

National award shortlist for Yorkshire Tonic

Artisan drinks producer Raisthorpe Distillery has been shortlisted in the Great British Food Awards for one of its premium Yorkshire Tonics.

Its Pink Grapefruit tonic has been included in the fruit juice and mixers category of the prestigious awards. Winners will be announced in late October.

Raisthorpe, based on the Yorkshire Wolds, launched its range of six tonics two years ago in response to consumer demand for premium flavoured tonics.

In addition to Pink Grapefruit, the range includes Strawberry and Pomegranate; Citrus; Apple and Elderflower; Skinny; and Premium.

Raisthorpe has seen online sales of its tonics increase substantially during the coronavirus pandemic. They are also stocked in farmshops, delis and independent retailers.

Operations director Oliver Medforth said: "Our tonics are perfect paired with our gins and people's other favourite gins or as a refreshing drink on their own. Feedback from customers has been excellent and we are very pleased to have the Pink Grapefruit recognised in the Great British Food Awards."

Raisthorpe is a family business, launched more than 10 years ago by Julia Medforth at the family farm in Thixendale.

The company also produces a range of award-winning gin liqueurs, vodkas and dry gin and last year invested in a new still to increase capacity at its production facilities.

Its Pink Grapefruit tonic also won a 2-star award at last year's Great Taste Awards.

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