



The 6th World Jersey Cheese Awards 2017

Judged on Friday 17th November 2017 in London
In conjunction with the Guild of Fine Foods at The Taste of London Festival

World's Best Jersey Cheese - Dalewood Fromage Huguenot, South Africa

Dalewood Huguenot Joint Third and Super Gold

Dalewood Huguenot was proclaimed Supreme Jersey Cheese, and was joint third in the entire competition, being one of only thirteen Super Golds awarded from the total entry of 3001 cheeses at the 2017 World Cheese Awards.

Our congratulations go to Rob and Petrina Visser who run 140 pedigree Jerseys in the Cape Winelands. Not only was Huguenot also crowned Best Cheese from South Africa, Dalewood Boland added to the family's success by winning a Gold as well.

This is a superb achievement and the Dalewood brand has garnered wider industry and consumer promotion as over 5,000 facebook reaches have been made, from the Bureau page, within days of the judging.

Other Jersey Medal Winners

Alongside the Super Golds, the total medals bestowed across the event were 78 Gold, 118 Silver and 165 Bronze. Jerseys cheeses punched well above their weight with another Gold, six Silver and four Bronze – a haul almost double per entry compared with the average.

Gold for Angiddy from the Brookes Wye Valley Dairy in the UK - better known for their premium ice-cream, numbering Waitrose and Marriott Hotels among their customers.

Silver success was procured by Jerseybrie mit Blüten from Premiumkaeserei Pranz in Austria; the South African trio of Belnori Boutique Balmoral, Meze Foods Halloumi and Klein River Matured Gruberg; plus two from the USA in Laurel's Crown Badger Mountain Blue and Bellwether Farms Whole Milk Basket Ricotta.

The Bronze medal winners were all from stalwarts of the breed. Two medals went to Sharpham Estates in the UK with an original Sharpham and a Sharpham Rustic; from The Netherlands, Remeker Pracht; and last year's World Jersey Cheese Award winner, Spring Brook Farms and Farms for City Kids, Vermont, with Tarentaise.

The Judging Process

The entries are laid-out on tables of 40 cheeses. Each table contains a selection of cheese types and is judged by a team of three. The 230 judges come from diverse backgrounds including cheese-makers, cheesemongers, chefs, restaurateurs, marketers, food journalists and those with a passion for fine food. Each team can award as many Super-Gold, Gold, Silver and Bronze medals as it chooses – it is clear that judges' expectations are exacting, and awards are not distributed lightly. The best cheese from each table goes for final judging. Here a panel of sixteen specialist Judges, all experienced within the international cheese industry, selects one each from the 75 forward and



champions it in televised discussion and tasting, prior to the panel voting on the 16. As votes are totted-up, so the atmosphere becomes more excited, finally collapsing in to uproar when the winner is announced.

Future Developments

This year was the 30th Anniversary of the World Cheese Awards, and the second time the World Jersey Cheese Award has been staged within such a prestigious event – it is the planet’s biggest cheese-only show.

Having established a presence at the event, WJCB can now turn its attention to creating greater recognition for all Jersey medal winners, and specialist Jersey exhibitors.

John Farrand, managing director of The Guild of Fine Foods and organisers of The World Cheese Awards, will present the trophy when visiting the Visser family at Dalewood Farm in March.

Table of Medal Winners

Name	Company Name	Company Website	Country (Based)
Super Gold			
Dalewood Huguenot	Dalewood Fromage	www.dalewood.co.za	South Africa
Gold			
Angiddy	Brookes Wye Valley Dairy Company	www.brookesdairy.com	UK
Dalewood Boland	Dalewood Fromage	www.dalewood.co.za	South Africa
Silver			
Balmoral	Belnori Boutique Cheesery	www.belnori.co.za	South Africa
Halloumi	Meze Foods	www.mezefoods.co.za	South Africa
Jerseybrie mit Blüten	Premiumkaeserei Pranz	www.schaf-ziegen-kaese.at	Austria
Klein River Matured Gruberg	Klein River Cheese	www.kleinrivercheese.co.za	South Africa
Laurel's Crown Badger Mt. Blue	Laurel's Crown LLC	www.laurelscrown.com	USA
Whole Milk Basket Ricotta	Bellwether Farms	www.bellwetherfarms.com	USA
Bronze			
Remeker Pracht	Remeker	www.remeker.nl	Netherlands
Sharpham	Sharpham Partnership Ltd	www.sharpham.com	UK
Sharpham Rustic	Sharpham Partnership Ltd	www.sharpham.com	UK
Tarentaise	Spring Brook Farm Cheese	www.sbfcheese.org	USA