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We're not the only ones obsessed with **Aaron Siegel's Fiery Ron's Home Team BBQ**. **StarChefs.com**, an online magazine, has named Fiery Ron's a winning concept — "a creative, successful, well-executed, and chef-driven restaurant concept that has met with success in the local market and could be successfully expanded, either locally or nationally." He was chosen after a nomination process along with personal interviews and tastings by a Star Chefs committee.


The magazine has chosen to spotlight the Carolinas as a region in this year's Rising Stars awards, and Siegel along with a handful of other local chefs will be featured in a gala event at the Memminger in December.

Those other winning chefs are **Travis Grimes** of **Husk**, **Jason Stanhope** of **FIG**, **Josh Keeler** of **Two Boroughs Larder**, and **Stuart Tracy** of **Butcher & Bee**. Additional awards are being handed out to **Brad Ball** of **Social** for sommelier, **Joe Raya** of the **Gin Joint** for his mixology skills, and **David Schnell** of **Brown's Court Bakery** for his artisanal baked goods.

They'll be joined by an impressive roster of North and South Carolina chefs, including **Katie Button** of **Curate** in Asheville, **Nathan Allen** of **Knife and Fork** in Spruce Pine, N.C., and **Vivian Howard** of the **Chef and the Farmer** in Kinston, N.C.

The event is being billed as a tasting gala, where the 26 chefs will present a signature dish or drink. **Charles Arena** from the **Fish House** will be the VIP Host

Chef. Tickets are \$85, and VIP tickets for \$115 will get you some caviar and bubbles during a private reception.

Looks like yet another can't-miss food event this season. Visit starchefs.com for more info. —SB 

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