



JOHN ST. JOHN
General Manager

You could say that John St. John, cuisine and hospitality are lifelong friends. Born in upstate New York and raised in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, John spent much of his childhood in the family kitchen working with his father, who loved to cook and entertain. It wasn't long before he was following his father's lead. While in high school, John became a cook at a local restaurant, eventually working both culinary and service positions.

Upon graduation, John joined the U.S. Navy where he spent several years stationed in Japan, but traveled worldwide. At the end of his service, he returned to the States and the restaurant industry. He worked in management positions at several restaurants in Florida before moving to Atlanta, where he spent seven years at The Capital Grille, becoming general manager and a managing partner. In addition to his extensive management experience, John is a first-level Sommelier.

When John learned of an opening with Maverick Southern Kitchens he welcomed the opportunity to move to Charleston, a city that he loves for its history, beaches and friendly people. In September 2009 John became the General Manager of High Cotton, which he describes as "a perfect combination of both local residents and visitors who come to enjoy High Cotton's Lowcountry cuisine and exceptional hospitality."



When not at High Cotton, John spends as much time as possible outdoors. You may occasionally find him fishing or playing tennis, but only in lieu of the two activities he enjoys most – relaxing on the beach with Patton (his rescued golden retriever/chow mix), and cruising the barrier islands on his Harley Davidson.