



Manufacturer of the Year | Organic Merchant Stanmore, Sydney, New South Wales



Producing exceptional certified organic teas and cacao complemented by sustainable and regenerative packaging practices has won Sydney-based Organic Merchant the inaugural Manufacturer of the Year Award at the Australian Organic Industry Awards.

What started as creating tea blends for in-house naturopathy clients, and making weekend sales at Paddington Markets in Sydney, has evolved into one of Australia's leading certified organic wellness tea brands.

Now stocking products in more than 500 stores nationwide, in addition to direct selling through online sales, Organic Merchant Founder and naturopath, Chalimah Jeanne, said the company offers consumers more than certified organic tea and cacao.

“At Organic Merchant, we are stewards of sustainability and regenerative practices and continue to educate ourselves and experiment with new practices to improve our production processes and chain of suppliers,” Ms Jeanne said.

“Winning the first-ever Manufacturer of the Year Award is an incredible honour and validates our efforts in supporting and leading the organic movement here locally in Australia and internationally.

“Our certified organic herbal teas and cacao infusions are crafted from carefully selected ingredients that are hand-blended and presented in packaging that is proudly plastic free.

“We seal our loose-leaf tea in home compostable plant-based cello bags and recyclable FSC certified and chlorine free cardboard boxes.

“Our current refill pouches are made using plant material that can be industrially composted, and we have plans to move to fully home compostable pouches soon.

“We also use biophotonic miron glass for our jars, which extends the shelf life of products and is 100 per cent recyclable and reusable.

“Our product labels are also printed on recyclable paper using eco inks.”

Learn more about Organic Merchant [here](#).