

Matthew's Preserves wins Great Taste Startisan of the Year, as tropical fruit puts chutney centre stage

Following a record-breaking 12,772 entries judged over 75 days, Great Taste, the world's most revered food and drink awards, has reached its grand finale for 2019. The **Great Taste Startisan of the Year** award was presented to **Matthew's Preserves** from **Nottingham** at the Great Taste Golden Fork Dinner held on Sunday 1 September at the InterContinental Park Lane Hotel, London, where over 350 guests from the world of fine food gathered to discover this year's stars of food and drink.

Turning his hobby into a business earlier this year, Matthew Slaughter, founder of Matthew's Preserves, impressed at every stage of the blind-tasted judging process, achieving a Great Taste 3-star award for his **Spicy Pineapple Chutney**. The judges heaped praise upon this smooth and spicy chutney, applauding its "pungent spiced aroma and great balance of spices, cooked out well". Made using a punchpooran spice mix and cayenne pepper, this chutney has "lovely distinguishable spices" and a "well-judged heat".

John Farrand, managing director of the Guild of Fine Food, commented: "Starting out as a new food business can be daunting, especially in the current climate, but it is artisan producers like Matthew's Preserves that really set the benchmark for quality and deserve recognition for their craft. This victory for Matthew's Spicy Pineapple Chutney serves as a good example of how our robust blind-tasted judging process picks out the very best products, regardless of the size or marketing budget of the company behind them, which is what Great Taste is all about. We wish Matthew every success as he continues in his first year of business and are certain that this Great Taste gong will help grab the attention of retailers, buyers and distributors alike".

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The **Great Taste Startisan of the Year** award was sponsored by **Partridges**.

[A full list of all Golden Fork trophy winners is available from amy@freshlygroundpr.co.uk.](mailto:amy@freshlygroundpr.co.uk)

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.