

Tapa is the UK's favourite tapas venue



Tapa wins for its tapas!

Edinburgh's widely-acclaimed Spanish restaurant Tapa has been named the UK's Favourite Tapas Venue following seven months of intense voting. The delightful establishment beat off fierce competition from a host of top Spanish restaurants from around Britain to win the competition, which was run by craft Andalusian beer brand Alhambra.

The competition began on February 28th 2013, Andalusia Day, and ran until October 10th 2013 with 75 restaurants or tapas bars from the UK's burgeoning Spanish restaurant scene involved. People were able to vote or nominate their favourite venue via Cervezas Alhambra's UK Facebook or at Alhambra's summer sampling events with the winning restaurant announced on Spain's national Day, 12th October.

Aside from the prestige of taking the crown, Tapa will receive a prize of £2,000. The other restaurants who made up the top five included – 2nd place – Los Gatos, Swindon, 3rd place – El Toro, Hull, 4th Place – Costas Tapas Bar, Penrith and 5th place – Lunya, Liverpool.

Sam Houston, spokesperson for the [Alhambra](#) beer brand commented:-“The Spanish restaurant sector has blossomed in the

last few years with consumers really getting a taste for tapas. We are now blessed with an incredible array of authentic Spanish tapas venues around the country and this competition has helped showcase that. Tapa is a beautiful venue with stunning food and that traditional tapas buzz. It has a loyal local following and it is great for Greig, Dan and the team to get the recognition they deserve.”

Andalusia in Southern Spain is where the Alhambra beers hail from and is also thought to be the birthplace of tapas. Literally meaning “Lid”, it is thought by many that tapas first came about in Andalusia when plates were placed on top of glasses to stop the fruit flies spoiling the sherry. Soon morsels of food accompanied the plates before bars started to compete with each other, offering their own speciality tapa. Today tapas is recognised as the quintessential cuisine of Spain and is celebrated and enjoyed around the world.

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