within the group's portfolio in Grand Rapids and excelled quickly working his way to the main banquet kitchen. With a goal to be in the kitchen of Cygnus27, the premier food and beverage location within the hotel collection at the time, he was named Sous Chef in 2015, and in true Chef Stephan fashion, was appointed Executive Chef in no time. Chef Stephan catapulted Cygnus27 back into the discussion of being one of the top restaurants in the city before it closed in 2019 to make way for a fresh space and concept. Under Chef Stephan's leadership, MDRD opened in the fall of 2020 with the challenges of Covid-19 looming heavily. MDRD has gone on to be named one of the best new restaurants of 2021 by USA Today, and a AAA Four Diamond Restaurant”



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