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Garlic Farm wins coveted RHS Gold Medal at Hampton Court

The Garlic Farm from the Isle of Wight, the UK's acknowledged garlic specialist, won a coveted Royal Horticultural Society 'Gold Medal' at this year's Hampton Court Flower Show.

The Garlic Farm was awarded the RHS Gold Medal for its display of produce in the Growing & Showing Marquee, the quality of the produce and its educational significance. A huge world map covering the back of the stand linked garlic's Central Asian origins to the different garlic types found all over the world today.

In preparation for this year's Hampton Court Flower Show, The Garlic Farm took 40 varieties of garlic from across the globe, grew them successfully on the Isle of Wight and these formed part of the display. Gardeners and those with a real passion for garlic – called 'alliophiles' - will be pleased to hear that many of these will be available for planting from The Garlic Farm.

Colin Boswell, the renowned garlic expert and owner of The Garlic Farm comments:

"We are delighted to receive a Gold Medal from the RHS for our first display at a RHS event. The interest aroused by our stand and in garlic generally shows what we have suspected: The British are beginning what we anticipate will be a long and fruitful love affair with garlic."

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About The Garlic Farm

Isle of Wight garlic began in the Boswell family's kitchen garden at Mersley Farm in the early 1970s. Colin Boswell soon found that the hot summers of 1975 and '76 effortlessly produced quality garlic, bright and white, superior to the miserable imported garlic that was to be found on shop shelves around the country.

Colin Boswell trialed a number of garlic types, but found that the best results came from garlic originating in the Massif Central in France. This Auvergne garlic became the basis of what is now known as Solent Wight. This selection consistently produces garlic that has real strength and bouquet, keeping well in a modern centrally heated environment until at least February and often on to June the following year.

The low horizon line of the Isle of Wight and huge amounts of reflected sunlight from the waters of the Solent has created the perfect environment in which garlic can flourish. The Garlic Farm has achieved a number of highly coveted AGM awards (Awards of Gardening Merit) from the Royal Horticultural Society, the RHS, for three of its home-grown garlic specialities, namely: Solent Wight, Early Wight and Wight Cristo garlic.

Now after 35 years growing garlic on the Isle of Wight, farmer Colin Boswell is acclaimed to be one of the most respected authorities on the subject of garlic in the world today and is a constant newsmaker on all things garlic. Further more, The Garlic Farm is the leading garlic producer in the UK.

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