

Gourmet delights face the taste test



Wursthaus partners Mark Nicholson, left, and Mike Jones sample their award-winning fare.

THE air was heavy with the smell of sausages spiced with fennel, garlic, and nutmeg at the inaugural Buy Tasmanian Royal Hobart Fine Foods Competition yesterday.

Tasmanian sausages and cheeses lined up to face the judges and the state's gourmet delights were on display. Saus-

age judge Martin Modinger was impressed with the sausages.

"Sausage makers were experimenting," he said. "Some worked extremely well and some didn't, but you have to experiment."

After 4½ hours of tasting, there was a clear winner.

Wursthaus, meaning literally sausage house, cleaned up the

sausage section, carrying off a swag of gold medals.

Wursthaus partner Mike Jones said he was not surprised at his success.

"We've been at it for 10 years and we tend to specialise in sausages," he said.

Heidi's Guyere won the best cheese of the competition.