



KAROO CHEF ASHLEY DOKTER CROWNED WINNER OF NYAMA BATTLE: THE MOTHER CITY

After weeks of intense culinary battles, unforgettable flavours and remarkable growth, Ashley Dokter has been crowned the winner of *Nyama Battle: The Mother City*, brought to you by Boxer.

Representing the small Karoo town of Murraysburg, Ashley captured the hearts of viewers with his humility, determination and refined approach to South African cuisine. Inspired by his upbringing, family traditions and the rich food culture of the Karoo, Ashley entered the competition determined to honour his roots while building a future through food.

Throughout the competition, Ashley consistently proved himself as one of the strongest contestants, remaining calm under pressure while embracing every challenge as an opportunity to learn and grow.

His standout moments included winning the roosterkoek challenge, where he showcased his Karoo roots and traditional braai expertise. He followed this with another impressive victory in the heritage challenge, creating a dish that celebrated his family while reimagining his culture for the 21st century. Heading towards the finale, Ashley further cemented his position as a frontrunner by winning the Castle Beer immunity challenge.

Reflecting on his journey, Ashley said, *"It's taken me 15 years of work to get to this point. Hard work does pay off."*

One of the most memorable moments of the season came during the heritage challenge, when Ashley created a dish inspired by his parents.

"I just wanted to put my mom and dad together on one plate and it seems I managed to do it. I hope they're proud."

Throughout the season, Ashley's food remained deeply rooted in his upbringing, combining traditional South African flavours with modern techniques while celebrating the people, places and memories that shaped him.

With his victory, Ashley not only earned the title of Nyama Battle: The Mother City champion, but also a fully equipped food trailer, R200,000 in cash towards his food



truck business and R100,000 in Boxer Rewards. The prizes will give him the opportunity to turn 15 years of hard work into reality as he embarks on the next chapter of his culinary career, fulfilling the competition and Boxer's shared goal of helping talented South African food entrepreneurs turn their passion into meaningful business opportunities.

Lee-Ann Pillay, Head of Marketing at Boxer, congratulated Ashley on being crowned the winner.

"Ashley has taken us on an extraordinary journey throughout the competition. He has remained humble, worked incredibly hard and proudly celebrated his family, his community and the flavours of the Karoo. This is a very special moment for Ashley and everyone who has supported him, and Boxer is proud to congratulate him on becoming the Nyama Battle: The Mother City champion. We look forward to seeing what he achieves as he takes this exciting next step," said Pillay.

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