

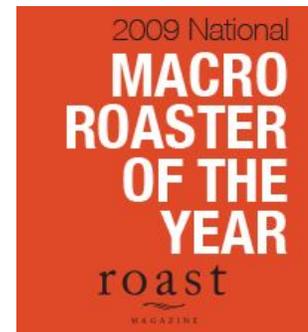


## OVERVIEW

Based in Topeka, KS, PT's Coffee Roasting Co. roasts dozens of Direct Trade coffees and signature blends for its retail locations, wholesale clients, and online customers across the country. A finalist for the 2020 Good Food Awards, PT's rose to prominence in 2009 after being named Roaster of the Year by *Roast Magazine*. PT's is among the leading roasters reviewed by premier industry resource *Coffee Review* and routinely appears on "Best Coffee in the U.S." lists from publications like *Food & Wine*, *Thrillist*, *The Daily Meal*, and others.

## OUR STORY

PT's Coffee was born in 1993 in Topeka, Kansas, out of Jeff Taylor and Fred Polzin's simple desire for an excellent cup of coffee. Four years and two retail locations later, PT's began buying green coffee, roasting, and traveling to origin, forging the Direct Trade partnerships that have made us a leader in the specialty coffee industry. A simple question guides our judgments and motivates us every day: *Is our coffee the best it can be?*



Over nearly 30 years we've learned that it's more important to succeed on our own terms than on anyone else's. And when we focus on superior quality, from seed to cup, [our business thrives](#).



Nearly 80% of the coffee we produce is acquired through [our Direct Trade program](#). Exceptional coffee depends upon great partnerships, and our partners are selected for more than just their harvests—they are socially responsible and environmentally conscious.

Today, we roast dozens of single-origin specialty coffees and signature blends for our retail locations and wholesale clients across the country, and online customers around the world. We were named Roaster of the Year by *Roast Magazine* in 2009 and are among the leading roasters reviewed by premier industry resource [Coffee Review](#), with nearly 40 scores of 94 and above. PT's Coffee can be found in fine cafes, restaurants, and select grocery stores nationwide. With four retail locations in Kansas and Missouri—and another on the way—we're excited to continue expanding our presence in the region.



We remain a group of explorers committed to sourcing, roasting, and drinking the best coffees in the world.

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## AWARDS + ACCOLADES

We are proud to have grown from a small Topeka cafe into an internationally lauded coffee roaster while never losing sight of what's most important: exceptional coffee, lifelong relationships, and the wisdom to appreciate both.

PT's has been recognized for quality by the specialty coffee industry as well as the northeastern Kansas community. These awards and accolades capture the full spectrum of our business operations and include recognition for roasting, our retail environments, and our team of experts.

- In 2009, PT's was named "Roaster of the Year" by *Roast Magazine*, a respected publication for specialty coffee professionals. Two roasters are awarded each year, and each roaster is eligible to win only once.
- PT's was a 2020 Good Food Awards finalist for Hacienda La Esmeralda Mario Gesha Natural. In 2013, PT's won a Good Food Award for an Ethiopia Nano Challa heirloom coffee.
- In 2018 and 2019, *Food & Wine* included PT's in its "Best Coffee in Every State" roundup.
- PT's has received nearly 40 scores of 94 and above from Coffee Review, the world's most widely read and influential coffee buying guide, and has appeared on their yearly "Top 30 Coffees" list multiple times, including at #3 in 2019 and #5 and #12 in 2018. Coffee Review conducts blind, expert cuppings of coffees and reports the findings in the form of 100-point reviews.

- The Daily Meal recognized PT's at College Hill as one of "America's Best Coffee Shops" in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2018.
- In 2015, PT's at the Crossroads—located in KCMO's Crossroads Arts District—received second place in the "America's Best Coffeehouse" regional competition hosted in Chicago.
- In 2015 Cultured included us on their list of "Best Coffees Around The World". In 2013, Thrillist recognized us as one of the "Top Ten Roasters In The Nation, As Voted By Super Serious Coffee Nerds." Also in 2013, Complex recognized us as one of the "Best Coffee Roasters in The United States."
- PT's has also invested in the education and professional development of our staff. In 2007 and 2008, Pete Licata represented our company in the United States Barista Championship, taking second place both years. In 2017, College Hill barista Edward Griffin reached the USBC finals.

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