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WAYNE “HONEY” MONK

Pitmaster, Restaurateur

While Wayne Monk certainly qualifies as a business owner, it's his role as a pitmaster of the Lexington style that makes him critically important to the history of barbecue.

Since opening in 1962 when he was only 26, Wayne “Honey” Monk has set the standard that practically defines North Carolina barbecue; Lexington is recognized as a specific style, and the best example of that style is Monk’s restaurant.

The restaurant, and Mr. Monk, have received endless accolades from every publication that writes about Southern barbecue: Southern Living, USA Today, Garden & Gun, Our State magazine, The Charlotte Observer, even Craig Claiborne in the New York Times. In 1983, Monk even catered a barbecue dinner for seven heads of state, including President Ronald Reagan, at a G7 Summit in Williamsburg, Va.

Wayne Monk is a part of the barbecue family tree: He worked for Warner Stamey himself, considered the godfather of Lexington-style barbecue. He defines the very role of North Carolina pitmaster.