

# RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

- All of our 200 items are crafted by our highly skilled team of chefs. Each is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and bring many years of experience from fine dining establishments.
- Our staff of highly trained and creative professionals in our product development department is what makes Gourmet Boutique's products so special.
- Years of culinary, food science and manufacturing experience in conjunction with our test kitchen facilities ensures our benchmark formulations are introduced into commerce seamlessly.
- We follow an extensive protocol for new product development. For example some of the steps include:
  - *pilot production runs*
  - *lab testing*
  - *shelf life testing*
  - *consumer paneling*

