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**2013 CT Specialty Food Product Awards Announced**

**Hartford, CT** – The [CT Specialty Food Association](http://ctfoodassociation.org) (CSFA) held its twelfth Product Awards Competition on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville. One hundred eighty-four specialty food items from Connecticut-based manufacturers were entered into 35 categories, with hopes of receiving the prestigious honor of CSFA Product Award Winner 2013. A complete list of Wednesday’s winners appears below.

A panel of 20 judges consisting of local media personalities, food writers, chefs from the CT Department of Agriculture’s [Farm-to-Chef Program](http://farm-to-chef.com), and wine specialists scored products on overall taste/flavor, texture, aroma, and appearance/color. Each judge was assigned to specific categories, responsible for evaluating an average of approximately 30 different products.

Categories included breads, cheese, CT Grown, dessert, gluten-free, ice cream, jam, organic, pasta sauce, salad dressing, savory condiments, snack food, and many others. We also proudly included a variety of wines produced here in Connecticut. All wines were required to contain 100% CT grown fruit. The wide array of food products featured fresh cheeses, cookies, honey, many varieties of sauce, jams, relishes, flavored seeds, oils and vinegars, syrups and much, much more.

“It is always amazing to see the variety of high quality foods and beverages made by producers right here in Connecticut,” said Tricia Levesque, CSFA Director. “This competition showcases the best of the best in the state. Each year we seem to find new entrepreneurs looking to showcase the outstanding

products they produce. The products all lend themselves to special occasions, treats, or an everyday meal. They also make wonderful gifts. There is always something for everyone.”

“Purchasing products from Connecticut companies helps to fuel our local economy and create jobs here in our state, which is very important given today’s economy,” Ms. Levesque continued. “It really is a win-win for everyone – consumers get the best quality foods available and Connecticut companies stay strong.”

Consumers looking for CT specialty food products can visit [www.ctspecialtyfood.org](http://www.ctspecialtyfood.org) and ask for them at local markets and grocers.

CSFA is a subdivision of the [CT Food Association](http://www.ctfoodassociation.org) and is a non-profit organization that represents small food businesses based in the state. To learn more, visit [www.ctfoodassociation.org](http://www.ctfoodassociation.org) or email [ctfood@ctfoodassociation.org](mailto:ctfood@ctfoodassociation.org).

**THE CT SPECIALTY FOOD ASSOCIATION’S  
2013 PRODUCT AWARDS COMPETITION WINNERS:**

**2013 Food Product of the Year**

**Ariston Specialties, LLC, Bloomfield, CT  
Select Extra Virgin Olive Oil**

**2013 Wine Product of the Year**

**Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Goshen, CT  
Cayuga White, 2010**

**Aged Cheese**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Cato Corner Farm, LLC, Colchester, CT<br>Dairyere             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | TIE<br><br>Cato Corner Farm, LLC, Colchester, CT<br>Bloomsday |
|                       | Cato Corner Farm, LLC, Colchester, CT<br>Vivace               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Cato Corner Farm, LLC, Colchester, CT<br>Black Ledge Blue     |

**Bread**

1<sup>st</sup> Place      Storye Bread, Glastonbury, CT  
Fine Rye

2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Storye Bread, Glastonbury, CT  
Classic Rye

3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Storye Bread, Glastonbury, CT  
Fine Rye with Fruit & Nuts

**Cookie**

1<sup>st</sup> Place      Rachel's Cookies & Treats, Plainville, CT  
PB & C

2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Rachel's Cookies & Treats, Plainville, CT  
Oatmeal Cranberry White Chocolate Chip Cookie

3<sup>rd</sup> Place      TIE

Rachel's Cookies & Treats, Plainville, CT  
Lemon Cookie

Rachel's Cookies & Treats, Plainville, CT  
Sugar Cookie

**CT Grown**

1<sup>st</sup> Place      TIE

Bishop's Orchards Farm Market, Guilford, CT  
Apple Cider

Killam & Bassette Farmstead, LLC, South Glastonbury, CT  
Strawberry Jam

2<sup>nd</sup> Place      TIE

Bishop's Orchards Farm Market, Guilford, CT  
Apple Butter

Winding Drive Corp., Woodbury, CT  
Pear with Honey Ginger Jam

3<sup>rd</sup> Place      White Oak Farm & Table, Westport, CT  
Apple Jalapeno Finishing Sauce

**Dessert**

1<sup>st</sup> Place      Bishop's Orchards Farm Market, Guilford, CT  
Apple Cider Donuts

2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Sixpence Pie Company, LLC, Southington, CT  
Banana Cream Pie

3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Sixpence Pie Company, LLC, Southington, CT  
Apple Pie

### **Frozen Food**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Sixpence Pie Company, LLC, Southington, CT  
Chicken Pot Pie

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Sixpence Pie Company, LLC, Southington, CT  
Shepard's Pie

### **Gluten Free**

1<sup>st</sup> Place El's Kitchen, Weston, CT  
Medleys Original Snack Mix

2<sup>nd</sup> Place El's Kitchen, Weston, CT  
Medleys Sour Cream & Onion Snack Mix

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Shayna B's & the Pickle, Ashford, CT  
Coconut Bliss Cake

### **Grain**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Ola! Foods, Norwalk, CT  
Ola! Granola – Cranberry Orange Pecan

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ola! Foods, Norwalk, CT  
Ola! Granola – Vanilla Almond

### **Honey**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Tiezzi Imports, LLC, Chester, CT  
Tutti Amici Wildflower Honey

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tiezzi Imports, LLC, Chester, CT  
Tutti Amici Clover Honey

3<sup>rd</sup> Place TIE

Tiezzi Imports, LLC, Chester, CT  
Tutti Amici Acacia Honey

Tiezzi Imports, LLC, Chester, CT  
Tutti Amici Chestnut Honey

### **Hors d'Oeuvre**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Sixpence Pie Company, LLC, Southington, CT  
Mini Pasties

2<sup>nd</sup> Place J.F. Food Concepts, Inc./Fortuna Food Products, Burlington, CT  
Fresh Fortuna's Bruschetta – Mild

3<sup>rd</sup> Place J.F. Food Concepts, Inc./Fortuna Food Products, Burlington, CT  
Fresh Fortuna's Bruschetta – Original

### **Hot Sauce**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Winding Drive Corp., Woodbury, CT  
Spiced Tomato Spread
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Saha Sauces, LLC, Newtown, CT  
Chipotle Harissa
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      TIE
- El Peka Foods, LLC, New London, CT  
Miss Hortencia's Original Mexican Hot Sauce
- Giff's Original, LLC, Cheshire, CT  
Hot & Spicy Cooking Sauce

**Ice Cream**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      TIE
- Tea-rrific! Ice Cream, Norwalk, CT  
Chunky London Mist
- Tea-rrific! Ice Cream, Norwalk, CT  
Masala Chai
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      TIE
- Figo Brands, Inc., Westport, CT  
Forte Gelato Chocolate
- Tea-rrific! Ice Cream, Norwalk, CT  
Ginger Matcha
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Tea-rrific! Ice Cream, Norwalk, CT  
London Mist

**Jam**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Winding Drive Corp., Woodbury, CT  
Blueberry Limón cello
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Winding Drive Corp., Woodbury, CT  
Raspberry Chocolate Jam
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      White Oak Farm & Table, Westport, CT  
Strawberry Rhubarb Jam

**Non-Alcoholic Beverage**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      TIE
- Raus Coffee Company, Stamford, CT  
Cold Roman Coffee Beverage
- Raus Coffee Company, Stamford, CT  
Roman Kiss Coffee Beverage

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Willoughby's Coffee & Tea, Branford, CT  
Ethiopia Yrgacheffe Kochere Grade 1 Coffee

### **Oil**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Ariston Specialties, LLC, Bloomfield, CT  
Select Extra Virgin Olive Oil

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Chiappetta Olive Oil, LLC, Stamford, CT  
Cold Pressed Extra Virgin Olive Oil

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tiezzi Imports, LLC, Chester, CT  
Tutti Amici Olive Oil

### **Organic**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Willoughby's Coffee & Tea, Branford, CT  
Sumatra Mandheling Fair Trade & Organic Coffee

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gourganics Salsa & Simmer Sauce, Fairfield, CT  
Gourganics Mild Salsa

### **Packaging**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Giff's Original, LLC, Cheshire, CT  
Jalapeno Pepper Relish

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Crazy for Kazu's, Inc., Falls Village, CT  
Quinoa Miso Spread

### **Pasta Sauce**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Chef Silvio's of Wooster Street, Guilford, CT  
Chef Silvio's Fradiavolo Sauce

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Frank's Marinara, Amston, CT  
Frank's Fradiavolo Sauce

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Capa di Roma, East Hartford, CT  
Capa di Roma Three Cheese Marinara Sauce

### **Relish**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Killam & Bassette Farmstead, LLC, South Glastonbury, CT  
Sugar Free Zucchini Relish

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Killam & Bassette Farmstead, LLC, South Glastonbury, CT  
Zucchini Relish

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Southern Relishes, LLC, West Haven, CT  
Sweet & Spicy Relish

### **Salad Dressing**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Kerry Wood Healthy Foods, Westport, CT

Tuscany

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Krazy for Kazu's, Inc., Falls Village, CT  
Japanese Style Ginger Dressing

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Kerry Wood Healthy Foods, Westport, CT  
Ginger Carrot

### **Salsa**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Gourganics Salsa & Simmer Sauce, Fairfield, CT  
Gourganics Spicy Salsa

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Giff's Original, LLC, Cheshire, CT  
Garden Vegetable Salsa

### **Savory Condiment**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Krazy for Kazu's, Inc., Falls Village, CT  
Stir Fry Barbecue Sauce

2<sup>nd</sup> Place TIE

The Gracious Gourmet, Bridgewater, CT  
Hatch Chile Pesto

White Oak Farm & Table, Westport, CT  
Honey Mustard Crunch Mustard

3<sup>rd</sup> Place White Oak Farm & Table, Westport, CT  
Champagne Dill Mustard

### **Savory Spread**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winding Drive Corp., Woodbury, CT  
Habanero Gold Jelly

2<sup>nd</sup> Place The Gracious Gourmet, Bridgewater, CT  
Rosemary Pear Spread

3<sup>rd</sup> Place The Gracious Gourmet, Bridgewater, CT  
Fig Almond Spread

### **Snack Food**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Bishop's Orchards Farm Market, Guilford, CT  
Maple Kettlecorn

2<sup>nd</sup> Place TIE

Kathie's Kitchen, LLC, North Haven, CT  
Superseedz – Sea Salt

Oats Granola, Westport, CT  
Oats Granola Vanilla Almond

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Oats Granola, Westport, CT  
Oats Granola Toasted Coconut

### **Sweet Topping**

1<sup>st</sup> Place TIE  
  
The Purple Pear by Tina, Willington, CT  
French Caramel Cream with Pecans  
  
The Purple Pear by Tina, Willington, CT  
Fresh Summer Berry  
  
The Purple Pear by Tina, Willington, CT  
Hot Fudge Cream

2<sup>nd</sup> Place The Purple Pear by Tina, Willington, CT  
Chocolate Peanut Butter Fudge

3<sup>rd</sup> Place The Purple Pear by Tina, Willington, CT  
French Caramel Cream

### **Syrup**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Turkeywoods Farm, LLC, Mystic, CT  
Strawberry Syrup

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Turkeywoods Farm, LLC, Mystic, CT  
Hickory Nut Syrup

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Turkeywoods Farm, LLC, Mystic, CT  
Blueberry Syrup

### **Tapenade**

1<sup>st</sup> Place The Gracious Gourmet, Bridgewater, CT  
Black Olive Tapenade

2<sup>nd</sup> Place The Gracious Gourmet, Bridgewater, CT  
Artichoke Parmesan Tapenade

3<sup>rd</sup> Place White Oak Farm & Table, Westport, CT  
Artichoke Spinach Tapenade

### **Vinegar**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Capa di Roma, East Hartford, CT  
Balsamic Vinegar

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ariston Specialties, LLC, Bloomfield, CT  
Traditional Balsamic Vinegar

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ariston Specialties, LLC, Bloomfield, CT  
Plum Condiment Vinegar

### **Wine - Blush**



- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Goshen, CT  
Sunset Blush, 2010
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Bishop's Orchards Winery, Guilford, CT  
Amazing Grace

**Wine - Dessert**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Goshen, CT  
Midnight Ice, 2010
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Taylor Brooke Winery, LLC, Woodstock, CT  
Corot Noir, 2011
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Taylor Brooke Winery, LLC, Woodstock, CT  
Woodstock Valley Red, 2010

**Wine – Dry Red**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Jones Winery, Shelton, CT  
Cabernet Franc, 2010
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Goshen, CT  
St. Croix, 2008
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Jonathan Edwards Winery, North Stonington, CT  
Cabernet Franc, 2011

**Wine – Dry White**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Goshen, CT  
Cayuga White, 2010
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Taylor Brooke Winery, LLC, Woodstock, CT  
Wine Dog 1, 2011
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Taylor Brooke Winery, LLC, Woodstock, CT  
Woodstock Hill White, 2011

**Wine - Fruit**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Bishop's Orchards Winery, Guilford, CT  
Hyland Red
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      TIE
- Bishop's Orchards Winery, Guilford, CT  
Celebration
- Bishop's Orchards Winery, Guilford, CT  
Honey Peach Melba
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Bishop's Orchards Winery, Guilford, CT  
Happily Impeared

**Wine – Other White**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place        Jones Winery, Shelton, CT  
Woodland White, 2011
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place        Bishop's Orchards Winery, Guilford, CT  
Hard Cider – Semi-Sweet
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place        Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Goshen, CT  
Blustery Blend, 2010

**Wine - Rosé**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place        Taylor Brooke Winery, LLC, Woodstock, CT  
St. Croix Rosé, 2011
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place        Sunset Meadow Vineyards, Goshen, CT  
Rosé, 2011
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place        Jones Winery, Shelton, CT  
Rosé of Cabernet Franc, 2011

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