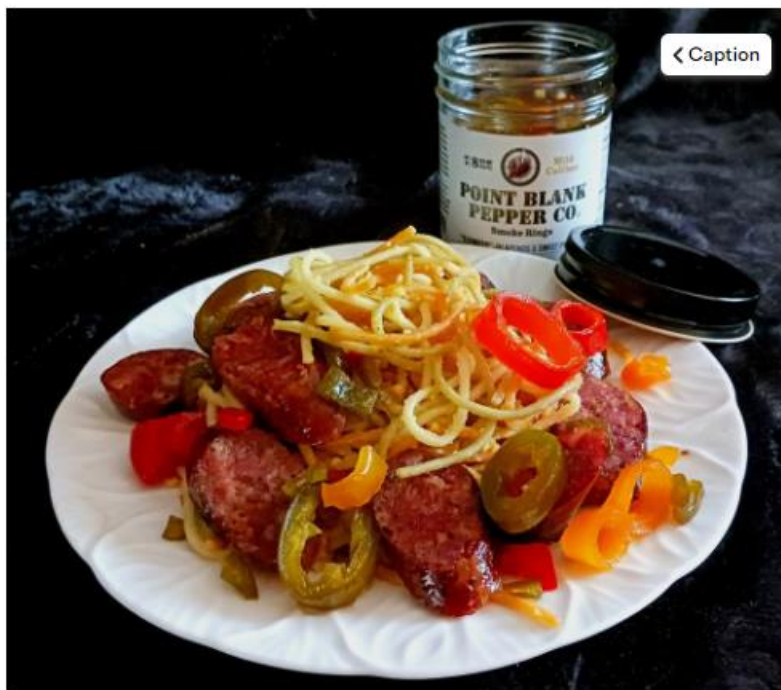


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### Smoke Rings

Rich Newton started Woodstock-based Point Blank Pepper Co. in 2019, when he perfected his recipe for sweet and spicy Smoke Rings — sliced jalapenos and colorful lunchbox peppers pickled in a sugar, apple cider vinegar and spice brine. In some circles, these are known as candied jalapeno rings or cowboy candy. The result is an addictive snack that you'll want to add to nachos for the game, or you can use them to garnish sandwiches, or chop them into chicken salad. He also makes a sweet and sour table sauce in mild and ghost pepper flavors and Hallow Rings, which are jalapenos and habaneros in a sweet ghost pepper brine. We can't wait to try the recipe for Smoke Rings cheesecake that is on the company website, because it sounds like a great snack for the game. First, though, we have to stop our taste testers from eating them right out of the jar. In the accompanying photo, the rings are an ingredient in Cajun sausage carbonara. We can understand why the judges for this year's University of Georgia Flavor of Georgia competition named Smoke Rings a finalist in the condiment and salsa category.

*\$9 per 8-ounce jar. Available at the Marietta, Alpharetta, Smyrna, Vinings and Acworth farmers markets and at [pointblankpeppercompany.com](http://pointblankpeppercompany.com).*

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