ANNOUNCING THE GOOD FOOD AWARDS FINALISTS & LAUNCH OF 1st EVER FINALISTS POP UP SHOP

351 crafters from 42 states and Washington D.C represent the nation’s best in tasty, authentic & responsible fare – and are gathered in a single online Pop Up Shop for two weeks only.

San Francisco, CA (November 1, 2021) – The Good Food Foundation is thrilled to announce the 351 Finalists for the 2022 Good Food Awards. Spanning 42 states and Washington D.C., these Finalists stood out from the nearly 2,000 entries as the top scorers in 17 categories. In conjunction with this announcement, for the first time ever, the Good Food Awards Finalists Pop Up Shop goes live to offer everyone the opportunity to savor, celebrate and support these incredible makers.

For two weeks only, and just in time for holiday shopping, the Finalists Pop Up Shop brings together more than 200 of the country’s best food and drink products in one convenient online marketplace. Revenues from each purchase go directly to the crafters, so shoppers can find unique and delicious gifts while supporting a localized and resilient food system.

Across all categories, the Finalists represent the highest standards of quality, sustainability and social responsibility. In Kansas, Grains and Drinks Finalist Pinole Blue uses organic blue corn to make tortillas and a traditional beverage, while returning a portion of profits to the Rarámuri (Tarahumara) people of Northern Mexico. In Hernando, Mississippi, Mae’s Gourmet Jams has blended tradition with a commitment to sustainability, using techniques passed down through generations to turn local, organic blueberries into Blueberry Lemongrass Jam. In California, Appanage’s Ortolan Rosolio is an aperitif made from heirloom roses which would otherwise be wasted or discarded for aesthetic imperfections.

The Good Food Foundation will return to live events in 2022, beginning with the Good Food Awards Ceremony on Friday, January 14th in San Francisco, where 233 of the 351 Finalists will become the 2022 Winners. Following the ceremony, the industry-only San Francisco Good Food Mercantile will open for buyers to connect directly with good food makers from across the country – and now the world, at the first ever Good Food International Showcase. The Good Food Foundation will hit the road next spring with the Portland Mercantile on April 29 and the New York Mercantile on June 25. Tickets and registration for all events will be available in mid-November at goodfoodfdn.org.

Organizers & Supporters:
The Good Food Awards are organized by the Good Food Foundation 501 (c) 3. The Presenting Sponsor is the Good Food Merchants Collaborative, comprised of 19 of the country’s top independently owned retailers from Ann Arbor to Oakland to Sioux Falls, all of whom are committed to supporting America’s great food crafters. Joining them is a vibrant group of key supporters, including Lead Supporters Bi-Rite Family of Businesses, Clarkson Potter, Ten Speed Press and Dominic Phillips Event Marketing.

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The full list of Finalists is here.
ABOUT THE GOOD FOOD AWARDS
The Good Food Awards celebrate the kind of food we all want to eat: tasty, authentic and responsible. Now in its twelfth year, awards will be given to winners in 18 categories: beer, charcuterie, cheese, chocolate, cider, coffee, confections, drinks, elixirs, fish, grains, honey, oils (tasted & announced in the spring), pantry, pickles, preserves, snacks and spirits. The Good Food Awards Seal, found on winning products, assures consumers they have found something exceptionally delicious that also supports sustainability and social good.

ABOUT THE GOOD FOOD FOUNDATION
The Good Food Awards is organized by the Good Food Foundation 501 (c) 3, formerly known as Seedling Projects, in collaboration with a broad community of food crafters, grocers, chefs, food writers, activists and passionate food-lovers. The Good Food Foundation is also the organizing force behind the Good Food Guild, Good Food Mercantile and Good Food Merchants Alliance.