

The Professional

Carl Wentzel
Ferrington House Restaurant

// In the United States, there's the view that people are in the service industry not really as a career, but more of an offhand job," says 35-year-old **Carl Wentzel**, a South African.

But Wentzel, the head waiter at the **Ferrington House Restaurant (Ferrington Village)**, is committed to his calling.

Which is good since waiting tables at the Ferrington is not something one can simply drop into for some quick cash. There are uniforms involved (spotless, please!), silver pieces to polish and complicated French-style serving techniques to learn. It's a far cry from slinging French fries at T.G.I. Friday's.

Wentzel has learned the ins and outs of fine dining through 16

years of working for the ultra-luxe **Relais and Châteaux** hotel and restaurant group.

He began working in South Africa and found his way to the renowned **The Inn at Little Washington** in Virginia before arriving at the Ferrington nine years ago.

Does he ever want to go back to his native country? "I'm actually in the process of applying for a green card, so I'm doing my best to stay here," he says.

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CARL'S FAVORITE FERRINGTON DISH: "Definitely the rabbit on the main course; it's really wonderful."