



## **Eric Hammond, Executive Chef**

Chef Eric Hammond graduated first in his class from the French Culinary Institute in New York and trained with such notable chefs of Jacques Pepin, Andre Soltner and the chef he calls his mentor, Alain Sailhac.

He worked at some of New York's finest restaurants including L'Ecole and Campagna, where he discovered his love and obsession for Italian cuisine. In 2001 Eric moved to Chicago to become executive chef of Coco Pazzo Cafe.

Wishing to meld his Italian culinary background with his experience in fine dining, Eric went on to become Executive Chef of Va Pensiero in Evanston, Illinois and a few other fine restaurants.

In early 2021 Eric rejoined the Coco Pazzo and now works as Executive Chef of Coco Pazzo in the River North area of Chicago and Coco Pazzo Cafe in the Streeterville area of Chicago.