



MP Regional Awards for Excellence

The Mornington Peninsula Regional Awards for Excellence culminated on a cool June evening with a Gala Chefs Table. Six 2008 Award winning Chefs created regional delicacies for the dining pleasure of more than 160 guests at the Peninsula Community Theatre in Mornington. A gourmet grazing spectacular was expertly created with Gourmet Tasting Stations scattered throughout the venue to showcase some of the Region 's most revered food and wine producers

For the second year, local food group Mornington Peninsula Gourmet partnered with Restaurant & Catering Victoria in running the awards using the industry 's most comprehensive assessment and professional recognition system. Restaurant and Catering Victoria is celebrating their 11th year in running the Awards for Excellence,

and finalists and winners from the Mornington Peninsula Awards will go on to be a part of the Victorian Awards for Excellence (and potentially the National Awards for Excellence).

49 entrants across the Mornington Peninsula region competed for 11 Awards. The high calibre judges have dined anonymously as paying guests over the past few months. This means the assessment reflects exactly the experience of customers. All entrants receive a confidential report about the judges ' experiences that they can then use to improve their business—an invaluable tool.

and the winners are....

Asian

<i>Tulsi Indian Restaurant</i>	<i>Winner</i>
Restaurant Soy	Finalist
Uthong Thai	Finalist

Cafe Restaurant

<i>Two Buoys</i>	<i>Winner</i>
Red Hill Brewery	Finalist
Cafe Jett	Finalist
MaQuay International Restaurant	Finalist

European Restaurant

<i>La Petanque Restaurant</i>	<i>Winner</i>
Acquolina	Finalist
Platters Restaurant & Deck	Finalist

Gourmet Retail Outlet

<i>Red Hill Cellars</i>	<i>Winner</i>
Houghton's Fine Food	Finalist
The Tasting Station	Finalist

Local Produce

Salix

Front of House

Stillwater at Crittenden

Informal Dining

<i>Bamboo at Rye</i>	<i>Winner</i>
Smokehouse Sorrento	Finalist
Foxeys Hangout	Finalist
The Boyz 4 Breakie	Finalist
Rye Pier Restaurant & Bar	Finalist

Modern Australian

<i>Loquat</i>	<i>Winner</i>
The Rocks Mornington	Finalist
Max's at Red Hill Estate	Finalist

Restaurant in a Winery

<i>Ten Minutes by Tractor Wine Co</i>	<i>Winner</i>
Salix Restaurant	Finalist
Stillwater at Crittenden	Finalist
Montalto Vineyard & Olive Grove	Finalist
Red Barn Cellardoor Restaurant	Finalist

Local Wine or beverages

Stillwater at Crittenden

Coffee

Montalto

MPGourmet ~ working together to create quality regional food experiences