



## A Family Affair Guest Chef Jonas & Laurence Haegeman

For brother-sister duo **Jonas & Laurence Haegeman**, cooking means something more than just a career, it goes beyond than just a passion, to them, working in the kitchen of restaurant **De Vijf Seizoenen** (Brakel, Belgium), it means working in their very own home kitchen, it symbolizes their commitment to the family, it embodies their dedication to the soil that have raised them and taught them to care and to love food.

**De Vijf Seizoenen, translated into The Five Seasons** in English, is a great example of how you can, even as a family business, re-invent yourself by constantly looking for new challenges and by striving for improvement. Since the brother-and-sister duo took over ten years ago, the restuarant has revamped itself from offering a more of brasserie-style cuisine to serving fine-dining-influenced gastronomy delicacies. *“We prefer local products, from local producers, prepared with today’s knowledge and with techniques of the past.”*, the pair proudly decler and put this philosphy into work and onto every plate that is presented to the guests. The result? One can expect nothing but pure, honest food that combines both modern creativity and time-honored tastes.

