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So do we.**  Welcome to the Cheese Lovers NZ newsletter, sharing our love of locally crafted cheese from the best little country on earth. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f6419f2605bd26748355ac2ff/images/ee9f5a68-6b5f-4108-b6c3-3a6b3da15387.png | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **NZ’s Best Cheese Announced!**  Two gouda cheeses made by family-owned companies have taken the top honours at this year's annual New Zealand Champions of Cheese Awards. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f6419f2605bd26748355ac2ff/images/f973ed24-0901-42f2-92c9-b8662ee85a82.jpg](https://meyer-cheese.co.nz/) |  |  | | --- | | **Meyer Cheese Goats Milk Gouda**  Countdown Champion of Champions—Commercial Cheese | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f6419f2605bd26748355ac2ff/images/e01e5db7-7661-4fc2-896a-b3e6183e4b53.png](http://www.mahoecheese.co.nz/Cumin/) |  |  | | --- | | **Mahoe Cheese Cumin Gouda**  Puhoi Valley Champion of Champions—Boutique Cheese | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **About the Awards**  The Champion of Champions trophies were among 26 awards announced at the 2019 NZ Champions of Cheese Awardsceremony in Hamilton last night, run by the New Zealand Specialist Cheesemakers Association (NZSCA) since 2003.  Australian Master Cheese Judge, Russell Smith told us,  *“I judge across the world and Dutch-style cheeses made in New Zealand are as good as anywhere in the world. Kiwis are fortunate to have a handful of brilliant cheesemakers here making these types of cheeses.”* | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Learn More...**](https://nzsca.org.nz/nz-champions-of-cheese-2019) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f6419f2605bd26748355ac2ff/images/5bd5e9ff-bfe0-4bbd-98aa-4d864dae6627.jpg |  |  | | --- | | **Meyer Gouda Cheese: A Family Story**  ...begins in a tiny village in the South of the Netherlands where a young couple Ben and Fieke Meyer were inspired to try cheesemaking. They made their very first cheese, a young farmhouse Gouda, in July 1976 and the rest is a fascinating history leading to their 2019 win as Countdown Champion of Champions—Commercial Cheese!  **>>**[**Keep Reading**](https://meyer-cheese.co.nz/our-story/) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f6419f2605bd26748355ac2ff/images/a90e370b-7f4d-461d-93f8-842e681ec3dd.png |  |  | | --- | | **Mahoe Farmhouse Cheese**  ...is this year's Puhoi Valley Champion of Champions—Boutique Cheese—and is also crafted by a family business with a Dutch cheesemaker! Anna and Bob Rosevar founded Mahoe Cheese in 1986, joined on the farm today by their sons Tim, Jesse and Jake. Their quality artisan cheeses are made with milk from their small herd of cows, crafted in their cheesery, and shared with cheese lovers in their farm shop and at local Farmers' Markets.  **>>**[**Keep Reading**](http://www.mahoecheese.co.nz/) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f6419f2605bd26748355ac2ff/images/851a8d9a-b041-4b0b-bc6c-9c14e3d5bb21.png |  |  | | --- | | **2019 Special Awards**   * All Systems Go Auditing Champion Butter | [**Westgold**](https://westgold.co.nz/products/) Salted Butter * Huhtamaki Champion Yoghurt | [**Zany Zeus**](https://www.zanyzeus.co.nz/) Greek Yoghurt * New World Cheese Lovers' Choice | [**Kapiti**](https://www.tastekapiti.co.nz/) Kahurangi Blue * Huntley & Palmers Favourite NZ Specialty Cheese Shopping Experience | [**C’est Cheese**](https://www.facebook.com/Cest-Cheese-178075662286199/) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f6419f2605bd26748355ac2ff/images/e523b774-4439-44c4-86e7-87f2901876d8.jpg](https://nzsca.org.nz/?p=3957) |  |  | | --- | | [**C’est Cheese**](https://www.facebook.com/Cest-Cheese-178075662286199/)  This wonderful artisan cheese shopping experience in a beautifully restored historic building has been voted [**Huntley & Palmers**](https://www.huntleyandpalmers.co.nz/) [**Speciality Cheese Shopping Experience Winner 2019**](https://nzsca.org.nz/?p=3957), thanks to online voting by NZ cheese lovers!  **>>**[**Keep Reading**](https://nzsca.org.nz/?p=3957) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f6419f2605bd26748355ac2ff/images/c4457704-b3ec-4d29-a7a1-0d4430cf4c58.png |  |  | | --- | | **Category Trophies**   * Fonterra Cooperative Group Champion Original Cheese; Fonterra Brands NZ, Kāpiti Kahurangi Creamy Blue * New Zealand Food Safety Champion New Cheese; Puhoi Valley Cheese, Wainui Creamy White * Innovative Packaging Aspiring Cheesemaker; Daniel Bell, Barrys Bay * ECOLAB Champion Blue Cheese; Fonterra Brands NZ, Kāpiti Kahurangi Creamy Blue * CHR Hansen Champion Soft White Rind Cheese; Puhoi Valley Cheese, Te Muri Triple Cream Brie * Kiwi Labels Champion Feta Cheese; Clevedon Buffalo Co, Clevedon Buffalo Feta * Green Valley Dairies Champion Fresh Unripened Cheese; Zany Zeus, Zany Zeus Cream Cheese * Sheep Milk NZ Champion Sheep Cheese; Thorvald, Thorvald Feta * Thermaflo Champion Washed Rind Cheese; Over the Moon Dairy, Galactic Gold * Caspak Champion Packaging Award; Puhoi Valley, Wainui Creamy White * Eurofins Champion European Style Cheese; Waimata Cheese Company, Waimata Cracked Pepper Haloumi * Delta Wines Champion Flavoured Cheese; Barrys Bay Cheese, Barrys Bay Peppered Havarti * Sacco System Champion Fresh Italian Style Cheese; Viavio Limited, Viavio Burrata * Tetra Pak Champion Cheddar Cheese; Fonterra NZMP, Fonterra Hautapu NZMP Noble Cheddar * Big Chill Distribution Champion Farmhouse Cheese; Clevedon Buffalo Co * Good George Brewing Champion Goat Cheese; Meyer Cheese, Meyer Cheese Goats Milk Gouda * Renco New Zealand Champion Export Cheese; Fonterra NZMP, Fonterra Lichfield NZMP Cheddar * NZSCA Champion Dutch Style Cheese; Mahoe Farmhouse Cheese, Cumin Gouda * Curds & Whey Champion Homecrafted Cheesemaker and Cheese;  Jennifer Rodrige, Belle Chevre Flat White | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f6419f2605bd26748355ac2ff/images/5544ea0a-ea02-4899-900f-390a4f22da46.jpg](https://nzsca.org.nz/winners/) |  |  | | --- | | **Medallists**  The Champions were chosen from among the 223 gold, silver and bronze medal winners that were judged in February by an expert panel—dream job!  **>>**[**See all the Medallists**](https://nzsca.org.nz/winners/) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f6419f2605bd26748355ac2ff/images/636846df-14b4-47a3-9ce8-03d7d690525d.png](https://www.tastekapiti.co.nz/kapiti-creations/cheese/cheese-chocolate-toastie-with-kumara-crisps.html) |  |  | | --- | | **Must Try: Cheese & Chocolate Toastie**  **Made with Kāpiti Kowhai Gruyere Style Cheese** Unconventional is what Kāpiti does best, and what says it better than a chocolate twist on a cheese toastie?!  **>>**[**Make it!**](https://www.tastekapiti.co.nz/kapiti-creations/cheese/cheese-chocolate-toastie-with-kumara-crisps.html) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/f6419f2605bd26748355ac2ff/images/787f30ff-1783-4169-974a-b4cf0a1669d4.jpg |  |  | | --- | | **If cheese had a soulmate**  **...it would be crackers.**   Introducing Huntley & Palmers Lavosh Crisps. Proudly crafted in NZ, [**Huntley & Palmers**](https://www.huntleyandpalmers.co.nz/) Lavosh Crisps use only the best ingredients to give you a deliciously full-flavoured cracker.  Try all three three delicious flavours: Burnt Fig, Salted & Sweet Chilli Jam. Eat them on their own or pair with your favourite toppings for the ultimate entertaining platter. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | |  | | |