



VALVONA & CROLLA.®



Announced this week (2nd September) by Great British Food Magazine, Valvona & Crolla, Scotland's longest established independent specialist food shop and wine merchant, has been awarded Great British Food's Best Independent Retailer Scotland for 2016.

The Great British Food Awards recognise the skilled, passionate - and often unsung - artisans behind the nation's finest speciality food and drink and have become a benchmark of excellence for producers, retailers and restaurants.

Voted by readers of Great British Food magazine, Valvona & Crolla was recognised for supplying their customers with the highest standards of product and service, sourcing from over 3000 Italian and Scottish suppliers to provide top quality food and wine, as well as one of the largest whisky and spirits selections in the UK.

Established in 1934, Valvona & Crolla is family run by the grandson of co-founder Alfonso Crolla, Philip Contini and his wife, the writer and food journalist, Mary Contini and their elder daughter, Francesca, who continue to serve the nation from the original premises in Edinburgh.

Philip Contini, Director of Valvona & Crolla said:

"We are absolutely thrilled and grateful to be singled out for this award. We continue to strive to serve our customers diligently and continually offer valued and exciting food, wine and spirit products both from abroad and at home together with our growing range of Scottish craft, cashmere, woollens and whisky."

Natasha Lovell-Smith, editor of Great British Food magazine and chair of the judging panel said:

"We had entries from producers of all sizes, from every corner of the UK, and the quality of food was just outstanding. Our judges are experts in their fields, and all of our winners, runners up and finalists should feel very proud indeed!"

Valvona & Crolla are on a roll when it comes to awards this year. They were finalists in the Outstanding Food Retailer of the Year category at the Food Awards Scotland 2016 and have been shortlisted in the forthcoming Decanter World Wine Awards 2016 for Italian Wine Merchant award and UK Small Independent Merchant Award.

Valvona & Crolla serve the entire UK via www.valvonacrolla.co.uk.

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