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SA Premier's Food and Beverage Industry Awards finalists present a state-wide selection

This year's finalists for the South Australian Premier's Food and Beverage Industry Awards have been announced, revealing an innovative list of companies spread across the whole of the state.

"There is strong regional representation across the list of awards finalists this year, ranging from Yorke Peninsula, to the Fleurieu and the Riverland, as well as metropolitan-based businesses," Food South Australia CEO Catherine Sayer said.

"The food and beverage industry in South Australia continues to be an essential contributor to the state's economic growth, and these businesses are leading that charge," Ms Sayer said.

"Every year, our award finalists are a snapshot of innovation and leadership for our industry and our state. These businesses range from small start-ups to established iconic brands. They are constantly innovating, not only to meet consumer demand, but also to meet the challenges of doing business in Australia and overseas."

"They are all contributing in very real ways to the economy at the local and state level, and to South Australia's international reputation for quality in food and beverage."

"That's a story of growth of which we should all be proud."

Food South Australia works in partnership with the State Government to support industry-wide growth in a partnership and the South Australian Premier's Food and Beverage Industry Awards are supported through this nationally unique partnership.

Premier Steven Marshall said his government is focused on accelerating growth in South Australia's food and beverage industry.

"Our primary industries are key pillars of South Australia's economy, and they are an essential part of the State Government's 'Growth State' initiative, which aims to achieve three per cent overall growth each year in South Australia," Mr Marshall said.

The winners of the 2019 awards will be announced on Friday 22 November at the industry's largest event, the Awards Gala Dinner at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

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The 2019 South Australian Food Industry Awards Finalists are...

Business Excellence Award, sponsored by Show Society Foundation

- Ashton Valley Fresh
- Clean Seas Seafood
- ElevenLabs
- Lifestyle Bakery
- Mexex
- MOJO Kombucha
- Naked Blendz
- Obela
- Oleapak
- Pangkarra Foods
- Sunfresh Salads

Emerging Business Award, sponsored by Department for Trade, Tourism and Investment

- Australian Fresh Dairy
- ElevenLabs
- Kimchi Club
- Naked Blendz
- Singing Magpie Produce
- The Almond Farmer

Export Award, sponsored by Visy

- Clean Seas Seafood
- Oleapak
- Yumbah Aquaculture

Innovation in Business Award, sponsored by Food Processing Equipment

- Ashton Valley Fresh
- Coopers Brewery

Innovation in Food or Beverage Award, sponsored by Department for Trade, Tourism and Investment

- All The Things
- EDAS Foods
- Lifestyle Bakery
- Mexex
- Naked Blendz
- Obela

New Product Award, sponsored by Foodland SA

- Beston Global Food Company
- Clean Seas Seafood
- Forage & Feast
- Gelista
- Lifestyle Bakery
- Pangkarra Foods
- Woodside Cheese Wrights

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Primary Producer Award, sponsored by Thomas Foods International

- Ceravolo Orchards
- Fleurieu Milk Company

Sustainability Award, sponsored by Peats Soil and Garden Supplies

- Ceravolo Orchards
- Ochre Nation (Team Unico)

Service Provider Award, sponsored by Moore Stephens South Australia

- Adelaide Showgrounds Farmers' Market
- Bright Engineering Consultants
- Madderns Patent & Trade Mark Attorneys
- Mexex
- National Credit Insurance (Brokers)
- South Australian Analytical Laboratory Services

Leader Award, sponsored by Bickford's Group

- Peter Adamo, Golden North
- Chantale Millard, Maggie Beer Products
- George Ujvary, Olga's Fine Foods

Next Generation Award, sponsored by Macro Group Australia

- Joseph Ceravolo, Ashton Valley Fresh
- Alex Fazzari, Enzo's at Home
- Ethan Tan, Mexex

Consumer Award, sponsored by Statewide Super (as nominated by consumers)

Barossa Fine Foods

Beerenberg Farm

Bickford's Group

Careme Pastry

Charlesworth Nuts

Enzo's at Home

Fleurieu Milk Company

Haigh's Chocolates

Kimchi Club

Kyttons Bakery

Macro Meats (K-ROO)

Maggie Beer Products

Mitani Group

Najobe Beef

Nippy's

Nocelle Foods (Nature's Delight)

Skara Smallgoods

Spring Gully Foods

Steiny's Traditional Mettwurst

Utonic Beverages

The 2019 inductee into the South Australian Premier's Food and Beverage Industry Awards Hall of Fame, sponsored by San Remo, and the winners of the Duncan MacGillivray Entrepreneur Award, sponsored by the Department for Trade, Tourism and Investment and the Education and Training Award, sponsored by the University of Adelaide, will be announced at the Gala Dinner on Friday 22 November 2019.

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About the South Australian Premier's Food and Beverage Industry Awards

- The Awards are judged by an independent panel of judges through a comprehensive process including written applications, site visits, and interviews.
- The Awards are hosted by Food South Australia with the support of the State Government of South Australia, through an industry government collaboration designed to assist industry growth. This is the 21st year of the awards.
- Website: www.safoodawards.com.au

About Food South Australia

- Food South Australia is the peak body for the food and beverage industry in South Australia, representing small, medium and large companies across the food and beverage sector.
- Food South Australia is an independent, industry-led and membership-based organisation, governed by a Board made up of experienced industry professionals. Our mission is to support and sustain the South Australian food and beverage industry and provide the industry with a united voice.