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Commercial Success or Culinary Legacy: Turn-of-the-Century Spanish Culinary Nationalization

(in English)

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This paper focuses on culinary nationalization in Spain at the turn of the nineteenth century. As will be demonstrated the push to nationalize Spanish cuisine at this time was not a uniform project. Indeed, Spain's pioneering culinary nationalists can be divided into two groups: those who replicated the example of the dominant French national cuisine of the time and those who proposed a uniquely Spanish model of culinary nationalization. While the former culinary nationalists experienced unprecedented commercial success because their paradigm was immediately recognizable to the Spanish reading public, the latter group was all-but-ignored for some decades after the publication of their cookery books/food treatises. Nevertheless, their vision for the nationalization of Spanish cuisine was ultimately better suited to Spain and is the bedrock of Spanish cuisine today.

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