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MT COMPASS CHEESE NAMED AUSTRALIA'S BEST

Alexandrina Vintage Cheddar has just been crowned Australia's Champion Cheddar Style Cheese in the 2015 Australian Grand Dairy Awards

The Mt Compass region has earned itself a seat at the table of Australia's finest foods, thanks to locally produced Alexandrina Vintage Cheddar taking home the title of Australia's best Cheddar Style Cheese in the prestigious 2015 Australian Grand Dairy Awards, announced in Melbourne yesterday.

Now in its 16th year, the Australian Grand Dairy Awards is effectively the grand final of Australian dairy awards, open only to products that have previously won gold at qualifying state-based shows throughout the year.

And, Alexandrina Cheese Company can be justifiably over the moon with its efforts, having wowed the country's 13 most discerning cheese judges to take out the title.

Chief Judge of the Awards, Neil Willman, said the buttery, golden interior of this cheese reflects the quality of the single herd, pure Jersey milk from the company's own farm.

"With a slightly crumbly texture and a great mouth-feel, this cheese slowly releases buttery, earthy and quite piquant flavours as it dissolves on the palate. A cheese to be savoured slowly it's perfect served as part of a traditional ploughman's lunch or simply with good quality rye bread and a favourite relish," said Neil.

Krystyna McCaul, Proprietor at Alexandrina Cheese Company, said the honour of being crowned the Champion Cheddar Style Cheese, is a reflection of the company's dedication to creating delicious, high quality dairy products.

"What else can we say other than; after winning the Champion Milk award last year, we are now producing the best cheese from the best milk! As a small business, we are absolutely thrilled to have been honoured for two very different products two years in a row," said Krystyna.



The McCaul family began making cheese in 1902 and third generation Dan McCaul and his family are continuing the tradition, manufacturing premium quality cheeses.

For the McCauls the secret of success lies in the rich, creamy milk produced by their own herd of eighty well-loved (and individually named!) Jersey cows who graze on the long green clover of the family's Fleurieu Peninsula farm.

This year's Australian Grand Dairy Awards saw almost 400 products across 20 different classes put through their paces in a rigorous and highly technical judging process by a team of expert judges. Each product was tasted, tested and assessed for flavour, aroma, body, texture, colour and appearance to identify the highest scoring products.

Thanks to this latest win, Alexandrina Vintage Cheddar can now proudly feature the exclusive Australian Grand Dairy Awards medal on its packaging so that all Australians can instantly identify a champion when they see – and taste – one.

A full list of all 2015 Australian Grand Dairy awards winner can be found at:
www.legendairy.com.au/dairyawards

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About the Australian Grand Dairy Awards

The Australian Grand Dairy Awards recognise and reward excellence and quality in Australian dairy produce, paying tribute to the achievements of the highly-skilled specialists who develop and make these products. Created in 1999, the Australian Grand Dairy Awards are Australia's most prestigious national dairy awards and the highest accolade for Australian dairy producers.

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