



PROVEN FINE FOOD

2009 Great Taste Awards Gold winners are announced:

Paul A Young, Union Hand Roasted and C. Lidgate fly the flag for London

(all London 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 London were Islington-based artisan chocolate maker Paul A Young, gourmet coffee company Union Hand Roasted and Holland Park butchers C Lidgate. They each won three star gold awards for their Sea Salted Caramel chocolates, Foundation Espresso and 5 Spice Pork Ribs respectively. Furthermore, each producer took home multiple awards: for Paul A Young a two-star gold for his Bergamot and Maya Honey Ganache, for Union Hand Roasted no less than three two-star golds for their coffees, and for C Lidgate two one-star golds for Honey Roast Ham and Steak Teriyaki Stir Fry.

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."

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Notes to Editors:

All London winners are listed below:

Award	Entry description	Company name	Region 2
3 star	5 Spice Ribs, pork	C Lidgate Ltd	London
3 star	Sea Salted Caramel 64% Madagascar Chocolate with Maldon Sea Salt Caramel	Paul A Young Fine Chocolates	London
3 star	Foundation Espresso	Union Hand-Roasted Coffee / Numi Tea	London
3 star	Tropical Sun Guava Jelly	Wanis Ltd	London
3 star	Pie - Ox Cheek, Root Vegetables & Ale	fresh! naturally organic	London
3 star	Spelt Hazelenut Cookie Booster	Marasu's Petits Fours Ltd	London
2 star	Cheddar	Daylesford Organic	London
2 star	Potted Brown Shrimps	Effortless Eating Ltd	London
2 star	San Francisco 1000g Round	Gails - The Bread Factory	London
2 star	Walnut Rye Sourdough 500g	Gails - The Bread Factory	London
2 star	Tiger Top Pain de Mie 400g	Gails - The Bread Factory	London
2 star	Dark Chocolate & Salted Caramel Bar	Melt Chocolates Ltd	London
2 star	Pistacchio Di Bronte	Oddono's Gelati Italiani Ltd	London
2 star	Bergamot and Maya Honey Ganache	Paul A Young Fine Chocolates	London
2 star	Marshmallows	Sugargrain.com	London
2 star	Triple Chocolate Brownies	Sweet Things	London
2 star	Darjeeling 2nd Flush (Jungpana)	Tea Ltd	London
2 star	Dragonwell (Anhui Province)	Tea Ltd	London

2 star	Jasmine Silver Needle (Fujian Province)	Tea Ltd	London
2 star	Earl Grey Supreme	Tea Ltd	London
2 star	Moroccan Mint	Tea Ltd	London
2 star	Mustard Dressing	The French Dressing Company Ltd	London
2 star	Rwanda Maraba	Union Hand-Roasted Coffee / Numi Tea	London
2 star	Brazil, Lambari	Union Hand-Roasted Coffee / Numi Tea	London
2 star	Organic Natural Spirit Espresso - Organic	Union Hand-Roasted Coffee / Numi Tea	London
2 star	Organic Midnight Chocolate Sin - Wheat-free Torte to Bake-at-Home	Winona's Fresh Organic	London
2 star	Organic Twisted Oats & Raisins Cookie Dough to Bake-at-Home	Winona's Fresh Organic	London
2 star	Fresh Tagliatelle	La Tua Pasta Ltd	London
2 star	Hix Oyster Ale produced by Palmers	Mark Hix Food Etc.	London
1 star	Dark Chocolate Hazelnut Truffle	Baroque Chocolates (formerly Kaplan's Confectionery)	London
1 star	Honey Roast Ham	C Lidgate Ltd	London
1 star	Steak Teriyaki Stir Fry	C Lidgate Ltd	London
1 star	Pea & Ham Pie	Charlie Bighams	London
1 star	Clearspring Organic Brown Rice Udon Noodle	Clearspring Ltd	London
1 star	Free-Range Chicken & Ham Pie	Club Mangia Ltd	London
1 star	Rose Veal	Daylesford Organic	London
1 Star	Violet - a Violet-infused caramel cream in a dark chocolate shell	Demarquette Fine Chocolates	London
1 Star	Devon Strawberry - Strawberry caramel cream in a milk chocolate shell	Demarquette Fine Chocolates	London
1 Star	English Lavender - Lavender caramel cream in a milk chocolate shell	Demarquette Fine Chocolates	London
1 star	Seeded Cracker 1000g	Gails - The Bread Factory	London
1 star	Caramelised Garlic Bread	Gails - The Bread Factory	London
1 star	Boule de Moule Round 250g	Gails - The Bread Factory	London

1 star	Potato & Rosemary 500g Round	Gails - The Bread Factory	London
1 star	Carrot Cake Cream Cheese Icing	Gails - The Bread Factory	London
1 star	Hazelnut & Raisin Sourdough	Gails - The Bread Factory	London
1 star	Blue Cheese Campagne Basket 400g	Gails - The Bread Factory	London
1 star	Tamarind Chutney	Karimix UK Ltd	London
1 star	Naga Chilli Sauce	Karimix UK Ltd	London
1 Star	Peanut Butter Ice Cream	La Maison des Sorbets Foods Ltd	London
1 Star	Fresh Mint Choc Chip Ice Cream	La Maison des Sorbets Foods Ltd	London
1 star	Luigi's Fresh Bolognese Sauce	Luigi's Delicatessen	London
1 star	Chocolate Caramel Sauce	Melt Chocolates Ltd	London
1 star	White Low-Fat Cows' Soft Cheese	Milky's (UK) Ltd	London
1 star	Grilled Veg Salad - Aubergine, Red and Yellow Peppers, Cornichon, Parsley, Olive Oil, Balsamic Vinegar, Garlic, Salt, Pepper	Minkies Deli	London
1 star	Roast Salmon, Dill & Cornichon Fishcake	Moxon's Fishmongers	London
1 Star	Nocciola Piemonte	Oddono's Gelati Italiani Ltd	London
1 star	Panettone Ice Cream	Oddono's Gelati Italiani Ltd	London
1 star	Extra Virgin, Single Estate Olive Oil	Palmavera	London
1 star	Assam 2nd Flush (Harmutty)	Tea Ltd	London
1 star	Silver Needle (Hunan Province)	Tea Ltd	London
1 star	English Breakfast	Tea Ltd	London
1 star	Chocolate Society Milk Bar 40%	The Chocolate Partnership Ltd	London
1 star	London Bloomer 400g	The Flour Station	London
1 star	100% Rye Tin	The Flour Station	London
1 star	Focaccia Tray - Tomato & Basil	The Flour Station	London
1 star	Fruit & Nut Bar	The Flour Station	London
1 star	Aromatic Tomato & Basil Sauce	The Little Sauce Company Ltd (formerly Lucullus' Sorcery Ltd)	London
1 star	Garden Cake	Winona's Fresh Organic	London

1 Star	Fortnum & Mason's Sandringham Ganache	Demarquette Fine Chocolates	London
1 Star	Wild Mushroom Tortelloni	La Tua Pasta Ltd	London
1 star	Pâté de Fruit - Pomegranate/Champagne	Marasu's Petits Fours Ltd	London
1 star	Chocolate, Chilli & Lime	Marasu's Petits Fours Ltd	London
1 Star	De Beauvoir Smoked Salmon ' Hix Cure '	Mark Hix Food Etc.	London
1 star	Organic Chocolate Gateau	Honeyrose Bakery Ltd	London

- 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.

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