

## **Chefs Agree...**

### **Potatoes Add a Special Touch to Any Meal**

*“Potatoes are a favorite for many because of their high nutritional value, versatility and ability to be adapted to any cuisine.”*

-- **Walter Potenza** of Aqua Viva in Providence

*“Potatoes have been around for a lot longer than most people realize. Potatoes are in our soul, just like the aromas of our grandmother’s kitchen. They provide comfort, texture, accessibility, nutrition and a bridge to many different ethnic cultures.”*

-- **John Bubala** of Thyme in Chicago

*“(Potatoes) are the most versatile food, inexpensive and taste great in any shape or form. One of the reasons this is true is because potatoes possess the unique ability to absorb the flavor of the herbs and seasonings of the dish making it the ultimate accompaniment.”*

-- **Jon Ashton**, a.k.a. “The Mad Chef”

*“Mashed potatoes go with most anything, are easy to make, and everyone loves them.”*

-- **Bradley Ogden** of Bradley Ogden at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas

*“Potatoes are the perfect accompaniment to any meal since they are unintimidating and their flavor works with so many things.”*

-- **Cindy Pawlcyn** of Mustard’s in Napa Valley

*“The cook who has buttermilk mashed potatoes on his main course looks upon his fortune with vague dread – he will be ‘slammed’ all night. We always prepare an extra ten pounds’ worth for side orders.”*

-- **Judy Rodgers**, as quoted in The Zuni Café Cookbook