



## **PROVEN** FINE FOOD

**2009 Great Taste Awards Gold winners are announced:**

**Grumpy Mule Distinctive Coffee, Yummy Yorkshire Ice Cream Company and The Swaledale Cheese Company fly the flag for Yorkshire**

(all Yorkshire 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 Yorkshire were Grumpy Mule Distinctive Coffee, Yummy Yorkshire Ice Cream Company and The Swaledale Cheese Company. Grumpy Mule Distinctive Coffee brought home a host of awards, including a coveted three-star gold for their Kenya Gethumbwini Estate Coffee, two two-star golds for Rwanda Musaba Co-operative Red Bourbon Arabica Coffee and Organic Brasil Fazenda Santa Terezinha Coffee, and a further two one-star golds. The Swaledale Cheese Company also won multiple awards, including a three-star gold for their Swaledale Natural Blue and one-star gold for their Swaledale Natural Rind Goat's Cheese. Yummy Yorkshire Ice Cream Company won a three-star gold for their Liquorice Ice Cream.

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Yorkshire winners are as follows:

<b>Award</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>email address</b>
2 star	Ginger Ice Cream	A B Moore Farmers Limited	nicola@brymordairy.co.uk
1 star	Rum and Raisin Ice Cream	A B Moore Farmers Limited	nicola@brymordairy.co.uk
2 star	Figit Pie	Andrew Jones (Pies) Ltd.	enquiries@jones-butchers.co.uk
1 star	Ploughmans Pies	Andrew Jones (Pies) Ltd.	enquiries@jones-butchers.co.uk
1 star	Lime & Sea Salt Hand-Cut Slab	Angel Chocolates	angel@swaledale.org
1 star	Peanut Brittle & Sea Salt Hand-Cut Slab	Angel Chocolates	angel@swaledale.org
2 star	Peppermint Crunch Hand-Cut Slab	Angel Chocolates	angel@swaledale.org
1 Star	Elderflower, Gooseberry & Muscat Grape Cordial - Belvoir	Belvoir Fruit Farms	info@belvoirfruitfarms.co.uk
1 Star	Lime & Lemongrass Pressé	Belvoir Fruit Farms	info@belvoirfruitfarms.co.uk
1 Star	Brown Sauce	Catherine's Choice	sales@catherines-choice.com
1 star	Simply Sausages Smithfield No 2 Recipe Sausages	Cranswick Country Foods plc	REBECCA.KEALEY@CRANSWICK.CO.UK
1 star	Richard Woodhall Cumberland Sausages	Cranswick Country Foods plc	REBECCA.KEALEY@CRANSWICK.CO.UK
2 star	Simply Sausages Smoked Bacon & Leek Sausages	Cranswick Country Foods plc	REBECCA.KEALEY@CRANSWICK.CO.UK
2 star	Taste the Difference Dry Cured Unsmoked Gammon Joint	Cranswick Country Foods plc	REBECCA.KEALEY@CRANSWICK.CO.UK
1 Star	Indian Beetroot Chutney	Curry Cuisine Ltd	enquiries@currycuisine.co.uk
1 star	Lemon Curd - made with butter and free-range eggs	Dewberrie Speciality Foods	dewberriespecialityfoods@hotmail.com
1 star	Prime Yorkshire Pork Sausage made with free-range Easingwold Pork	Elite Meat Ltd	gordon.atkinson@btconnect.com

1 star	Pork Pie made with free-range Easingwold Pork	Elite Meat Ltd	gordon.atkinson@btconnect.com
1 star	Sirloin Steak - Free-range Yorkshire Highland Beef, reared on the limestone moors above Skipton	Elite Meat Ltd	gordon.atkinson@btconnect.com
2 star	Rwanda Musasa Cooperative, Red Bourbon Arabica Coffee	Grumpy Mule Distinctive Coffee	damian@grumpymule.co.uk
1 star	Tanzania Footprint, Blackburn Estate Peaberry Coffee	Grumpy Mule Distinctive Coffee	damian@grumpymule.co.uk
2 star	Organic Brasil Fazenda Santa Terezinha Coffee	Grumpy Mule Distinctive Coffee	damian@grumpymule.co.uk
1 star	Organic Ethiopia Yirgacheffe, Fairtrade Certified Coffee	Grumpy Mule Distinctive Coffee	damian@grumpymule.co.uk
3 star	Kenya Gethumbwini Estate Coffee	Grumpy Mule Distinctive Coffee	damian@grumpymule.co.uk
1 star	Kulfi Mango Indian Ice Cream	Indie Ices	tattersallmike@yahoo.co.uk
1 star	Jali Organic Slow Dried Pineapple	Jali Organic	moses@jaliorganic.com
1 star	Blackcurrant Jam	Jennys Jams	jennysjams@hotmail.co.uk
2 star	Raspberry Jam	Jennys Jams	jennysjams@hotmail.co.uk
1 star	Strawberry Jam	Jennys Jams	jennysjams@hotmail.co.uk
1 star	Shortbread Thin Biscuits	Just Desserts	just-desserts@dsl.pipex.com
1 Star	Best Lincolnshire Sausage	Meridian Meats Family Butchers Ltd	info@meridianmeats.co.uk
1 star	Pipers No Salt Crisps	Pipers Crisps Ltd	alex@piperscrisps.com
1 star	Pipers West Country Cheddar & Onion Crisps	Pipers Crisps Ltd	alex@piperscrisps.com
1 star	Pipers Sea Salt & Indian Black Pepper Crisps	Pipers Crisps Ltd	alex@piperscrisps.com
1 star	Pipers Biggleswade Sweet Chilli Crisps	Pipers Crisps Ltd	alex@piperscrisps.com
2 star	Sloe Whisky	Sloe Motion	jonathan@sloemotion.com
1 star	Biscotti	Teahee! Cheesemonger & Espresso Bar	mail@teahee.co.uk
1 star	Riggwelter Plum Pudding, produced by Lewis & Coopers, Northallerton, UK	THE BLACK SHEEP BREWERY PLC	helen.allison@blacksheep.co.uk
2 star	Riggwelter (dark ale)	THE BLACK SHEEP BREWERY PLC	helen.allison@blacksheep.co.uk
2 star	Organic Honey Roasted Radish & Hazelnut Muesli	The Side Oven Bakery	bakery@sideoven.com
2 star	Organic Wholewheat Spelt Flour	The Side Oven Bakery	bakery@sideoven.com
1 star	Swaledale Goats' - Natural Rind	The Swaledale Cheese Company Ltd	sales@swaledalecheese.co.uk
3 star	Swaledale Blue - Natural Rind	The Swaledale Cheese Company Ltd	sales@swaledalecheese.co.uk

1 star	Traditional Pork Pie	The Topping Pie Company	jamesbeachill@hotmail.com
1 Star	Organic Caramelised Onion Soup with Aspall 'Cyder' Vinegar	The Yorkshire Provender	info@theyorkshireprovender.co.uk
1 star	Strawberry & Champagne Preserve	White Rose Preserves	info@whiterosepreserves.co.uk
1 Star	Wold Gold Light Beer	Wold Top Brewery	enquiries@woldtopbrewery.co.uk
1 star	Mars Magic Premium Ale	Wold Top Brewery	enquiries@woldtopbrewery.co.uk
3 star	Liquorice Ice Cream	Yummy Yorkshire Ice Cream Company	jeremyholmes@farmersweekly.net
1 star	Crumbly Oaties	Grandma Wilds	sales@grandma-wilds.co.uk
2 star	Butterscotch	Grandma Wilds	sales@grandma-wilds.co.uk
1 Star	Tomato Based Soup	Kilnsey Park Farm Shop	info@kilnseypark.co.uk
1 star	Handmade Luxury Fruit Cake	Lewis & Cooper Ltd	victoria.howard@lewisandcooper.co.uk
1 Star	Handmade Gluten-free Plum Pudding	Lewis & Cooper Ltd	victoria.howard@lewisandcooper.co.uk
1 star	Cumberland Sausage	Mainsgill Farm Shop	info@mainsgillfarm.co.uk
1 star	Free Range Belly Pork	Redhill Farm Free Range Pork	
1 star	Ewe's Milk Cheese	The Ribblesdale Cheese Company 1978 Ltd.	ionahill@gmail.com
1 star	Eat Me Slice, organic 73% Chocolate Digestives Yorkshire Butter Golden Syrup, Cherries, Sultanas	White Rabbit Chocolate Co Limited	whiterabbitchocolate@hotmail.co.uk
2 star	Yorkshire Honeycomb, Organic Milk Chocolate, 37%, with Honeycombe Pieces	White Rabbit Chocolate Co Limited	whiterabbitchocolate@hotmail.co.uk
1 star	Raspberry & Amaretti, Organic White Chocolate 28% Cocoa Butter with Raspberries Crushed Amaretti Biscuits	White Rabbit Chocolate Co Limited	whiterabbitchocolate@hotmail.co.uk
2 star	Yorkshire Gold Tea Bags	Taylor's of Harrogate / Bettys & Taylors	liz.earl@bettysandtaylor's.co.uk
1 star	Taylor's of Harrogate Colombia High Andes	Taylor's of Harrogate / Bettys & Taylors	liz.earl@bettysandtaylor's.co.uk
1 star	Taylor's of Harrogate Espresso	Taylor's of Harrogate / Bettys & Taylors	liz.earl@bettysandtaylor's.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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