

Sweet + Spicy, Pantry + Other Products Schedule

13th + 14th July 2023



**ROYAL
TASMANIAN
FINE FOOD
AWARDS**



28th year of Showing Annual Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards

The Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards is the
oldest and most respected competition in Australia.
Established 1995



Mission Statement

We encourage Tasmanians to redefine excellence in food and beverages.

The Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards acclaims and recognises the finest Australian food producers across twenty-one (21) categories, including baked products, beverages, bread, chocolate, coffee, cheese, dairy products, delicatessen, smallgoods, herbs and spices, honey, ice-cream, olive products, preserves, seafood and plant-based products.



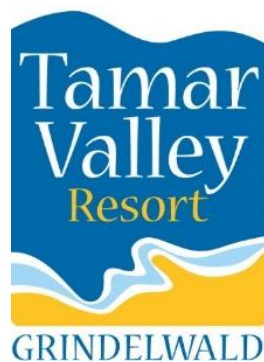
KEY INFORMATION

Valhalla Ice Cream Sweet & Spicy Awards Tamar Valley Resort Pantry & Other Products Awards Judging Dates: 13 th and 14 th July 2023	
Entry Fees	<p>RAST Member: \$45 per entry Non-Member: \$50 per entry</p> <p><i>Discounted fees: First 10 (ten) entries are at normal entry fee rate. 50% reduction for subsequent entries that are entered into the same section.</i></p>
Entries Open	Wednesday 1 st March 2023
Enter Online	https://entries.hobartshowground.com.au/Account/ExhibitorLogin
Entries close	Sunday 18 th June 2023
Delivery Due Date	Wednesday 12 th July 2023
Social Media	<p>Follow us to stay up to date through the year:</p> <p> @tasfinefoodawards</p> <p> @tasmanianfinefoods</p>
Contact	<p>Fine Food & Wine Events Manager Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania PO Box 94, Glenorchy, TAS 7010 Phone: 03 6285 8734 Email: events@hobartshowground.com.au</p>
Accommodation Partner	The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel
Result Announcements	Please follow us on Facebook for result updates and winners.
Fine Wine & Dine Awards Dinner	Friday 10 th November 2023

AWARDS AND TROPHIES

Trophies and Plaques	Sponsor
Champion and Reserve Champion Chocolate & Confectionery	Valhalla Ice Cream
Champion and Reserve Champion Herbs and Spices	Valhalla Ice Cream
Champion and Reserve Champion Honey	Valhalla Ice Cream
Champion and Reserve Champion Pantry & Other Items	Tamar Valley Resort

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EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

ROYAL TASMANIAN FINE FOOD AWARDS – SUPPORTING THE AUSTRALIAN FOOD INDUSTRY

The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania is a not-for-profit organisation that can trace its history back to 1821 when a group of Van Diemen's Land residents corresponded with the Official Secretary and gained approval for the establishment of a Society for the protection of animals. Since then, the Society has broadened its vision and now supports the Australian Food Industry and the Australian Wine Industry with Exhibitor competitions that support both industries. The Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards is committed to engaging the very best professionals as Judges and Stewards, providing a professional environment for networking and development to all participants, resulting in huge benefits for the food industry at large.

The RAST strongly encourages Exhibitors to enter online; it is:

Quicker! Entering online offers instant confirmation to Exhibitors that an application has been received.

Beneficial! Entering online reduces the processing time for entries and saves you postage.

HOW TO ENTER

Follow these simple steps to a successful entry:

- Read the schedule carefully and determine the categories and classes for your products.
- Enter online through the following link:
<https://entries.hobartshowground.com.au/Account/ExhibitorLogin>
- Payment can be made by credit card (Visa/Mastercard), EFTPOS, direct credit, or cheque.
- Advise RAST by phone if you wish to pay by direct credit (tell us your payment reference) or by cheque. Your entry will remain as "Online in Progress" until payment has been confirmed. Direct Debit: ANZ, BSB: 017-209, Account: 8367 24957
- Your online entry will be confirmed via email.

Alternatively, for paper-based entry:

- Go to the Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards web page: -
- Download the entry and payment forms, fill them in and send them to us via email or post. You can post a cheque payment with the forms, do a direct credit and advise us or ring us to pay by credit card.

After entry:

- Your product delivery instructions and labels will be sent to you after entries have closed.

REASONS TO ENTER

The Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards is ***one of the leading fine food awards in the country***

- Winning products receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze medals **which are a brand of excellence** and provide marketing power for your product from the value of a winning medal.
- Benchmarking your products against industry standards and other entries.
- Receive individual feedback and scores from the judges regarding your product.
- The Awards are aimed at promoting the Australian fine food industry and the pursuit of product excellence through a competition environment.
- *Award winning exhibitors are invited to provide and showcase their product at the Awards Presentations*

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ENTERING

- To be eligible for the Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards the Exhibit must be submitted by (a) the producer of the Exhibit that is entered, or (b) a brand owner or retailer provided that the producer of the contracted product is listed.
- The Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards is open to commercial food producers of all sizes. All entries must be produced and available commercially at the time of entry.
- Trophy status will recognise the producer of the Exhibit and the brand owner/retailer.
- An Exhibit can only be entered once into the Awards.
- Entrants are responsible for ensuring the prompt and safe delivery of their entries by the delivery due date before judging commences. Entries that are delivered on or after the event date will not be judged.
- All entries must be labelled with a *Use By or Best Before date*.
- This year categories will be judged in five separate events throughout the year.

HOW WE USE YOUR PRODUCTS

In addition to samples being used for judging, samples are also used for promotional purposes including at the annual Fine Wine & Dine Awards Dinner, tastings, and in displays of trophy winning product. Exhibit stock remaining after the Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards judging will remain the property of the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania (RAST).

Award winning producers may be requested to donate or feature their products at Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Award and RAST events.

MEDAL USAGE

The Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Award medals (Gold, Silver or Bronze) may only be applied to the product that won the medal. It may not be applied to any other products. Provided that the ingredients and method of production remain the same as the day a medal winning entry was entered, the artwork (without change) can be used on that product. If a product has continued to win Gold, Silver or Bronze for consecutive years then this may be reflected on the product by use of joined medals. **Medal Artwork can only be obtained through the RAST.**

Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards Medal Style Guide

The Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards medals are awarded to recognise and promote the best products available in Australia to the general public. Our medals are a symbol of product excellence.



FOOD SAFETY

All Exhibits must be labelled with *Use By* or *Best Before* dates.

All Exhibits must comply with the requirements of the Australia New Zealand Standards Code under the Legislative instruments 2003 for both product and packaging – please visit

www.foodstandards.gov.au

All food products are to be delivered via appropriate food transport vehicles.

BIO SECURITY TASMANIA

Permits are required for the following items coming into Tasmania: (available by contacting Biosecurity in your originating State). For more information on following items into Tasmania, please contact: 03 6165 3777

- Bulbs, corms etc. that are dormant and free of soil
- Fruit, vegetables and cut flowers
- Plants and nursery stock
- Native birds and wildlife
- Livestock/Domestic Animals
- Soil and plant samples imported for analytical purposes at biosecurity approved laboratories
- Fish, fish products and fishing/diving equipment (marine and freshwater)

PERSONAL INFORMATION AND PRIVACY

The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania collects personal information from Exhibitors in competitions conducted by the Society. Verification of the accuracy of this data may be obtained through contact with the RAST Section Secretary. This information is used only for the purpose related to the conduct of the events run by the Society. However, an Exhibitor's name and contact details may be released to duly authorised parties in respect to matters of animal health and safety. The names of Exhibitors may be included in catalogues published by the Society and successful Exhibitor's names released for general publication. If you do not provide the information requested on the competition entry form, we may not be able to accept your entry.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND SHOW REGULATIONS

Exhibitors should familiarise themselves with the Conditions of Entry and Show regulations outlined below:

1. Definition of Producer

A Producer means the registered premises that manufacture the product entered into the Fine Food Awards.

All Exhibitors who have product/s manufactured or packaged under contract must identify the Producer on their entry application.

2. Definition of Retail

A Retail Producer means the Exhibit is labelled in accordance with the Australian Food Standards Code and manufactured in commercial quantities for Retail sale.

3. Recognition

Producer and the Exhibitor **Eligibility of Products**

At the time of entry, each Exhibit entered by an Exhibitor must be the property of the Exhibitor and available commercially in Australia.

Exhibits must be as from a normal production run of a commercial product available to purchase within Australia.

Spot audits may be conducted comparing commercially purchased samples with entries. If a comparison highlights any significant variation, then that entry may be disqualified.

4. Definition of Exhibitor

An Exhibitor means a person, firm, partnership, company or body corporate, which in the opinion of the RAST and RHFFA Committee is the following:

- (a) Manufacture or processes
- (b) Has product/s manufactured or packaged under contract.
- (c) Will be recognised in all official announcements of results of the Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards. The result will recognise the Exhibit, Producer and the Exhibitor.

5. Multiple entries

Exhibitors may submit multiple entries consisting of similar but non-identical products (including in one class). However, a specific product may only be submitted once in the show.

6. Commercial Title (Commercial Brand Name)

Exhibitors are required to enter the product under the normal commercial brand name on the application form. Commercial titles will be published in the results catalogue and used for promotional material. Commercial title includes, but is not limited to, the brand name and product description as it appears on the Exhibitor's primary commercial label. **Organic Produce** – Exhibitor products must be accompanied by documentation identifying the product as a certified organic food product.

7. Third Party Manufacturing

Entry into the Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards is mostly from the Producers of Exhibits; however a Brand Owner or Retailer may also enter a product manufactured under contract by a third party, but ONLY if the Producer is also listed. Trophy status will recognise the Producer of the Exhibit and the Brand Owner or Retailer.

8. Delivery and Labelling

All entered Exhibits must adhere to the following criteria:

- (a) All entries received by RAST must display the RAST provided Fine Food Award label. The RAST identification labels will be emailed to Exhibitors after entries close and will indicate class information and exhibit number.
- (b) Entries not carrying the RAST provided Fine Food Awards Label may be excluded from judging.
- (c) It is preferred that entries do not display commercial labels and entries displaying commercial labels will be covered over or removed for judging.
- (d) All products entered must be processed in appropriately approved premises and comply with the requirements of the Australia New Zealand Standards Code 2003.
- (e) Any entry that does not conform may be disqualified.
- (f) Exhibitor list, it is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to check the information on the report which reflects the items entered. If incorrect or a mistake has been made, please contact the RAST immediately to avoid any Exhibit being disqualified.
- (g) The accuracy of entries is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor. Incorrect entries may be reclassified at the discretion of the judges.
- (h) All food must be transported in accordance with Food Standard Australia New Zealand guidelines, which includes keeping the food protected from contamination and if the food is potentially hazardous keeping it cold (5° C or colder) or hot (60° C or hotter).

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- (i) If the product contains a Chilli component, a gradient of heat must be added to the label.

1 = Mild, 2 = Medium, 3 = Hot, 4 = Extra Hot

- (j) All entries must be labelled with a Use By or Best Before date.

9. Stock

The RAST will not accept any liability for loss or damage to any Exhibit. All Exhibits received become the property of the RAST.

10. Results

The decision of the judges will be final, and no correspondence will be entered.

- (a) Exhibitors may use the results of these awards in advertising and on packaging for their awarded products.
- (b) The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania reserves the right to amend or amalgamate classes if insufficient entries are received in any one class.
- (c) Awards are made in each class at the sole discretion of the judges. More than one Exhibit may receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze in any class. An overall champion of section may also be awarded. Certificates authenticating the award and a sash will accompany all awards. Certificates and sashes will be posted to Exhibitors.
- (d) Section Winners will be announced by a live-stream event on Facebook on or after the day of final judging. (excluding Dairy awards which are announced at the annual DIAA Tasmania Annual Awards night).

11. Power to alter / transfer

- (a) Alter the Closing Date of the Awards.
- (b) The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania reserves the right to amend or amalgamate classes if insufficient entries are received in any one class.
- (c) The RAST may at its discretion and without the prior approval of the Exhibitor disqualify or transfer an Exhibit into a different class than was stated on the application for entry if in its opinion or the judge's opinion the Exhibit has been entered into the wrong class.
- (d) Rule that an Exhibit or Exhibitor may not compete or is ineligible to compete.
- (e) Alter the date and/or time at which the judging is scheduled to take place.
- (f) Alter a judge scheduled to Judge at the event.
- (g) Cancel the event

12. Interference by Exhibitor

An Exhibitor, their invitees or agents, must not consult, influence or interfere with a Judge or attempt to consult, influence or interfere with a Judge or do any other thing which may interfere with the Judge's freedom of choice or judgement.

JUDGING PROCESS

JUDGES

Judging panels consist of three judges and one associate from a range of backgrounds including but not limited to:

- Food manufacturers
- Food technologists and educators
- Product retailers
- Chefs and hospitality professionals
- Experienced Fine Food Awards stewards
- Food writers and food critics
- Other food specialists

Judging will take place at various event times throughout the year.

- Judges are assigned and invited to judge by their qualifications and expertise of their section. Each class will be assigned a judging panel or judging panels where the entries will be blind tasted.
- Each product is scored out of 100 points excluding Coffee. The products are not compared to one another but judged on their own merit.
- The highest scoring products from each class (Gold) are put aside for the Champion and Reserve Champion trophy judging of that section.
- All Champion winners are reassessed by a panel of judges selected by the Chief Judge to determine the winner of the **Richard Langdon Trophy – Best Exhibit in Show**.

Medals will be awarded as follows:

Gold	90 – 100 points
Silver	82 – 89 points
Bronze	74 – 81 points

The Head Judge has the power to disqualify, dismiss or transfer (out of class) as being ineligible for judging, any product/Exhibit which in their opinion does not comply with the Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards Regulations. Such decision will be final.

VALHALLA ICE CREAM SWEET & SPICY AWARDS

CHOCOLATE & CONFECTIONERY

Entry Fees:

RAST Member - \$45 per entry

Non-Member - \$50 per entry

Discounted fees:

First 10 (ten) entries are at normal entry fee rate.

50% reduction for subsequent entries that are entered into the same section.

NO COMMERCIAL LABELLING

Confectionery

Minimum 2 samples of product to be supplied, minimum weight 250g each.

Class 395 Aerated Confectionery - honeycomb etc

Class 396 High Boil Confectionery - e.g. Toffees, Caramels, Butterscotch etc.

Class 397 Jelly Confectionery - e.g. Gums, Pastilles, Jellies etc

Class 398 Liquorice - Black traditional

Class 399 Liquorice - any other flavours

Class 400 Liquorice Straps

Class 401 Marshmallow - any flavour

Class 402 Nougat - any flavour

Class 403 Sugar Free Confectionery

Class 404 Any other confectionery product not listed in the above classes

Chocolate and Fudge

Minimum 2 x 200g block / box / bar to be supplied
Individual Chocolates - 6 samples of each type/flavour
Individual Chocolates - Mixed boxed individual Chocolates - 2 samples of normal commercial product should be supplied

Class 405 Chocolates - Boxed - assortment/mixed

Class 406 Chocolate coated fruit

Class 407 Chocolates, dipped or enrobed

Class 408 Chocolates, moulded shells

Class 409 Chocolates - Novelty - Unrestricted - including novel flavours

Class 410 Chocolate Truffles, boxed

Class 411 Dark Chocolate - plain dark bar or block 70-250 grams

Class 412 Dark Chocolate with inclusions - bar or block 70-250 grams

Class 413 Fudge - Caramel

Class 414 Fudge - Chocolate

Class 415 Fudge - any other flavour

Class 416 Milk Chocolate - plain milk bar or block 70-250 grams

Class 417 Milk Chocolate with inclusions - bar or block 70-250 grams

Class 418 Truffles, moulded shells

Class 419 White Chocolate - plain white - bar or block 70-250 grams

Class 420 White Chocolate with inclusions Bars or Block 70-250 grams

Class 421 Any other chocolate product not listed in the above classes

Coated Nuts, Bars and Other Products

Minimum 2 x 200g bags to be supplied.

Class 422 Chocolate coated - NUTS

Class 423 Chocolate coated - COFFEE BEANS

Class 424 Fruit Bar

Class 425 Nut Bar

Class 426 Any other confectionery not previously listed in the schedule

CHAMPION CHOCOLATE and
CONFECTIONERY
Trophy

RESERVE CHAMPION CHOCOLATE and
CONFECTIONERY
Plaque

HERBS and SPICES

Entry Fees:

RAST Member - \$45 per entry

Non-Member - \$50 per entry

Discounted fees:

First 10 (ten) entries are at normal entry fee rate.

50% reduction for subsequent entries that are entered into the same section.

NO COMMERCIAL LABELLING

Spice and Herb Blends

2 samples - minimum 30g each to be supplied

Class 427 Herb blends

Class 428 Spice Blends

Class 429 Dukka - any - 2 samples

Seasonings

2 samples - minimum 30g each to be supplied

Class 430 Salt mixes and seasonings

Class 431 International Seasonings

Class 432 Meat Rubs

Garlic

2 samples - minimum 30g each to be supplied

Class 433 Garlic - hard neck

Class 434 Garlic - soft neck

Other Herb Products

2 samples - minimum 30g each to be supplied

Class 435 Sugar Blends and Aromatic Sugars

Class 436 Boutique fresh herbs

Class 437 Other seasoning / herb products not listed in the above classes

CHAMPION HERBS and SPICES

Trophy

RESERVE CHAMPION HERBS and SPICES

Plaque

HONEY

Entry Fees:

RAST Member - \$45 per entry

Non-Member - \$50 per entry

Discounted fees:

First 10 (ten) entries are at normal entry fee rate.

50% reduction for subsequent entries that are entered into the same section.

NO COMMERCIAL LABELLING

Minimum quantity 500g to be submitted. Must be contained in glass jars with lids and with no commercial labels, (eg. 2 x 250g jars or 4 x 125g jars)

Extracted Honey

Class 438 Extracted Liquid Honey - light amber

Class 439 Extracted Liquid Honey - medium amber

Class 440 Extracted Honey - dark amber

Creamed and Whipped

Honey must be supplied in TWO (2) 500g glass jars with lids and with no commercial labels.

Class 441 Creamed Honey

Class 442 Whipped Honey

Manuka and Raw Honey

Class 443 Manuka Honey

Class 444 Raw Honey

TAMAR VALLEY RESORT PANTRY ITEMS & OTHER PRODUCTS AWARDS

PANTRY ITEMS

Entry Fees:

RAST Member - \$45 per entry

Non-Member - \$50 per entry

Discounted fees:

First 10 (ten) entries are at normal entry fee rate.

50% reduction for subsequent entries that are entered into the same section.

NO COMMERCIAL LABELLING

Cereals, Grains, Seeds & Legumes

Two commercial samples to be submitted. Minimum 250g per sample unless otherwise stated.

Class 447 Muesli

Class 448 Granola

Class 449 Other Cereal, flavour/type to be nominated

Class 450 Rice, flavour/type to be nominated
2 samples to be provided. Minimum weight 1kg.

Class 451 Any other legume, seed or grain product not already listed in the schedule
Eg. pulses, chickpeas, lentils, chia seeds

Class 452 Cereal Bar

Class 453 Muesli Bar

Class 454 Cereal - Gluten Free - all varieties

Dried Fruit

Two commercial samples to be submitted. Minimum 250g per sample.

Class 455 Dried fruit - Currants, Sultana & Muscats

Class 456 Dried fruit - Apricot

Class 457 Dried fruit - Apple

Class 458 Dried fruit - any other type of fruit not already listed in the schedule

Culinary Oils

Any other flavour or oil type, including nut, seed, fruit or vegetable oils that are not olive oil. 2 commercial samples required.

Class 459 Nut Oils
(eg. macedamia, walnut, hazelnut etc.)

Class 460 Any other culinary oil, type and flavour to be nominated
(eg. hemp, avocado etc.)

Nuts

Two commercial samples to be submitted. Minimum 250g per sample.

Any confectionery containing nuts or coated nuts should be entered in the applicable Chocolate & Confectionery Class section.

Class 461 Nuts - any - Roasted and salted

Class 462 Nuts - any - Roasted, Plain

Class 463 Nuts - any - Sweet Flavoured

Class 464 Nuts - any - Savoury Flavoured

Class 465 Nuts - Mixed Roasted Nuts

Class 466 Nuts - any - Raw

Class 467 Nuts - Butter &/or Spread

ANY OTHER PRODUCT

Two commercial samples to be submitted. Minimum 250g per sample.

Class 468 Any other product not covered in the Schedule of classes. Two samples of normal commercial product to be submitted

CHAMPION PANTRY ITEM and OTHER
PRODUCT

Trophy

RESERVE CHAMPION PANTRY ITEM and
OTHER PRODUCT

Plaque