## **Chukar Cherries Takes Silver at Washington Manufacturing Awards**

Seattle Business magazine honors Chukar as one of the leading Washington Food Processors of 2013

Seattle, WA, April 26, 2013—Last night Chukar Cherries was honored to take silver in the Food Processor of the Year category at the 2013 Washington Manufacturing Awards. The awards were held to honor manufacturers who are rebuilding Washington State's economy through innovation and job creation.

Chukar Cherries was chosen to receive the award due to their 25-year history of drying Northwest cherries in the heart of eastern Washington's cherry growing region. Chukar's Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Tommy Montgomery, was present to receive the award and thanked everyone for supporting local and family-owned businesses in Washington.

This is the fourth year Seattle Business magazine has held the Washington Manufacturing Awards to recognize companies that innovate, streamline, and expand within Washington State. The dinner and award ceremony was held in partnership with Impact Washington—a non-profit that assists Washington manufacturers with training programs, consulting, events, and resources.

Chukar Cherries will be featured in an upcoming issue of Seattle Business magazine as well as online at <u>seattlebusinessmag.com</u>.

Chukar's full line of naturally dried cherries, chocolate-covered cherries, fruit and nut mixes, and cherry sauces can be purchased at Chukar's stores in Pike Place Market, Leavenworth, and Prosser, WA, as well as online at <a href="chukar.com">chukar.com</a>.

## The Chukar Story

In 1988 our family founded Chukar Cherries on our beloved cherry orchard in the Yakima Valley of Washington state. Chukar celebrates the natural bounty of the Pacific Northwest: transforming tree-ripened local fruits and hearty nuts into freshly made, exceptional cherry and chocolate gifts. One taste and you'll experience the extraordinary—Chukar, Best of Nature, Best of Chocolate®.

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