



PROVEN FINE FOOD

2009 Great Taste Awards Gold winners are announced:

Giacopazzi's, Cairn O' Mohr Country Wines and Nevis Bakery fly the flag for Scotland

(all Scottish 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 Scotland were Giacopazzi's, Cairn O' Mohr Country Wines and Nevis Bakery. Giacopazzi's won a coveted three-star gold award for their Raspberry Yogurt, as well as two one-star golds for their Vanilla Ice Cream and Passion Fruit Sorbet, whilst Cairn O'Mohr Country Wines took home a three-star gold for their Sparkling Strawberry Wine. Nevis Bakery took home Scotland's third and final three-star gold award for its Demerara Shortbread, along with a one-star gold for Highland Oaties.

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 Scottish winners are listed below:

Award	Description	Company	email address
1 Star	Arran Rich Dark Chocolate Ice Cream	Arran Dairies Ltd / Taste of Arran	maureen@taste-of-arran.co.uk
1 star	Fresh Ginger Dark Chocolate Ganache	Charlotte Flower Chocolates	cocoaflower@btconnect.com
2 star	Sea Salt Caramel Filled Moulded Dark Chocolate	Charlotte Flower Chocolates	cocoaflower@btconnect.com
1 star	Traditional Chicken Liver Pâté with Apricot & Roasted Pine Kernels	Crookedshaws Farmhouse Paté	amanda@crookedshaws.co.uk
1 star	Ginger Tablet	Crymble's Confectionery	info@crymblesconfectionery.co.uk
1 Star	Dean's Apple and Cranberry Oat Biscuits -	Dean's of Huntly Ltd	sylvia.grant@deans.co.uk
1 Star	Roast Smoked Organic Brown Trout	Delfour Hatchery / Cairngorm Smokehouse	delfourhatchery@aol.com
1 star	Wild Scottish Smoked Salmon	Dunkeld Smoked Salmon	enq@dunkeldsmokedsalmon.com
2 star	Scottish Smoked Sea Trout - Organically Reared	Dunkeld Smoked Salmon	enq@dunkeldsmokedsalmon.com
1 star	Dunsyre & Fresh Pressed Pear Paté	Findlaters Fine Foods	findlater's@hotmail.co.uk
1 star	Vanilla Ice Cream	Giacopazzi's	peter@oblobar.co.uk
1 star	Passion Fruit Sorbet	Giacopazzi's	peter@oblobar.co.uk
3 star	Raspberry Yogurt	Giacopazzi's	peter@oblobar.co.uk
1 star	Fairtrade Organic Sumatran Reserve	Glenfinlas Ltd / Green Mountain	w.ellison@greenmountaincoffee.co.uk

		Coffee	
1 star	Dark Magic Espresso Blend	Glenfinlas Ltd / Green Mountain Coffee	w.ellison@greenmountaincoffee.co.uk
2 star	Fairtrade Organic Espresso Blend	Glenfinlas Ltd / Green Mountain Coffee	w.ellison@greenmountaincoffee.co.uk
1 Star	Bitter & Twisted 4.2% Blond Beer	Harviestoun Brewery Ltd	chris@harviestoun.com
1 Star	Old Engine Oil 6% - Strong, Dark Beer	Harviestoun Brewery Ltd	chris@harviestoun.com
1 star	Smoked Organic Salmon	Inverawe Smokehouses	lucy@inverawe.co.uk
1 star	Flaky Roast Smoked Salmon	Inverawe Smokehouses	lucy@inverawe.co.uk
1 star	Smoked Eel	Inverawe Smokehouses	lucy@inverawe.co.uk
1 star	Smoked Loch Etive Trout	Inverawe Smokehouses	lucy@inverawe.co.uk
1 Star	Chocolate Chip & Hazelnut Cookies, organic, produced by Agaws Tuf Crow, Scotland	Island Bakery Organics	organics@islandbakery.co.uk
1 Star	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Lazy Day Foods	sally@lazydayfoods.com
1 star	Sweet Balsamic Dressing with Raspberry	Little Doone Foods	littledoone@channas.plus.com
1 star	Sweet Balsamic Dressing - Orange Zest	Little Doone Foods	littledoone@channas.plus.com
2 star	Sweet Balsamic Dressing - Ginger	Little Doone Foods	littledoone@channas.plus.com
2 star	Lemon & Lime Marmalade	Mackays Ltd / Mrs. Bridges	leanne.bryden@mackays.com
1 star	Hot Onion Relish	Mackays Ltd / Mrs. Bridges	leanne.bryden@mackays.com
1 star	Macswen Vegetarian Haggis	Macswen of Edinburgh / Macswen Haggis	marina@macswen.co.uk
2 star	Traditional Thin Oatcakes	McKenzie Biscuits	mckenzie-biscuits@smartone.co.uk
2 star	Traditional Thick Round Oatcakes	McKenzie Biscuits	mckenzie-biscuits@smartone.co.uk
1 Star	Nairns Organic Rough Oatcake	Nairn's Oatcakes Ltd	lesley@nairns-oatcakes.com
1 Star	Free Range Pork Sausage	Ramsay of Carluke Ltd	andrew@ramsayofcarluke.co.uk

1 Star	Haggis	Ramsay of Carluke Ltd	andrew@ramsayofcarluke.co.uk
1 Star	Vegetarian version of Scott's Huntly Haggis	Scott the Butchers	e.fullerton@btinternet.com
1 Star	Sweet Oatie Biscuit	Shortbread House of Edinburgh Ltd	info@shortbreadhouse.com
2 star	Plain Shortbread	Shortbread House of Edinburgh Ltd	info@shortbreadhouse.com
1 Star	Shortbread with Chocolate & Orange	Shortbread House of Edinburgh Ltd	info@shortbreadhouse.com
1 star	Organic Lamb with Crab Apple & Mint Jelly	Simple Simon's Perfect Pie Factory	info@simplesimonspies.co.uk
2 star	Salmon with Broccoli & Horseradish	Simple Simon's Perfect Pie Factory	info@simplesimonspies.co.uk
1 star	Coconut Biscuits	Stag Bakeries Ltd	stagbakeries@aol.com
1 star	Sweet Oatcakes	The Handmade Oatcake Company	fiona@thehoc.orangehome.co.uk
2 star	Thin & Crispy Oatcakes	The Handmade Oatcake Company	fiona@thehoc.orangehome.co.uk
1 star	Arran Blue - Young Soft Cheese	The Island Cheese Company	
1 star	Hot smoked Organic Seatrout, farmed	Uig Lodge Smoked Salmon	dickon@uiglodge.co.uk
1 star	Cold Smoked Organic Seatrout, farmed	Uig Lodge Smoked Salmon	dickon@uiglodge.co.uk
1 Star	Essential Oil Extract Lemongrass	Uncle Roy's Comestible Concoctions	uncleroy@uncleroys.co.uk
2 star	Arran Red Squirrel	Arran Brew Ltd	elisabeth@arranbrewery.co.uk
1 Star	Unsmoked Middle Bacon	Ballencrieff Rare Pedigree Pigs	ballencrieffrarepedigreepigs@btinternet.com
3 star	Cairn O' Mohr Sparkling Strawberry Wine	Cairn O' Mohr Country Wines Ltd	us@cairnomohr.co.uk
1 Star	Stornoway Black Pudding	CHARLES MACLEOD Ltd	sales@charlesmacleod.co.uk
1 star	Ginger & Whisky Spiced Babas	Cookroom Ltd	cookroom@btinternet.com
2 star	El Lagar Del Soto, produced by Jacoliva, Spain	El Olivo Olive Oil Company	info@elolivo-olive-oil.com

1 Star	Roasted Pepper Stuffed Queen Olives, produced by Vegatoro, Spain	El Olivo Olive Oil Company	info@elolivo-olive-oil.com
2 star	Roasted Red Peppers, produced by S.A.T El Salat, Spain	El Olivo Olive Oil Company	info@elolivo-olive-oil.com
1 star	Chocoloate cake, gluten free	G & G Sinclair/ Cragies Farm Shop	john@craigies.co.uk
1 Star	Savory Apple Mint Jelly	Henshelwoods Fine Foods	info@henshelwoodsfinefoods.co.uk
1 star	Orginal Chilli Jam	Henshelwoods Fine Foods	info@henshelwoodsfinefoods.co.uk
1 star	Biscuits with Oats, sweet	Kenmore Bakery	kenmorebakery@hotmail.com
1 star	Shortbread, plain	Kenmore Bakery	kenmorebakery@hotmail.com
1 star	Black Pudding	Macbeth's of Forres	info@macbeths.com
1 star	Haggis (Slicing)	Macbeth's of Forres	info@macbeths.com
1 star	Beef Sirloin Steak - Grass Fed	Macbeth's of Forres	info@macbeths.com
2 star	Hebridean Triangle Oatcakes	MacLean's Bakery (Benbecula) Ltd	macleankbakery@btconnect.com
1 star	Highland Oaties	Nevis Bakery Ltd	archie@nevisbakery.com
3 star	Demerara Short Bread	Nevis Bakery Ltd	archie@nevisbakery.com
1 Star	Highland Oat Cakes	Nevis Bakery Ltd	archie@nevisbakery.com
2 star	Cold Smoked Venison	Rannoch Smokery	maggie@rannochsmokery.co.uk
2 Star	Salar Flaky Smoked Salmon	Salar Smokehouse Ltd	fionamacdonald@salar.co.uk
1 star	Sheep Dip Vatted Malt Whisky	The Spencerfield Spirit Co Ltd	jane@spencerfieldspirit.com
2 star	Almond Oaties, gluten free	Tilquhillie Fine Foods	tillqupudds@tiscali.co.uk
1 Star	Oak-Smoked Extra Mature Cheddar	Ullapool Smokehouse	andy.reeve@ullapoolsmokehouse.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.

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