

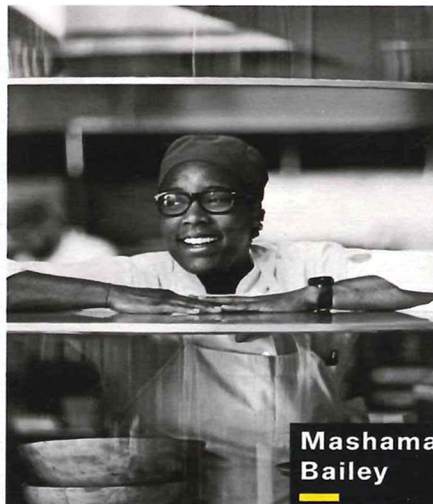
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## RISE ABOVE THE NAYSAYERS

Less than a year after *The Grey* opened, it was a *Food & Wine* top restaurant and everyone was talking about first-time executive chef Mashama Bailey's modern Southern fare—and the restaurant's innovative design (it's housed in a restored, formerly segregated Greyhound bus station). Bailey's mentors, like überchef Gabrielle Hamilton, her boss at NYC's *Prune*, helped give her the confidence to cook. "Everyone was treated with respect [at *Prune*]," she remembers. "I felt, this is the exact environment I want to work in. That was where I started to pay attention to my voice." One thing she won't be paying attention to? Her haters. "One day you pop up with a restaurant and people who were assholes to you and never saw you as competition are like, 'What?!?'"



**Mashama  
Bailey**

The Grey,  
Savannah