



Guy Fieri

Let's take this outside: The Food Network host and author of *More Diners, Drive-ins and Dives* gives Rach an all-access backyard pass to his grill.

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RACHAEL RAY: Hey, Guy! Thanks for letting us hang out in your backyard today. I have a feeling you spend a lot of time out here, rain or shine. Am I right?

GUY FIERI: I'm a five-seasons griller! Did you know I added a new season? Living in Cali, I'm cooking in the yard all the time. I don't care what the weather is like. My hair is impervious to any kind of dampness, so I don't have too much to worry about.

RR: What do you love about grilling?

GF: There's nothing that can replicate the smoky flavor of char, so when I've got the hankering for it, I tell my wife that I'm taking care of dinner. I have three different types of barbecues—a coal, gas and smoker—so I can experiment a lot.

RR: I see that you love grilling salads as much as I do. I put heads of romaine, radicchio or endive on the heat, but I still get some funny looks because it's not mainstream yet. Is there anything new that you would encourage us to try on the grill?

GF: It's not really new, but stone fruits like peaches and apricots work really well. But make sure you're cooking at the right temperature—a cold grill will slow up the flavor and a scorching-hot one will mask it. Also, your grate should be nice and clean. You don't want bits of charred meat in your dessert.



