



PROVEN FINE FOOD

2009 Great Taste Awards Gold winners are announced:

Dickinson and Morris, Chase Distillery and Michael Kirk fly the flag for the Midlands

(all Midlands 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 the Midlands were Dickinson and Morris, Chase Distillery and Michael Kirk, who each won a coveted 3-star gold award for their Mini Melton Mowbray Pork Pies, Elderflower Liqueur and Oak Smoked Back Bacon respectively. Chase Distillery took home several awards, including a two-star gold for their Raspberry Liqueur and two one-star awards for Potato Vodka and Blackcurrant Liqueur, and Michael Kirk picked up an additional two-star for their Traditional Dry Cured Back Bacon.

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 Midlands winners as follows:

Award	Description	Company	email address
1 star	Apple & Date Chutney	Bentley's Fine Food	hilvue@aol.com
1 star	Strawberry & Cream Truffles with Vanilla Vodka	Bittersweet Chocolates	nigel@bittersweetchocolates.co.uk
1 Star	Duck Breasts in Bramble Sauce	Clarkes Queniborough	ian@clarkesqueniborough.co.uk
2 star	Organic Wholemeal	Claybrooke Mill	claybrookemill@yahoo.co.uk
2 star	Organic Wheater	Claybrooke Mill	claybrookemill@yahoo.co.uk
1 star	Beer Flavoured Truffle (Thornbridge Brewery, Jaipur IPA)	Cocoadance	info@cocoadance.com
1 star	Black Pudding Sausage	Croots Farm Shop	info@croots.co.uk
1 star	Rutland Sausage - 6 links (454g)	Dickinson & Morris	judith.constable@charnwood-bakery.co.uk
3 Star	Mini Melton Mowbray Pork Pies - six pack (300g)	Dickinson & Morris	judith.constable@charnwood-bakery.co.uk
1 star	Buffet Melton Mowbray Pork Pies - two pack (150g)	Dickinson & Morris	judith.constable@charnwood-bakery.co.uk
1 Star	Chilli Bite Biltong	Gonalston Farm Shop	george@gonalstonfarmshop.co.uk
1 star	Plain Pork Sausage	J T Beedham	johnny@jtbeedham.co.uk
1 star	Mint (Organic & Fairtrade)	Organic Seed and Bean Company / Amaizin Snacks	rudkin@dircon.co.uk

		(Nurture Foods Ltd)	
1 Star	Tikka Masala Cooking Sauce	Simtom Food Products	andy@prototypedesign.org.uk
1 star	Papaya & Lime Chutney	Simtom Food Products	andy@prototypedesign.org.uk
1 Star	Best Ham	Spring Lane Farm Shop	enquiries@springlanefarmshop.co.uk
1 star	Aromatic Tomato & Basil Sauce	The Little Sauce Company Ltd	marco@lucullus-sorcery.co.uk
1 star	Latino Marinated Olives	The Olive Queen	enquiries@theolivequeen.co.uk
1 star	Milk Chocolate Strawberry Bar	Thorntons PLC	keith.hurdman@thorntons.co.uk
1 star	Milk Chocolate Salted Pistachio	Thorntons PLC	keith.hurdman@thorntons.co.uk
1 star	Triple Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Kitchen	rasprice@tiscali.co.uk
1 Star	Cherry Blossom Truffle	Holdsworth Chocolates Ltd	info@holdsworthchocolates.co.uk
1 Star	Apricot Brandy Truffle	Holdsworth Chocolates Ltd	info@holdsworthchocolates.co.uk
2 Star	Salt Beef	Northfield Farm Ltd	jo@northfieldfarm.com
1 Star	Chocolate Ice Cream	Peak District Dairy	ROBWalker@PEAKDISTRICTDAIRY.CO.UK
1 Star	Double Cream	Peak District Dairy	ROBWalker@PEAKDISTRICTDAIRY.CO.UK
1 Star	Salted Butter	Peak District Dairy	ROBWalker@PEAKDISTRICTDAIRY.CO.UK
1 Star	Fresh Fields Sea Salt (for cooking)	Tindalls Bakery & Delicatessen	tindallsoftideswell@hotmail.com
1 Star	Christmas Chutney	Tindalls Bakery & Delicatessen	tindallsoftideswell@hotmail.com
1 star	Welland Valley Cold Pressed Rapeseed Oil	Welland Valley Oils	info@wellandvalley.com
1 star	Oak Smoked Rapeseed Oil	Welland Valley Oils	info@wellandvalley.com
1 Star	Pork & Orange Marmalade	Allan Bennett Limited	allan@allanbennett.net
1 star	Unsmoked Picante Cooking Chorizo	Bellota Foods UK Ltd	bellota@btinternet.com
2 star	Raisin Ginger Cake	Cariad Cakes	info@cariadcakes.com
3 star	Chase Elderflower Liqueur	Chase Distillery Ltd	karen@williamschase.co.uk
1 star	Chase Blackcurrant Liqueur	Chase Distillery Ltd	karen@williamschase.co.uk
2 star	Chase Raspberry	Chase Distillery Ltd	karen@williamschase.co.uk

	Liqueur		
1 star	Chase Potato Vodka	Chase Distillery Ltd	karen@williamschase.co.uk
2 star	Pork & Black Pudding Sausage	Chase Farm	
2 star	Traditional Pork Pie	Chase Farm	
1 star	Rum & Raisin Ice Cream	Churchfields Farmhouse Ice Cream	churchfieldsfm@btconnect.com
1 star	Irish Breakfast Tea, produced by PooBong Tea Company, India	Cotswold Tea Limited	richard@cotswoldtea.com
1 star	Red Gooseberry Extra Jam	Cottage Delight Ltd	linda.plant@cottagedelight.co.uk
1 star	Chocolate Curd	Cottage Delight Ltd	linda.plant@cottagedelight.co.uk
2 star	Honey & Mustard Vinaigrette	Cottage Delight Ltd	linda.plant@cottagedelight.co.uk
1 star	Balsamic & Madeira Sauce	Cottage Delight Ltd	linda.plant@cottagedelight.co.uk
1 star	Cumberland Sauce	Cottage Delight Ltd	linda.plant@cottagedelight.co.uk
1 star	Oyster Mushroom en Crouete with Garlic and Parsley	Creating Taste Ltd	INFO@CREATINGTASTE.COM
1 Star	Chilli Coconut Hot	Devine Foods Limited	info@devinefoods.co.uk
1 star	Ginger Pudding	Dukeshill Ham Company Limited	neale@dukeshillham.co.uk
1 star	Black Country Sausages	Dukeshill Ham Company Limited	neale@dukeshillham.co.uk
1 star	Merguez Sausage	Dukeshill Ham Company Limited	neale@dukeshillham.co.uk
1 star	Sweetcure Back Bacon	Dukeshill Ham Company Limited	neale@dukeshillham.co.uk
1 star	Lemon Drizzle Loaf	Fatherson Bakery	sales.fatherson@btconnect.com
2 star	Ginger Wine Fruite Cake	Franks Luxury Biscuits	sales@franksluxurybiscuits.co.uk
1 star	Plain All Butter Shortbread	Franks Luxury Biscuits	sales@franksluxurybiscuits.co.uk
1 star	Chaser	Lightwood Cheese	lightwood.cheese@virgin.net
2 star	Fortnum & Mason Highgrove Steak & Kidney Pie	M Newitt & Sons	tgnewitt@aol.com

3 Star	Fortnum & Mason Rose Petal Jelly	McNeill's Fine Food & Rose Industries Limited	SUEMCNEILL.WEBB@BTOPENWORLD.COM
1 star	Sparkling Elderflower pressé	Nurses Cottage Drinks @ Bredon Hill Foods	lucy@bredonhillfoods.co.uk
2 star	Blackcurrant Cordial	Pixley Berries (Juice) Ltd	katie@pixleyberries.co.uk
1 star	Steak & Ale Pie	Ragley Estate Meats Ltd	butchers@ragleyhall.com
1 star	Damson Extra Jam	Strefford Hall Farm Shop	david@streffordhallfarmshop.co.uk
1 star	Oatty with Currants	Taste Of The Moorlands Ltd	sarahgayton@yahoo.co.uk
2 star	Oatty	Taste Of The Moorlands Ltd	sarahgayton@yahoo.co.uk
1 star	Comice Pear Juice	Teme Valley Fruit	alf29@cam.ac.uk
2 star	Mango & Passion Fruit Coulis	The Best of Taste Company Ltd	info@bestoftaste.co.uk
1 star	Gourmet Muesli (Strawberry & Vanilla)	The Ludlow Nut Co	
1 star	Raspberry Gin Liqueur	Tipsy Fruit Gins Limited	
1 star	Naked Potato Chips	Tyrrells Potato Chips Ltd	cath@tyrrellspotatochips.co.uk
1 star	Mixed Root Vegetable Chips	Tyrrells Potato Chips Ltd	cath@tyrrellspotatochips.co.uk
1 Star	Parsnip Chips with Rosemary	Tyrrells Potato Chips Ltd	cath@tyrrellspotatochips.co.uk
2 star	Beetroot Chips	Tyrrells Potato Chips Ltd	cath@tyrrellspotatochips.co.uk
1 star	Wasabi Peanuts	Tyrrells Potato Chips Ltd	cath@tyrrellspotatochips.co.uk
1 star	Moroccan Lamb Tagine & Cous Cous	Aubrey Allen Ltd	russell@aubreyallen.co.uk
1 star	Aberdeenshire Beef Chipsteak/Chilli & Garlic	Aubrey Allen Ltd	russell@aubreyallen.co.uk
1 star	Outdoor Pork Sausage with Damson Relish	Easthope Boxley Ltd	
2 star	Pork & Chicken Gateaux	Easthope Boxley Ltd	
1 star	Celebration Pork Pie (Cold)	Easthope Boxley Ltd	
1 star	Ham & egg Pie	H Dayus Family Butchers Ltd	gsaunders@sky.com
1 Star	Just Mayonnaise with Lemon Zest	Just Oil Ltd	anthony.froggatt@btinternet.com
1 star	BBQ Sauce	Kit's Kitchen	kit.bamford@virgin.net

3 star	Oak Smoked Back Bacon	Michael Bachyk Ltd t/a Michael Kirk	MICHAEL@PORKIEPIES.COM
2 star	Traditional Dry Cured Back Bacon	Michael Bachyk Ltd t/a Michael Kirk	MICHAEL@PORKIEPIES.COM
1 star	Blackwatch Scotch Egg	The Handmade Scotch Egg Company	info@handmadescotcheeggs.co.uk
1 star	Scrumpy Scotch Egg	The Handmade Scotch Egg Company	info@handmadescotcheeggs.co.uk
1 star	Free Range Streaky Bacon, produced by Walter Smith (Lichfield), England	Walter Smith (Birmingham) Ltd	robert@waltersmith.co.uk
2 star	Free Range Boiled Ham, produced by Walter Smith (Lichfield), England	Walter Smith (Birmingham) Ltd	robert@waltersmith.co.uk
1 Star	Free Range Pork Pie, produced by Walter Smith (Lichfield), England	Walter Smith (Birmingham) Ltd	robert@waltersmith.co.uk
1 star	Steak & Kidney Pie, produced by Walter Smith (Lichfield), England	Walter Smith (Birmingham) Ltd	robert@waltersmith.co.uk

- 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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