

## Matthew McClure Bio



Raised in Little Rock, Matthew McClure spent a little time at the University of Arkansas before fully realizing his passion for food. He turned to the New England Culinary Institute in Vermont to begin pursuing a career in the kitchen and to explore the region's unique foodways. He fell in love with New England, and found his way to Boston after earning his degree. He began at No. 9 Park under the direction of Barbara Lynch, a 1996 Food and Wine Magazine Best New Chef and 2003 James Beard award winner for Best Chef of the Northeast. Then he was on to Troquet, a boutique restaurant and wine bar offering rustic and elegant presentations of fresh local products with a classical French touch. His next post was at Harvest in the heart of Harvard Square, where everything was based on the region's freshest seasonal products. But the lure of his home was strong, and Matt decided to return to Little Rock, bringing with him his new wife Jenny, and a mission to bring a touch of Arkansas to every plate.