

Chris Weninegar and Matt Johnson began Muletown Roasted Coffee with one goal in mind: to create opportunities for people to connect. People getting together is the beginning of everything, and what better way to do that than over a hot cup of coffee? The community getting together is part of what Southern culture is to Chris. It's good food, true love, pleasure, and pain. He's tried to leave the South a couple of times, but never could stay away. Only *true* Southerners know why.

One of Chris' favorite memories is rich with his love for the South. Chris used to drive to Mobile with his family for Christmas, often taking backroads. They'd go through this little town his dad grew up in that had a drawbridge. His dad used to tell a story about how Chris' grandfather used to drive a bread truck and how his dad would ride with him sometimes. The boats would toot their horns and the bridge operator would raise the bridge so the boats could pass through. Chris and his siblings loved the tugboat stories and hearing about his dad delivering bread throughout the community with his grandfather.

Chris believes in never, ever giving up and that everyone has some way they can contribute to the community. If you're always looking for those opportunities to give back, you'll never be at a loss for them; you'll find them everywhere you look.