

Chukar Cherries Celebrates 30 years of Authentic Northwest Cherry and Chocolate Gifts

Prosser, WA, Oct. 29, 2018 – This year, iconic Pacific Northwest brand Chukar Cherries is celebrating 30 years of crafting locally sourced tree-to-table cherry and chocolate gifts.

The company was founded in 1988 on the Alexander-Auld family orchard in Prosser, Washington, in the heart of the state's wine and cherry growing region. Chukar first pioneered drying Northwest cherries without additives and then expanded into handmade chocolate confections—layering locally grown Bing, Rainier, and Montmorency Tart cherries and freshroasted nuts with European pastry chocolate in old world copper kettles.

Today, Chukar Cherries is still family owned and committed to handcrafting all its confections using local, high-quality, all-natural ingredients. Chukar sources choice cherries and berries from Northwest growers, naturally dries the fruit in the Prosser factory, and then transforms the dried morsels into a variety of snackable, giftable, and shareable treats.

"All our products are made with care in small batches, using 'just in time' manufacturing principles," says founder Pam Montgomery. "We use the freshest Northwest ingredients and then ship quickly, so when customers order something, they can be confident of the quality, knowing it's almost guaranteed to have been made in the last couple of weeks."

Chukar products contain no preservatives, no sulfites, and no artificial ingredients. The company offers organic, no sugar added, and gluten-free product lines.

Though many fans stop at the company headquarters and tasting room while touring the orchards and vineyards of southcentral Washington, Chukar has gained broader recognition through its store in Seattle's Pike Place Market, which has been a popular stop for visitors for more than 20 years. Chukar products can also be purchased from specialty retailers nationwide and online at <u>www.chukar.com</u>.

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About Chukar Cherries

Chukar Cherries was launched in 1988 on the Alexander-Auld family orchard in the center of Washington's wine and cherry growing region, to transform local cherries into authentic Northwest specialties and gifts. The family-owned company handmakes all its products using top-quality local fruit and all-natural regional ingredients, including cherries and berries, fresh-roasted nuts, and premium pastry chocolate. Chukar products are available at the company's stores in Prosser and Pike Place Market in Seattle, at specialty retailers nationwide, and online. For more information, visit www.chukar.com.

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