

Stone Park Cafe opened in September 2004 as part of the first wave of Brooklyn's renaissance restaurant scene, serving contemporary American food in the heart of Park Slope. Stone Park has led the charge in culinary excellence that Brooklyn has become known for and has rendered comparisons to the glittery Manhattan dining scene irrelevant.

New York's notoriously tough food critics have found much to cheer about at Stone Park Cafe. In 2004, the restaurant was hailed as "Best New Restaurant NY" from both *Time Out Magazine* and AOL.com. Since then, it has earned numerous accolades and praise, both regionally and nationally. In his two-star review of Stone Park for the *New York Times*, Frank Bruni noted that Stone Park was "willing to flout conformity and flirt with adventure and to do so in an earthy rather than a prissy way," adding, "the restaurant feels utterly comfortable...and it's full of happy discoveries."

Stone Park Cafe is owned and operated by Joshua Foster alongside his lifelong friend Josh Grinker, who is the Executive Chef. The pair have over 35 years of experience in the hospitality industry between them, and both grew up in their restaurant's Park Slope neighborhood.

After earning his culinary degree at New England Culinary Institute, **Chef Josh Grinker** helped open A Single Pebble in New England, where his efforts contributed to Best Regional Restaurant designations from *Wine Spectator* in 1999 and 2000. A succession of high-profile jobs soon followed: Grinker helped open Ken Goff's Great Northern Supper Club in St. Paul, Minnesota, cooked at the Trustee's Dining Room at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, and then crossed the river to become a sous-chef at Brooklyn's esteemed River Café.

Before creating Stone Park Cafe, **Joshua Foster** spent seven years at Manhattan's Tribeca Grill as the Director of Purchasing and General Manager for Tribakery, managing multiple operations and event spaces simultaneously. Prior to that, Foster spent three years working in food service for Restaurant Associates at such outstanding institutions at the Metropolitan Opera House, United Nations, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. After eight years at the helm of Stone Park Cafe, Joshua Foster opened **Events at Stone Park**, a 2,500 square foot private event space next door to the restaurant that shares its predecessor's style and distinct neighborhood vibe.