



## Great Taste Producer of the Year awarded to Åkesson´s

The Great Taste awards celebrates the very best in food and drink. The Great Taste Producer of the Year Award was presented to Åkesson´s of London on Monday 7 September at the Great Taste Golden Forks Dinner held at The Royal Garden Hotel in Kensington. Over 300 guests from the world of fine food gathered to hear the results of months of rigorous judging.

With a remarkable four products named in the Great Taste 2015 Top 50 Foods, this year´s judges heaped praise upon Åkesson´s single estate chocolates, including a 75% Criollo Cocoa from Madagascar, a 75% Forastero Cocoa and Coffee Nibs from Brazil and a 75% Trinitario Cocoa from Bali, with comments ranging from “perfect harmony” to “divine finish”. Åkesson´s 100% Criollo Cocoa from Madagascar was even hailed a “technical marvel” by judges on the panel, who were astonished that a 100% cocoa product could deliver such a rich and full flavour, with no bitterness whatsoever.

John Farrand, managing director of the Guild of Fine Food, explains; “Here is a producer that is clearly going from strength to strength, refining a superb range of products and achieving a remarkable level of consistency across the board. Having already won Great Taste stars for six of its products in 2014, Åkesson´s has returned this year and blown the judges away, achieving stars for eight different chocolate varieties in total, with four being named in the Top 50 Foods. We’re absolutely delighted to present the Åkesson´s team with this award and hope that it helps to cement its reputation as one of the leading speciality producers in the country.”

The Great Taste Producer of the Year Award was sponsored by Partridges.

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Watch 60 second video reviews of Åkesson´s Top 50 winning products by following the links below:

75% Criollo Cocoa (Madagascar) with Patrick McGuigan

75% Forastero Cocoa and Coffee Nibs (Brazil) with Adrian Boswell

75% Trinitario Cocoa (Bali) with Bruce Langlands

100% Criollo Cocoa (Madagascar) with Glynn Christian