



**THIS IS NO NIGHTMARE  
GORDON RAMSAY PICKS UP TWO  
GONGS AT FOODIE ‘OSCARS’  
36<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF THE GLENFIDDICH FOOD & DRINK AWARDS  
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London’s Albannach was the glamorous setting for the presentation of this year’s **Glenfiddich Food & Drink Awards**. Kitchens across the country were left in the capable hands of sous-chefs as most of London’s leading chefs, including **Gordon Ramsay, Giorgio Locatelli** and **Raymond Blanc** attended the event. The evening’s host, radio broadcaster Nigel Barden, took the excited throng through the awards, while winners were toasted with **Glenfiddich Apple** and **Glenfiddich Solera Stag** cocktails.

The famous bad-boy of celebrity chefs, **Gordon Ramsay**, picked up TWO gongs: GQ/Glenfiddich Food & Drink Personality, voted by GQ readers, and the TV Programme award for **Ramsay’s Kitchen Nightmares**. In each episode the super chef visits a struggling restaurant and delivers some candid advice, Ramsay-style!

The Food Book prize went to multiple award-winner **Claudia Roden** for **Arabesque** (Penguin) in which she returns to the countries of Morocco, Turkey & Lebanon. The result is a tribute to the different culinary histories and contemporary food of these fascinating countries, from the meze dishes of Turkey and the sweet pastries of Lebanon, to the unmistakable flavours and spices of Morocco. The book was judged “passionate and evocative, full of stories, memories and delicious food.”

**Wine Science** by **Jamie Goode** (Mitchell Beazley) won Drink Book. Detailing all the key scientific developments relating to the viticultural, oenological and social issues surrounding wine and winemaking, the book is a comprehensive reference to the most controversial, interesting and hotly debated topics in the world of wine.

This year’s Glenfiddich Independent Spirit Award, which recognises a piece of work, individual or campaign making an outstanding contribution towards widening the understanding and appreciation of food and drink in Britain, was presented by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall to **Barny Haughton** for his work supporting organic food, sustainable agriculture and community food education.

The Food Writer award and the coveted Glenfiddich Trophy went to **Alex Renton** for work in **Observer Food Monthly**. Alex has worked on The Independent and was the Evening Standard's war correspondent between 1996 and 2001. He then moved to Thailand to work for Oxfam in Asia, where he was a media and advocacy officer, and while he was out there began writing about food for the Observer Food Monthly. His winning articles reveal his hard-hitting journalistic background, with investigative pieces looking at issues such as over-fishing in Japan and childhood poverty in the Third World.

**Rowley Leigh's** inspiring recipes in **FT Weekend** won him the best Cookery Writer accolade and plaudits went to **Patrice de Villiers** for her Photography in **Sunday Times Style**. The best Regional Writer was named as **Ruth Wood** for her work in **The Western Daily Press**.

The BBC dominated the Radio shortlist, with the award going to '**First Taste: The Flavours of Childhood**' on **BBC Radio 4**. First Taste was a mouth-watering series about taste and memory featuring short talks from leading writers. This second edition looks back to childhood memories of taste and features the poet Sean O'Brien and the writer Joanne Harris (author of the best-seller *Chocolat*).

On the drinks side, multiple awards winners **Tim Atkin** picked up the best Wine Writer for work in **Observer Food Monthly** and **World of Fine Wine** and **Dave Broom** received best Drink/Bar Writer for his easy to read, lyrical work in **Whisky Magazine**.

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#### **Notes to editors:**

Established in 1970, the Glenfiddich Food & Drink Awards honour the very best writers and broadcasters who find inspiration at the bar, on the menu and on the wine list. The categories cover everything from authors to bar writers, food writers to television presenters, plus the **Glenfiddich Independent Spirit Award** and **The Glenfiddich Trophy**.

An independent panel of six judges seek to reward work where strong professional skills and sound judgement combine to produce a significant contribution to the communication and enjoyment of food and drink in the UK. The 2006 panel included **Charles Champion**, food writer and author, **Sophie Grigson**, food writer and broadcaster, **Sybil Kapoor**, author and food writer, **Anthony Rose**, wine correspondent for the Independent, **Nick Strangeway**, spirits expert and bar consultant and **Ewan Venters**, food and catering director of Selfridges.

Winners were presented with a special bottling of Glenfiddich Gran Reserva 21 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky and a cheque for £1,000. From among the category winners the judges select one outstanding candidate to receive The Glenfiddich Trophy to be held for one year along with a further £3,000 and a bottle of Glenfiddich 30 Year Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky.

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## **GLENFIDDICH FOOD & DRINK AWARDS 2006 WINNERS**

### **FOOD BOOK**

**WINNER: 'Arabesque' by Claudia Roden (Michael Joseph)**

**RUNNER UP: 'The River Cottage Family Cookbook' by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall & Fizz Carr (Hodder & Stoughton)**

**RUNNER UP: 'Dough: Simple Contemporary Bread' by Richard Bertinet (Kyle Cathie)**

### **DRINK BOOK**

**WINNER: 'Wine Science' by Jamie Goode (Mitchell Beazley)**

**RUNNER UP: 'Wine, A Life Uncorked' by Hugh Johnson (Wiedenfeld & Nicolson)**

**RUNNER UP: 'Whisky, The Definitive World Guide' by Michael Jackson (Dorling Kindersley)**

### **FOOD WRITER**

**WINNER: Alex Renton for work in Observer Food Monthly**

**RUNNER UP: Sue Style for work in FT Weekend**

**RUNNER UP: Nicholas Lander for work in FT Weekend**

### **COOKERY WRITER**

**WINNER: Rowley Leigh for work in FT Weekend**

**RUNNER UP: Sue Lawrence for work in Scotland on Sunday**

**RUNNER UP: Heston Blumenthal for work in Style: The Sunday Times**

### **DRINK / BAR WRITER**

**WINNER: Dave Broom for work in Whisky Magazine**

**RUNNER UP: Kevin Gould for work in Waitrose Food Illustrated and The Guardian**

**RUNNER UP: Andrew Jefford for work in FT Weekend**

### **WINE WRITER**

**WINNER: Tim Atkin MW for work in Observer Food Monthly and World of Fine Wine**

**RUNNER UP: William Lyons for work in Scotland on Sunday**

**RUNNER UP: Martin Moran MW for work in Food & Wine (Dublin)**

### **RESTAURANT CRITIC**

No award given

### **REGIONAL WRITER**

**WINNER: Ruth Wood for work in Western Daily Press**

**RUNNER UP: Sue Lawrence for work in Scotland on Sunday and Scotland Magazine**

### **TV**

**WINNER: 'Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares', Optomen TV, Channel 4**

**RUNNER UP: 'Jamie's Great Escape', Channel 4**

**RUNNER UP: 'Eat The West', BBC1**

### **RADIO**

**WINNER: 'First Taste: The Flavours of Childhood', BBC Radio 4**

**RUNNER UP: 'On Your Farm', BBC Radio 4**

**RUNNER UP: 'Costing the Earth: The Best Meal You'll Never Have', BBC Radio 4**

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

**WINNER: Patrice de Villiers for work in Style: The Sunday Times**

**RUNNER UP: Jean Cazals for work in 'Dough: Simple Contemporary Bread' (Kyle Cathie)**

**RUNNER UP: Lisa Linder for work in Telegraph Magazine**

**GLENFIDDICH INDEPENDENT SPIRIT AWARD**

**WINNER: Barny Haughton**

**GO/GLENFIDDICH FOOD AND DRINK PERSONALITY**

**WINNER: Gordon Ramsay**

**GLENFIDDICH TROPHY**

**WINNER: Alex Renton**