



sixth edition

# The best Golden Apple Awards

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## CLASIFICATIONS:

- 1 SUPER GOLD
- 2 The sweetest
- 3 The crunchiest
- 4 Best appearance

Prize giving in  
**La Boscana** 

Tastings made with  
the winning apples

11/9  
at 7 p.m

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In order to recognize and encourage the work carried out by producers and fruit and vegetable farms to provide consumers with high quality fruit that delights all the senses, the organization Joves Agricultors i Ramaders de Catalunya (JARC) (Young Farmers and Ranchers of Catalonia) is sponsoring the sixth edition of the Best Golden Apple Awards under different categories.

## 1. CLASSIFICATIONS AND PURPOSE

The sixth edition of the Best Golden Apple Awards is featuring a new aspect by establishing different award classifications or categories:

- Best Golden Apple Award (SUPER GOLD), the overall sensory quality is assessed taking into account all its sensory attributes.
- Sweetest Golden Apple Award
- Crunchiest Golden Apple Award
- Best Appearance Golden Apple Award

## 2. PARTICIPANTS

Individuals or legal entities, whether individually or collectively, can be eligible for the Awards. Participants may submit one or more samples of fruit properly labelled with the name of the owner, its origin, and the batch to which it belongs, as deemed appropriate by the owner. Each fruit sample shall consist of 50 apples with a size of 70-75 mm that are homogeneous and representative of the variety. Participants will be eligible for all award classifications or categories with the samples they submit. According to the category, the samples will be analysed taking into account all the attributes or solely the attribute(s) under the category.

## 3. REGISTRATION

Registration to participate in the awards will begin on the same day as the announcement of the awards and will end on 3 October 2022. Late registration is not permitted. Registration can be made by sending an email to [premsa2@jarc.cat](mailto:premsa2@jarc.cat) specifying the name of the participant or entity, the number of samples submitted to the competition, and the participant's telephone number.

## 4. SENDING THE SAMPLES

The samples may be sent from 3 to 7 October 2022, addressed to Gemma Echeverría, at the following address:

Parc Científic i Tecnològic Agroalimentari de Lleida.  
Parc de Gardeny, IRTA, Edifici Fruitcentre, I-25003 Lleida. Spain

No samples will be accepted without prior registration. Samples must be clearly identified with the same information that was used for registration. In order to guarantee anonymity for the contestants, the samples will be immediately coded with a random three-digit code when they are received at the IRTA. This code will be subsequently used in the evaluations. The samples will be immediately stored at 0.5 °C until they are evaluated.

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## 5. JURY AND DECISION

While the awards are conducted, a group of prestigious and recognized experts within the IRTA and the fruit sector will define the aspects or attributes to be evaluated and in what way they should be assessed based on their experience and the current criteria demanded by markets, along with a panel trained by the IRTA in the sensory description of apples. This panel will be made up of eight panellists who will undergo specific training sessions beforehand to adapt to the requirements established by the group of experts.

In the first phase, the panel trained by the IRTA will describe, on a scale of 1 to 9, the appearance, smell, sweetness, acidity, characteristic flavour of the Golden apple, and the texture of all the samples received. The different attributes will be defined and weighted in accordance with the criteria established by the IRTA and fruit sector expert group beforehand. Based on the data obtained in this first phase, the IRTA will provide a list with the five best samples.

Subsequently, these top five samples will be recoded and re-evaluated by the panel trained by the IRTA. This second recoding will prevent panellists from remembering or associating the fruit with the initial codes and enable them to conduct a second description of the samples. The results obtained from this second phase will allow us to establish a ranking of the five best samples, with the highest score going to the winner of each of the classifications or categories.

The decision will be final, and the participants expressly waive any judicial or extrajudicial actions.

The decision will be made public on 9 November 2022 at 7:00 pm in the restaurant La Boscana, and attendees will be able to enjoy a tasting of the winning apples.

## 6. DATES OF INTEREST

REGISTRATION FOR THE AWARDS: Through 3 October 2022

SENDING SAMPLES: 3-7 October 2022

AWARDS CEREMONY AND TASTING OF THE WINNING APPLES: 9 November 2022 at 7:00 pm.

## 7. ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Participation in the Awards implies acceptance of all the terms and conditions.

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