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Perilla, 9 Jones [W. 4th/Bleecker] 212.929.6868. Harold Dieterle, top chef of "Top Chef," takes an ecumenical approach to American cooking, invoking the Asian herb in its name, and Asian accents on the plate. The 9 Jones space has had quite a few occupants over the years and the long, narrow space has never been a looker for any of them – the same goes for Perilla. But after watching the thoughtful Dieterle on the show, who can resist rooting for his success?