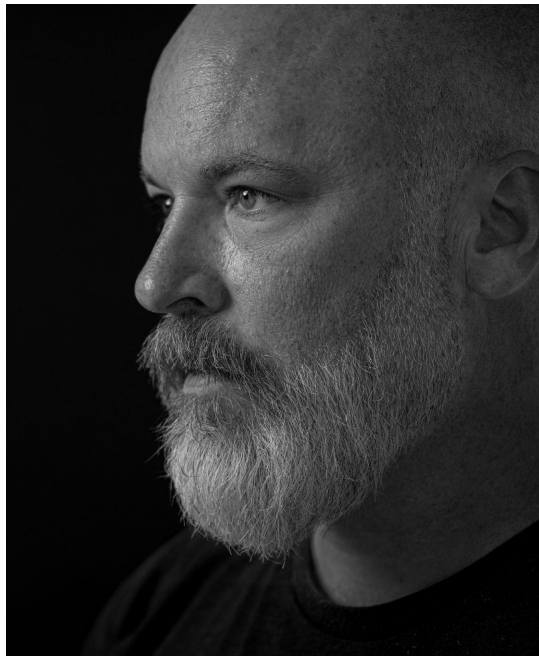


TARVER KING

When looking into Chef Tarver King's background, one would not be surprised to find the title Chef attached to his name. In fact, one might believe it to be a foregone conclusion. Looking back two generations, Tarver's grandmother was a prominent pillar in the world of food. As the food editor for Vogue Magazine in the 1960s, friend to James Beard, and Julia Child. She published multiple cookbooks of her own and contributed to Gourmet Magazine's cookbook as well as other famous collaborations.

With a calling to the culinary craft, Chef King began his career at an early age apprenticing for the three-starred chef of La Villa Lorraine, Alain Jackmin. After this, Tarver worked with an impressive list of acclaimed and accomplished chefs in this country and Europe. His career has included time in the kitchens of Le Bec Fin of Philadelphia, The Inn at Little Washington of Virginia, The French Laundry of California, The Fat Duck, and the Waterside Inn of England.



The renown of his own came first as the head chef of The Dining Room at The Woodlands Inn & Resort in Summerville, South Carolina where he and his team achieved the highest recognition from both Mobile and AAA, receiving respectively five stars and five diamonds of - at the time - one of three properties in the country to hold the accolades for both dining and accommodations. He was also named "Grand Chef" by the Relais & Château organization, of which The Woodlands was a recognized member.

Chef King has been featured and published in numerous periodicals including Wine Spectator, Bon Appetit, Food & Wine Magazine, Northern Virginia magazine, Washington Post, Washingtonian, modern luxury, garden and Gun, edible DC, as well as Esquire Magazine named King as one of its top five chefs to watch. Tarver has also been nominated for the James Beard Award seven times (southeast, mid-Atlantic, rising star), and has been named

Chef of the Year by the restaurant association of Washington dc and the number one restaurant in northern Virginia five years running.