



PROVEN FINE FOOD

2009 Great Taste Awards Gold winners are announced:

Woodcock Smokery, Rudd's Fine Food and Traditional Cheese Co fly the flag for Ireland

(all Irish winners listed below)

The Guild of Fine Food has just announced the Gold winners of the Great Taste Awards 2009. The Awards are nationally recognised as *the* independent benchmark for fine foods, and each gold winner will have been blind tasted by a minimum of eight experts. High profile judges this year included Charles Champion, Anthony Worrall-Thompson, Sarah Jane Evans MW and Amy Lame. This year, out of a total of 4873 entries, 1030 products were awarded Gold; most were awarded one star (639), 308 were awarded two stars and just 83 were awarded the highest accolade of three-star gold, reserved for products that are considered faultless.

Leading the charge for Ireland were Woodcock Smokery, Rudd's Fine Food and Traditional Cheese Co, who each won a coveted three-star gold for their Wild Smoked Salmon, Traditional Style White Pudding and SQ Cashel Blue respectively. The Traditional Cheese Co won multiple awards, taking home an additional two-star gold for SQ Gortnamona and two one-star golds for their SQ Cooleeney and SQ Old Dutch Master. Woodcock Smokery also picked up a second award, a two-star gold for Smoked Mackerel.

The awards ceremony for the 'Oscars of the Fine Food World' will take place at a glittering event at Fortnum & Mason's on September 7th, when the Supreme Judging Panel will taste all regional winners live in front of a packed crowd to decide which entry is to be crowned Supreme Champion 2009. Blur bass player, farmer and writer Alex James, chef Mark Hix, and Thomasina Miers of Masterchef fame are among those already confirmed for the panel.

Now in their 16th year, the Awards have gone from strength to strength and many consumers recognise the distinctive black and gold logo as a sign of excellence. However, winning an award is much more than recognition for excellence; it is one of the most powerful tools to help grow business in the speciality food sector. Peter Craig, Director of Beckleberry's, who won Supreme Champion last year commented that "you couldn't buy the kind of endorsement and publicity we received, and the list of outlets we now supply has grown beyond our wildest dreams."

- ends -

Notes to Editors:

All Irish winners are listed below:

Award	Description	Company	email address
1 star	Organic Beef Burger	Aibp Cahir	bfrazer@aibp.ie
2 star	Dry Aged Ribeye Steak	Aibp Cahir	bfrazer@aibp.ie
1 star	70% Organic & Fairtrade	Áine's Chocolates	info@chocolates.ie
2 star	Organic Seeded Bread	Baking Emporium	info@bakingemporiumltd.com
1 star	Bewley's Green Blend Tea	Bewley's Ltd	info@bewleys.com
2 star	Bewley's Gold Blend Tea	Bewley's Ltd	info@bewleys.com
1 star	Bewley's Special Reserve Tea	Bewley's Ltd	info@bewleys.com
3 star	Pesto alla Genovese	Bia Blasta	biablasta@gmail.com
1 star	Organic White Sour Dough Boule	Blazing Salads Bread Co	bakery@blazingsalads.com
1 Star	Boulabane Forest Fruits	Boulabane Farmhouse Foods Ltd	kmcantwell@eircom.net
3 star	Brady Family Glazed Ham, easy cane	Brady Family Ltd	eleanor@bradyham.com
2 star	Brady Family Connemara Air Dried Pork	Brady Family Ltd	eleanor@bradyham.com
1 star	Banana Ice Cream	Braemar Farm Ice Cream	info@braemarfarmicecream.co.uk
1 star	Belgian Chocolate Sorbet	Braemar Farm Ice Cream	info@braemarfarmicecream.co.uk
2 star	Slow Roasted Tomato Soup	Breheny's Bellish	
1 Star	Rosie's Chocolate Chip Brownies	Broadway Bagels	rosie@broadwaybagels.ie
1 Star	Rosie's Savoury Bagel Chips	Broadway Bagels	rosie@broadwaybagels.ie
1 star	Apple Crumble	Burkes Farm Ice Cream	burkesfarmicecream@eircom.net
1 star	Fixx Coffee Espresso	Café de Cuba	anne.abberton@cubascoffee.com
2 star	Rosscarbery Recipes White Pudding	Caherbeg Free Range Pork	caher@caherbegfreerangepork.ie

1 Star	All Butter Shortbread	Carleton Cake Co	doreen@carletoncakes.com
1 star	Sillan or Chicken with Basil Pesto Cream Cheese	Carton Bros Ltd.	zmontgomery@cartongroup.ie
1 star	Espresso Italia Coffee Beans	Clive McCabe Tea and Coffee	1mccabes@eircom.net
1 Star	Clonakilty Black Pudding	Clonakilty Black Pudding Company	sales@clonakiltyblackpudding.ie
1 Star	Beef & Pork	Connemara Fine Foods	connemarafinefoods@eircom.net
1 Star	Connemara Liver Pate	Connemara Fine Foods	connemarafinefoods@eircom.net
2 star	Greenore 8yr Old Single Grain	Cooley Distillery (Head Office)	info@cooleywhiskey.com
2 star	Tyrconnell Single Malt	Cooley Distillery (Head Office)	info@cooleywhiskey.com
2 star	Creeny, hard sheeps milk cheese , unpast	Corleggy Cheese	corleggy@eircom.net
1 Star	SQ Belgian Chocolate Truffle 6"	Couverture Desserts Limited	celine@couverture.ie
1 star	Cranberry Jelly	Crossogue Preserves	info@crossoguepreserves.com
1 star	Cuinneog Irish Country Butter	Cuinneog Ltd	info@cuinneog.com
1 star	Full Bodied Vegetable Soup	Cully & Sully Ltd	cullen@cullyandsully.com
1 Star	Free Range Rare Breed Green Streaky Bacon	Curraghchase Free Range Pork	INFO@RIGNEYsFARM.COM
2 star	SQ Prosciutto di San Daniele, produced by Principe di San Daniele	Dawn Farm Foods Ltd	muireann@dawnfarms.ie
1 star	SQ Chorizo Iberico de Bellota, produced by Marcos Salamanca, Spain	Dawn Farm Foods Ltd	muireann@dawnfarms.ie
1 star	SQ Paleta Iberica de Bellota, produced by Marcos Salamanca, Spain	Dawn Farm Foods Ltd	muireann@dawnfarms.ie
2 star	Coconut Macaroon, gluten free	Delicious: the Gluten Free Bakery	info@delicious.ie
1 star	Brown Bread, gluten free	Delicious: the Gluten Free Bakery	info@delicious.ie
2 star	Homemade Wheaten Bread	Dinkin's Home Bakery	aprilannabarker@hotmail.com
2 star	Apple Chutney	Dundon Food Experience	kevin@kevindundon.com
1 star	House Soda Bread	Fallon & Byrne	louise@fallonandbyrne.com
1 star	F&B Black Olive Tapenade	Fallon & Byrne	louise@fallonandbyrne.com
1 star	Fior Uisce, Pure Irish Water	Fior Uisce (True Water)	info@fioruisce.com
1 star	Yeats Country Organic 41% Mascarpone	Green Pastures (Donegal) Ltd	info@greenpasturesdonegal.com

1 star	Yeats Country Organic 30% Creme Fraiche	Green Pastures (Donegal) Ltd	info@greenpasturesdonegal.com
1 star	Yeats County Organic 28% Full Fat Soft Cheese	Green Pastures (Donegal) Ltd	info@greenpasturesdonegal.com
1 star	Yeats Country Organic 16% Light in Fat Soft Cheese	Green Pastures (Donegal) Ltd	info@greenpasturesdonegal.com
1 star	Blackcurrant Jam	G's Gourmet Jams	gsgourmetjams@eircom.net
1 star	Hot Pepper chutney	G's Gourmet Jams	gsgourmetjams@eircom.net
1 star	Seafood Chowder	Hanlon Foods Limited	mark.macmahon@hanlon.ie
1 Star	Black Pudding	Hodgins Sausages	hodginssausagesltd@eircom.net
2 star	White Pudding	Hodgins Sausages	hodginssausagesltd@eircom.net
1 star	Irish Angus Spiced Beef	Horgans Delicatessen Supplies	deirdreweir@horgans.com
2 star	Irish Angus Corned Beef	Horgans Delicatessen Supplies	deirdreweir@horgans.com
1 star	Sea Spaghetti Organic Gouda	Inagh Valley Samphire Corporation	info@inaghvalleytrust.org
1 star	Extra Tender Leg of Lamb with Mint Sauce	Irish Country Meats	agahan@irishcountrymeats.com
1 Star	Banoffee Flapjack	Irish Flapjack & Muffin Company	ian@ifmc.ie
1 star	Belgian Chocolate Chip Flapjack	Irish Flapjack & Muffin Company	ian@ifmc.ie
1 star	500g Bio Natural Yogurt	Irish Yogurts Ltd	m.herriott@irish-yogurts.ie
2 star	Chicken Fajitas	J M Food Services	jmfoods@eircom.net
2 star	Italian Style Meatballs in a Tomato & Basil Sauce	J M Food Services	jmfoods@eircom.net
2 star	Crozier Blue, sheeps milk	J & L Grubb Ltd / Cashel Cheese	info@cashelblue.com
2 star	Smoked Butter	J. O. D. Food Products	jodfoodproducts@eircom.net
2 star	Java Republic House Blend Teabag	Java Republic Roasting Company	tessa@javarepublic.com
1 star	Fairtrade String & tag Teabag	Java Republic Roasting Company	tessa@javarepublic.com
2 star	Liquorice	Java Republic Roasting Company	tessa@javarepublic.com
1 star	Turkish Apple	Java Republic Roasting Company	tessa@javarepublic.com
1 star	SQ Special Blend Coffee	Java Republic Roasting Company	tessa@javarepublic.com
1 star	FS Mezzo Espresso	Java Republic Roasting Company	tessa@javarepublic.com
1 star	FS Minkey Espresso	Java Republic Roasting Company	tessa@javarepublic.com
1 star	Carrot cake	Jinny's Bakery	sinead@jinnysbakery.com
1 star	Sugar & Yeast Free Brown Bread	Jinny's Bakery	sinead@jinnysbakery.com

3 star	SQ Blackcurrant Yogurt	Killowen t/a Green Valley Farm	killowenfoods@eircom.net
1 star	Killowen Apple & Fig Yogurt	Killowen t/a Green Valley Farm	killowenfoods@eircom.net
1 star	Ceylon Ratnapura FBOP. FEXS , from Sri Lanka	Kingfisher Tea	colm@kingfishertea.com
1 star	Rooibus Orange Eucalyptus, from South Africa	Kingfisher Tea	colm@kingfishertea.com
1 Star	Tiramisu	Lily O'Briens Chocolates	info@lilyobriens.ie
1 Star	Sicilian Orange & Exotic Spice Chocolate	Lir Chocolates	lisa@lirchocolates.com
2 star	Fudge, tablet	Mella's Fudge	mellasfudge@hotmail.com
3 star	Ginger Tea Brack	Mileeven Fine Foods	info@mileeven.com
1 star	Milleens, semi soft, pasteurised cows milk cheese	Milleens Cheese Ltd	milleens@eircom.net
2 star	Milleens, semi-soft, pasteurised cows milk cheese	Milleens Cheese Ltd	milleens@eircom.net
2 star	Single Blossom Honey	Molaga Honey	kevcollins@eircom.net
1 star	Tea Brack	Molloys Abbeytown Ltd	molloybakery@eircom.net
1 star	Cranberry, Orange & Thyme Stuffing	Mr Crumb	npdmanager@mrcrumb.ie
1 star	Organic Sage & Onion Stuffing	Mr Crumb	npdmanager@mrcrumb.ie
1 star	Cajun Crust Topping	Mr Crumb	npdmanager@mrcrumb.ie
1 star	Red Onion Marmalade	Mr Crumb	npdmanager@mrcrumb.ie
1 star	Raspberry Vinegar	Mr Pettersen's Limited Edition	john@mrpettersens.com
1 star	Real Rum Raisin	Murphy's Ice Cream	
1 star	Carmel Honeycomb	Murphy's Ice Cream	
1 star	Caribbean Marmalade	Natures Bounty	hollieo@eircom.net
2 star	Buttermilk Soda	O' Donohue's Bakery	bread@odonohuesbakery.ie
1 star	Low GI Multiseed	O' Donohue's Bakery	bread@odonohuesbakery.ie
1 star	Spelt & Honey	O' Donohue's Bakery	bread@odonohuesbakery.ie
1 star	Cork Boi Sausage ,pork & beef with Murphys Stout	O' Flynn's Gourmet Sausage Co	info@oflynnsourgourmetsausageco.ie
1 star	Hot Smoked Irish Salmon	Oceanpath Ltd	ken@oceanpath.ie
3 star	Organic Irish Garden Herb Oil	Organic Herb Co.	twineinc@eircom.net
1 star	Organic Coriander, Fennel & Dill Oil	Organic Herb Co.	twineinc@eircom.net
1 star	Organic Herb De Provence Oil	Organic Herb Co.	twineinc@eircom.net
1 star	Organic Brooklodge Spice Rub	Organic Herb Co.	twineinc@eircom.net

1 star	Connoisseur Blend Espresso Bean	Ponaire Ltd	jennifer@ponaire.ie
1 star	Chicken, Leek & Gubbeen Smokey Bacon	Posh Nosh Catering Co Ltd	POSHNOSH@EIRCOM.NET
1 Star	White Pudding	Prue & Simon's Ltd	prue@prueandsimons.com
2 star	Luxury Tea from Kenya	Robert Roberts	info@robert-roberts.ie
1 star	Rich Leaf Green Blend from Kenya & Malawi	Robert Roberts	info@robert-roberts.ie
1 star	Espresso Segovia from Nicaragua, Brazil & Guatemala	Robert Roberts	info@robert-roberts.ie
1 star	Vivaldi Coffee from Colombia, Brazil & Uganda	Robert Roberts	info@robert-roberts.ie
3 star	Traditional Style White Pudding	Rudd's Fine Food	eleanor@bradyham.com
1 star	Sams Cookies Cappuccino Cake	Sam's Cookies Ltd	info@samscookies.ie
2 star	Sheridans Duck Confit	Sheridans Cheesemongers	eryan@sheridanscheesemongers.com
2 star	Slow Cooked Hand Prepared Aromatic Duck Leg with Chinese Pancakes & Hoisin	Silver Hill Foods Ltd	silverhill@eircom.net
1 star	SQ Vanilla Ice Cream	Silver Pail Dairy	nmurphy@silverpail.com
1 star	Corrin Hill Saucey Chocolate Chip	Silver Pail Dairy	nmurphy@silverpail.com
3 star	SQ Ultimate Chocolate	Silver Pail Dairy	nmurphy@silverpail.com
1 star	Jasmine Dragon Pearl organic	Solaris Botanicals	info@solarisbotanicals.com
1 star	Organic King of Pru-Erh	Solaris Botanicals	info@solarisbotanicals.com
1 star	Organic Chunmee Green Tea	Solaris Botanicals	info@solarisbotanicals.com
1 star	Cranberry, Redcurrant & Port Sauce	Stockwell Artisan Foods	
3 star	Irish Blackcurrant Preserve	Superquinn Ltd	cara.mccusker@superquinn.ie
1 star	SQ Thick Carved Dry Cured Crumbed Ham	Superquinn Ltd	cara.mccusker@superquinn.ie
1 star	Christmas Pudding	The Foods Of Athenry Ltd	siobhan@foodsofathenry.ie
1 star	Sugar Free Fruit Brack	The Foods Of Athenry Ltd	siobhan@foodsofathenry.ie
1 star	Tomato Chilli & Coriander Sauce	The Scullery	florrie@thescullery.ie
2 star	SQ Gortnamona	Traditional Cheese Co Ltd	grainnewhalley@traditionalcheese.ie
1 star	SQ Cooleeney	Traditional Cheese Co Ltd	grainnewhalley@traditionalcheese.ie
1 star	SQ Old Dutch Master	Traditional Cheese Co Ltd	grainnewhalley@traditionalcheese.ie
3 star	SQ Cashel Blue	Traditional Cheese Co Ltd	grainnewhalley@traditionalcheese.ie

1 star	Wexford Strong & Vintage	Wexford Creamery Ltd	bernard.ruttledge@wexford-creamery.com
1 star	Wild Orchard Mango & Passionfruit Smoothie	Wild Orchard / Radical Fruit Co Ltd	diarmuid@wildorchard.ie
3 star	Smoked Salmon, wild	Woodcock Smokery	sally@woodcocksmokery.com
2 star	Smoked Mackerel	Woodcock Smokery	sally@woodcocksmokery.com

- The Great Taste Awards is organised annually by the Guild of Fine Food
- <http://www.finefoodworld.co.uk>
- The Great Taste Awards has, over 15 years, become the 'Oscars' of speciality food and drink. From the start, all foods have been blind tasted by a panel of independent judges from all parts of the fine food business, with gold awards going to those products considered faultless. The awards have changed the lives of many producers, helping them grow from small-scale locally-known brands to nationally accredited fine food brands. More than 1,000 products received Great Taste Award gold stars in 2008.

For more information on the Great Taste Awards, please contact:

gemma@completemediagroup.co.uk

sarahl@completemediagroup.co.uk

Tel: 020 7420 3550