



Welcome to April's latest news & produce update. This month has seen the arrival of the great British Asparagus season, also Purple Sprouting Broccoli. We have been out visiting new and existing growers discussing new ingredients and seeing how our growing plans are developing.



Earlier last month we visited Chris Molyneux at Molyneux Kale Company in Lancashire. Chris is very passionate about all things Kale and loves what he does.

Chris is the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of his family that have been farming the land in Lancashire. We will be exploring Chris's new varieties over this year so please keep an eye on our Instagram page @valimexItd



He is a pioneer in keeping his own varieties of variegated kales and Heritage greens in commercial existence, dating back to the 1800's. He also grows CastelFranco, Radicchio Treviso, Kohlrabi, various Cabbages and different colour Chard's. We will be working directly with Chris this year and bringing new varieties into our range. He has kept the family tradition of keeping the true seed and not introducing hybrid versions of different species of Cabbage.





## **April Product & Produce Report**

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We have been working directly with our British grower, Portwood Asparagus for some time. We are proud to start another year with their premium asparagus, as always the season does not last long so ensure you most the most of this on your menus whilst you can. We will see different grades start to come through in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on our Instagram page @valimexltd for daily updates on new and fresh in seasonal ingredients.

We have added extra new lines to our stock range of Special Ingredients - Gellan Gum Type F, Fructose Powder, Ice cream Stabiliser and Lecithin powder. For more information please contact us at sales@valimex.co.uk



We visited Growing Field 28 again earlier this month, the longer days are speeding up the growth of outdoor crops. We will update you next month on their produce items that we will be stocking. Don't forget, if you are interested in hearing more about the different varieties of living herbs then please contact us at <u>sales@valimex.co.uk</u> for more information.







## **April Produce Report**



As mentioned previously we now have Portwood Asparagus which will make the perfect partner to the Jersey Royals that are now arriving in greater quantities. Gariguette Strawberries arrived and are in good supply, Nashi Pears are of exceptional quality and available. Please contact us for any enquiries on 02089612477 or email sales@valimex.co.uk

## Fresh in this month



Turkish Morel mushrooms have arrived. British Purple Sprouting Broccoli is now in good supply with good colour. Varieties of Mouneyrac Apples and Pears are in good supply. Piel da Sapo melon are super sweet. Artichokes, French radishes, Mara de bois, Wax tipped Passe Crassane Pears also arriving.

## Mid – End season

Forced Yorkshire Rhubarb has almost finished, Wye Valley Rhubarb will be available for a few more weeks. Wild Garlic will start to flower soon and the leaves will become fibrous. Keep an eye out on our Instagram page for daily updates on fresh-in produce and new ingredients @valimexltd

