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Bio Burger

A stone-ground blend of organically and bio-dynamically grown dried peas, beans, lentils, grains, vegetable, herbs and spices make up the multi-functional Bio Burger from Nicholson Fine Foods. The product does not contain any man-made technological ingredients and however 95% of the Bio Burger's ingredients are derived from biodynamic or organic farming methods. Its packaging boasts strong environmental credentials, being derived from 'certified compostable' bamboo pulp with a paperboard outer wrap.

Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Splish Organic is an organically certified extra virgin olive oil with a high nutritional value.

Aiming to incorporate quality, value and integrity, Splish Organic says it has 'scoured the earth' for the most eco-friendly packaging to ensure it offers a fully sustainable, recyclable product, with low carbon footprint and which will work in harmony with the environment. Packaged in an innovative Tetra Pak carton, the oil is kept completely free from oxygen, allowing no light to transmit through, thus keeping the oil remarkably fresh and free from bacteria. Grown in Australia and transported via sea freight in bulk, it is packaged at the point of market and distributed with great consideration to its carbon impact.

Gluten-Free Plus

Diabetes-friendly puddings are hard to find - just ask the Diabetes Association of South Australia that wanted several hundred before Christmas 2008. Made by Pudding Lane, the desert harnesses all the rich goodness of a traditional pudding into a totally gluten-free product. It is hand-made with fruit, fresh gluten-free breadcrumbs, free range eggs, rice flour and unmalted brandy. The pudding is packaged in hand-sewn cloth while the attached card is 100% Australian-made, using 80% recycled material plus 20% sustainable. Printing on the cloth and card is with non-toxic vegetable based ink.

Dairy Milk Chocolate

Consumer demand has been the impetus behind Cadbury's move to produce a more contemporary design 'pip' or chocolate square size with its Dairy Milk Chocolate range. The Dairy Milk milk chocolate range was foil wrapped and then wrapped into metallised paper labels.

The move from the metallised paper (a high energy production process) to the carton board has yielded a pack format that twice as many consumers are willing to recycle than the current paper label. The board used in the cartons is sourced from a mill that uses hydro electricity as its power source and has been accredited to the Forest Stewardship.

Organic Pumpkin Risotto with Feta and Sage

Naked Organics' Organic Pumpkin Risotto with Feta and Sage is made with all organic ingredients including fresh sage, organic feta, organic pumpkin and Italian Arborio rice. The product ingredients are sourced locally where possible and are all organic, making its manufacture highly sustainable. Launched in May 2009, the product is also preservative free, has a short shelf life and is freshly made in small batches using fresh ingredients. Organic Pumpkin Risotto with Feta and Sage is claimed to be unique by Naked Organics, being first-to-market with a fresh organic risotto which does not use preservatives or additives.

Bulloak Wines

The carbon-neutral Bulloak label is at the vanguard of a Zilzie Wines drive to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in every step of its winemaking process - from vineyard to table. But this doesn't mean that Zilzie cut corners on quality, having notched up four trophies and two gold medals recently. Certified by the Carbon Reduction Institute of Australia, the Bulloak range has undergone a rigorous 18-month audit of its lifecycle. This included freight, packaging, assets, electricity, fuel usage, waste and waste water. Zilzie has also reduced water usage by 35% per litre of wine produced since 2005.

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