

John Puckett

John is the co-owner and co-ceo of Punch Neapolitan Pizza, a 11-store restaurant company headquartered in St Paul MN that recently celebrated its 25th year of business. Punch has successfully grown the company by serving award-winning pizza and salads in a successful gourmet fast casual format.

Punch has built the company with industry leading investment in its employees, and creating career path opportunities through innovative training and benefits. In 2014 Punch was recognized by President Obama in the SOU address for increasing starting wages significantly above the industry average.

Prior to Punch, John cofounded and grew Caribou Coffee into a significant coffee retail brand. He has an MBA from the Tuck School of Business and a BA from Dartmouth College. Prior to his food retail businesses he was a consultant with Bain & Co. He lives with his wife and 2 daughters on a horse farm in Maple Plain Minnesota.