

Apple Cider Vinegar is the pick of the crop, as Great Taste judges go with their gut

Golden Fork from Northern Ireland announced

Celebrating the very best in food and drink, Great Taste, the world's most coveted food awards, has reached its grand finale for 2018. The **Great Taste Golden Fork** for the best food or drink from **Northern Ireland** was presented to **Natural Umber** from Dungannon for its bold and well-rounded **Natural Umber Organic Apple Cider Vinegar**, which was a hit with the Great Taste judges. "Smooth and easy to drink with water", the apple cider vinegar has a "syrupy viscosity, sweet apple character and a sharpness, making a grown up and refreshing soft drink".

Out of a record breaking 12,634 products entered into Great Taste 2018, the **Natural Umber Organic Apple Cider Vinegar**, which is made by Michael Mackle, whose family has been producing apple products for more than 50 years, was celebrated as the best tasting product in its region at the Great Taste Golden Fork Dinner held on Sunday 2 September at the InterContinental Park Lane Hotel, London, where over 350 guests from the world of fine food gathered to hear the results of many months of rigorous judging.

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Attached picture caption: (L to R) John Farrand, Guild of Fine Food, Michael Mackle of Natural Umber and Grainne Moody from Invest Northern Ireland.

The Golden Fork from **Northern Ireland** was sponsored by **Invest Northern Ireland** and also nominated this year was a Great Taste 3-star winning **Lamb Bacon** from **Hannan Meats** in Armagh and a **Salted Almond Ice Cream** from Antrim-based **Mauds Ice Creams**.

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A full list of all Golden Fork trophy winners is available from amy@freshlygroundpr.co.uk.

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Images are available to view in the [press room](#) on the Guild of Fine Food website and high resolution images are available from amy@freshlygroundpr.co.uk.