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Roast Magazine Announces 2020 Roaster of the Year Winners

Mostra Coffee & Coffee By Design

PORTLAND, OREGON (Oct. 17, 2019) — Mostra Coffee and Coffee By Design have won *Roast Magazine's* 16th annual Roaster of the Year competition. The two coffee roasting companies are featured in the trade publication's November/December 2019 issue, available online at roastmagazine.com.

The Roaster of the Year awards recognize companies that roast coffees of superior quality, exemplify a dedication to sustainability, promote employee and community education, and demonstrate a strong commitment to the coffee industry, among other criteria. *Roast* awards top honors in two categories: Micro Roaster of the Year, for companies roasting fewer than 100,000 pounds of coffee each year; and Macro Roaster of the Year, for companies roasting more than 100,000 pounds annually.

Mostra Coffee, with headquarters in San Diego, California, was selected as *Roast's* 2020 Micro Roaster of the Year, with a total output of 65,000 pounds of roasted coffee annually. Founded in 2013, the company earned top honors for its commitment to supporting coffee farmers in the Philippines, local community engagement, and ensuring a vibrant workplace culture, as well as offering opportunities for employee mentorship and training. Learn more at mostracoffee.com.

Coffee By Design, headquartered in Portland, Maine, took the top prize for Macro Roaster of the Year, with an output of 650,000 pounds of roasted coffee per year. Founded in 1994, Coffee By Design is celebrating its 25th anniversary as a family-owned and -operated company, growing its business with a focus on sustainable practices, quality standards, and social responsibility. The company has put a focus on sharing knowledge and excitement about coffee, creating living-wage jobs with ample growth potential and training opportunities for its employees. For more information, visit coffeebydesign.com.

About Roast:

Roast is a bi-monthly technical trade journal dedicated to the success and growth of the specialty coffee industry. *Roast* addresses the art, science and business of coffee roasters by covering the issues most important to them, with quality editorial content focused on the technical aspects of coffee. For more information, visit roastmagazine.com.

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