

# Belle Chevre

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## **BELLE CHEVRE'S GREEK KISS TAKES AMERICAN CHEESE SOCIETY AWARD**



SEATTLE (August 28, 2010)- Belle Chevre creamery of Elkmont, AL walked away from the American Cheese Society conference with one of the prestigious organizations' coveted prizes. The Greek Kiss won second place in the Fresh Goat/Flavored/Herbal category. The Greek Kiss is a disk of artisan, handmade goat cheese, wrapped by hand and delicately flavored with a brined grape leaf.

This year's conference was held in Seattle, with the final awards ceremony taking place at Benaroya Hall, home of the Seattle Symphony. Bestselling author Michael Pollan gave the keynote speech to the event, known in the industry as the "Oscars of Cheese." The entries this year for competition were higher than they have been in the history of the organization, comprising over 1400 cheeses from North and South America.

"We are absolutely thrilled that the creative efforts from our small southern creamery are being recognized by such a distinguished organization," said Tasia Malakasis, owner of Belle Chevre. Malakasis, a former marketing exec, fell in love with the product and came back to Alabama to learn the art of cheesemaking and persuade the owner emeritus to let her be the next generation of Belle Chevre. Her products include fresh and marinated goat cheese, and are available at grocery stores everywhere and at [www.bellechevre.com](http://www.bellechevre.com).

For more about the American Cheese Society, visit [www.cheesesociety.org](http://www.cheesesociety.org).

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