

FIRST CORNISH COFFEE BREWED AT FIFTEEN CORNWALL

Fifteen Cornwall has taken its commitment to using the best local produce one step further as the restaurant's Bar Manager Tristan Stephenson prepared cups of coffee that had been produced using coffee beans grown in county.

Tristan was inspired to produce cups of coffee using the Cornish grown beans when he recently saw the coffee -which grows as small red 'cherries' - being grown in the Rainforest Biome at Eden.

After enlisting the help of Cornish coffee merchants Origin Coffee, Tristan teamed up with the Eden Project to make his dream of a truly Cornish coffee a reality. The coffee harvest at Eden produced around two kilos of cherries, which when dried and roasted reduced down to just 200 grams of dried coffee beans – enough to make around 25 cups of very special Cornish coffee.

Using coffee beans harvested just before Christmas, a very small quantity of the Cornish beans were roasted and ground today (Friday 11th January) as part of an experiment to see how the locally grown coffee compares to that of tropical plantations.

Tristan said: "It's been an extremely labour intensive and complicated process to get from the cherry harvest stage to having roasted beans ready to use and has really highlighted *the amount of work that goes into growing, picking and processing the coffee beans. Now that I've tasted the fruits of our labours I'm really pleased that we made the effort as we've actually produced something that is quite drinkable – not bad considering that it's been grown thousands of miles away from the usual locations of coffee plantations.*"

Fifteen Cornwall apprentice chef Sam Pellow, 22 from Camborne said: "It has been great to get involved in such a unique experiment and it's amazing to think that Tristan is producing coffee from beans that have been grown right here in Cornwall. My fellow apprentice Andrew was involved in harvesting the cherries at Eden before Christmas, and I am glad that I've had the chance to see how this part of the process works – and of course I get to taste the final product!"

Tristan Stephenson will be using some of his Cornish coffee when he competes at the UK Barista Championships in February. It is anticipated that the remaining limited edition Cornish coffee will be sold in the Fifteen Cornwall restaurant.

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Notes to editors

Fifteen Cornwall opened on 18th May 2006 with an innovative menu of the best seasonal and local produce, a relaxed atmosphere, talented chefs and an incredible view over a beautiful two-mile beach.

The restaurant is dedicated to the same inspirational social enterprise goals as set out by Jamie Oliver and the team at Fifteen London. Each year the restaurant gives up to 20 trainee-chefs the once in a lifetime opportunity to turn their lives around.

All profits from Fifteen Cornwall go to the registered charity, The Cornwall Foundation of Promise. The charity's purpose is the creation of fantastic career opportunities for disadvantaged, local, young people, helping them every step of the way to achieve their potential. The restaurant also provides a valuable boost to Cornwall's tourism industry and makes use of the abundance of high quality local food producers in the region.

The project has received more than £1 million in grants from Objective One and the South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA), with additional support from Jobcentre Plus, the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), Cornwall College, Cornwall County Council, Restormel Borough Council, St Austell Brewery, HSBC Bank, Barclays Bank and The Hotel and Extreme Academy, Watergate Bay.

For Fifteen Cornwall reservations and menu information visit www.fifteencornwall.co.uk or call 01637 861000 (lines open between 9.00am and 7.00pm seven days a week).

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