

## **Neven Maguire Awarded Food & Wine's 'Ulster Best Chef'**

**Neven Maguire has been awarded the prestigious 'Ulster Best Chef' Award at the annual Food & Wine Awards lunch in Dublin's Mansion House.**

"I am really delighted to have won this award which is a testament to the hard work and commitment my parents, family and the team at MacNean's have shown over the years", says Neven. "As a chef I am only as good as the ingredients I use and have to commend my local suppliers for their fantastic, top quality Irish produce".

Neven is Head Chef and Proprietor of his family's MacNean House and Restaurant in Blacklion, Co. Cavan which has been open since 1989. He recently made a substantial investment into extensively refurbishing the Guest House and Restaurant, doubling its seating capacity, offering extended menu's of Neven's specially created dishes and a large selection of wines, hand-picked by Neven, from all over the world.

Neven has a string of high-profile awards behind him, both for his culinary skills and his work at MacNean House and Restaurant, including: Georgina Campbell's Restaurant of the Year Award 2007, Special Award for Culinary Achievements and Tourism Promotion from Cavan County Council 2007 and Georgina Campbell's Natural Food Award 2006, who commented; "Neven's cooking is better than ever: exact, perfectly judged food that makes the most of meticulously sourced ingredients from the local and artisan producers he so strongly advocates."

Employing over 20 people at MacNean House and Restaurant in Blacklion, Neven is currently in Rome with his chefs. Having pooled their 'tips' money for the year the group are visiting the Italian capital to check out the restaurants, experience the culture and visit the food markets. Neven loves Italian food and considers the trip a great team-bonding session.

**MacNean House and Restaurant, Blacklion, Co. Cavan 071-9853404. Special rates now offered on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday's.**

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