

# cast

# feast or family

## Mezza

Portland's Mezza restaurant is a mix of Mediterranean and French and is the creation of husband and wife Jouris and Gisella Barbaray. He's French, she's English and they've lived and worked in different countries around the world. They met while he was a chef at a ski resort in the French Alps and after they married, he headed up her parents deli in London. They lived in India, Africa and Spain before settling on the Pacific Northwest for its climate and rich farm country.

## Jouris:

Being French gives him a natural appreciation for good food, even though he never studied cuisine formally. He's worked in top-tier restaurants under classically trained French chefs and has a nose for what works. Jouris knows the business and shares a spirit of adventure with his wife Gisella.

## Gisella:

Gisella grew up in the food business, working in the deli her parents owned in London from a young age. As the primary care giver to their four year old and their newborn, Gisella spends more time at home now than she once did. Still, the restaurant is a family affair. She's often working behind the scenes and behind the bar at the restaurant, kids in tow, immersing them in the food world like she was raised.

