

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Introduction

Hans Välimäki (born 1970) is an internationally recognized chef and the owner of three restaurants. Välimäki is a co-owner of the Belgian-style bistro August von Trappe, the Masu Asian Bistro, and the Midhill hamburger restaurant at the Särkänniemi amusement park.

Välimäki's Chez Dominique restaurant, which was in business from 1998 to 2013, was awarded one Michelin star in 2001, and two stars in 2003, which it retained until it closed. Chez Dominique was the only Finnish restaurant to rank in the top 50 of the world's best restaurants six times in a row, between 2006 and 2011.

People in Finland know Välimäki from Finnish TV shows, such as Hansin matkassa ("Hans' Travels"), Suomen paras leipomo ("Finland's Best Bakery"), Top Chef Finland, Haasta Hans ("Challenge Hans") and Hansin grillibileet ("Hans' Barbecue Party").

Since 2003, Välimäki has released 11 culinary books. Välimäki has also engaged in many commercial collaborations. One of the best known of these is an extensive marketing collaboration contract with the Lidl retail chain, which has included three TV shows, expert consultation and recipe development collaboration. Välimäki has done product development projects, for example, with Kaskein (former Kaskein Marja Oy) Nestlé Finland and Yrjö Wigren.

Välimäki will open his fourth restaurant in Helsinki in August 2017. He will also open a fine dining restaurant in November 2017. Both restaurants will be located in Helsinki.

## **Work experience as a restaurateur**

- From 2016 Pasta Box fast food chain, concept development
- from 2014, August von Trappe, chef and owner
- from 2014, Masu Asian Bistro, chef and owner
- from 2012, Midhill restaurants, chef and owner
- 1998–2013, Chez Dominique, chef and owner
- 2007–2010, Cochon Bakery, owner
- 2007–2009, La Societe du Cochon, chef and owner

## **Recognitions and awards**

### **Restaurant Chez Dominique**

- Two Michelin stars between 2003 and 2013
- One Michelin star between 2001 and 2003
- 50 Best Restaurants in the World (Restaurant Magazine)
  - 2011, position 35
  - 2010, position 23
  - 2009, position 21
  - 2008, position 39
  - 2007, position 35
  - 2006, position 39
- “Restaurateur of the year 2003”, International Food & Beverage Forum, USA

## **Books**

2014, Hansin matkassa 2 (“Hans’ Travels 2”)  
2013, Hansin matkassa 1 (“Hans’ Travels 1”)  
2010, Ruokaa Ranskasta Hansin tapaan (“French Cooking à la Hans”) 2009, Mummola (“Grandma’s Cooking”)  
2008, Lusikka soppaan! (“Dig into Cooking”)  
2008, Välimäki  
2007, P.S.  
2006, Grillistä (“From the Grill”)  
2004, Chez Dominique  
2004, Koti Keittiössä (“Home in the Kitchen”)  
2003, Kahden tähden keittokirja (“The Two-Star Cookbook”)

## **TV shows**

2014, Suomen paras leipomo (“Finland’s Best Bakery”)  
2014, Haasta Hans (“Challenge Hans”)  
2014, Hansin grillibileet (“Hans’ Barbecue Party”)  
2013, Hansin joulukalenteri (“Hans’ Christmas Calendar”) from 2012, Hansin matkassa (“Hans’ Travels”)  
2010–2012 Top Chef Finland  
2007, Kahden tähden kiertue (“The Two-Star Tour”)  
2004–2006 Liemessä (“In the Broth”)  
2001–2004 Kokkisota (The Finnish version of Ready Steady Cook)

## **Commercial collaborations**

### **Pasta Box**

Product and concept development, commercial collaboration

### **Kaskein**

(former Kaskein Marja Oy) – vintage mulled wine 2013-2016, Midhill lemonades and ciders, mushroom products

### **Lidl**

Three TV shows, recipe development, expert consultation, marketing collaboration

### **Rummo Pasta**

marketing collaboration

### **Tefal/SEB Group**

a cooking set, marketing collaboration

### **Tiger of Sweden**

product collaboration

### **Suomen Nestlé Oy**

Aino ice creams, Popcorn ice cream cones

### **Yrjö Wigren Oy**

product development, marketing collaboration