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## **Gunther's Gourmet Groceries Wins Big at Fiery Food Challenge**

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I'm always excited when one of our spicy food industry friends comes up big in contests, especially at last week's 2010 Fiery Food Challenge at ZestFest in Fort Worth, Texas. Among them is Gunther's Gourmet - a company that offers one of the most diverse lineup of salsas I've ever seen - who racked up many 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place wins in multiple categories:



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**Virginia Based Gunther's Gourmet Groceries Wins Big in Texas**

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When asked where the best salsa comes from, most people instinctively answer Texas, or maybe Arizona, New Mexico, or even California. No one ever thinks Virginia. But, that may soon change.

Gunther's Gourmet Groceries, LLC, a Virginia company operated by brothers Nick and Michael Lampros, recently came away from *Chile Pepper Magazine's* 2010 Fiery Food Challenge in Fort Worth, Texas, with ten, that's right ten, awards for its salsas and marinades.

Handed out on Friday, September 11, 2009, as part of the magazine's Zest Fest festivities, the awards to the little Virginia company were as follows;

**Salsa - Medium:**

1st Place – Gunther's Gourmet Groceries "Jalapeño Salsa Fresca"

2nd Place – Gunther's Gourmet Groceries "Spicy Ginger Pineapple Salsa"

**Salsa - Mild:**

2nd Place – Gunther's Gourmet Groceries "Salsa Fresca"

**Salsa - Hot:**

3rd Place – Gunther's Gourmet Groceries "Fiery Peri-Peri Dark Cherry Salsa"

**Salsa - Specialty:**

2nd Place – Gunther's Gourmet Groceries "Chesapeake Bay Crab Salsa"

**Salsa – Verde/Tomatillo:**

2nd Place – Gunther's Gourmet Groceries "Tomatillo Salsa Verde"

**Salsa - Bean:**

3rd Place – Gunther's Gourmet Groceries "Black & White Bean Salsa"

**Condiment – Salad Dressing:**

1st Place – Gunther's Gourmet Groceries "Orange Balsamic Vinaigrette & Marinade"

2nd Place – Gunther's Gourmet Groceries "Lemon Oregano Vinaigrette & Marinade"

3rd Place – Gunther's Gourmet Groceries "Roasted Garlic & Sundried Tomato Vinaigrette & Marinade"

As impressive as the above results are, especially the sweep in the salad dressing category, it should be noted that they only add to the long list of awards won by Gunther's Gourmet over the past three years. All told, the company has garnered a total of twenty-eight awards from judged tasting competitions in Texas, New Mexico, and New York; making it one of the most award winning salsa companies in the country. If you consider that salsa now vies with ketchup as the number one food condiment in the United States and is produced by all manner of companies, from the gigantic to the miniscule, winning so many awards in such a short period of time is no small feat.

Adding to the company's accomplishments is the fact that none of its salsas or marinades contain artificial ingredients or preservatives, or use high fructose corn syrup, pepper extracts, or large amounts of salt in order to create a false sense of flavor or heat. Instead, and unlike so many competing products, each salsa and marinade from Gunther's Gourmet is made using only all-natural ingredients which, after being combined and arranged into distinctive layered flavors and proportioned levels of heat, create fresh crisp clean tastes; tastes that some people claim are a little bit addictive.

Try a few salsas and marinades from Gunther's Gourmet and taste why that little company from Virginia is making such a big splash on the salsa circuit. If you are like many of us, you might even find yourself saying "Virginia" the next time someone asks you where the best salsa comes from.

For more information about Gunther's Gourmet Groceries, LLC, and its award winning salsas and marinades, please visit its web site at [www.gunthersgourmet.com](http://www.gunthersgourmet.com). There you will find product and nutritional information, a complete list of awards won, cooking tips, printable recipes for each salsa and marinade, as well as plenty of other interesting information.