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Wine Show Winners Announced!

"What a good job they did in 2004…"

Majella's 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon has collected three trophies at the 2006 Limestone Coast Wine Show.

After being named 'Best Red' and 'Best Cabernet Sauvignon', the prized drop went on to claim the Bill Redman Trophy for 'Best Wine of Show' at last night's presentation feast at Zema Estate. Chairman of judges, James Halliday, declared the wine "Classic Cabernet Sauvignon" and "Classic Coonawarra".

"It satisfied both tests of varietal character and purity on the one hand, but also regionality on the other hand, and is just simply a distillation of the reason why Coonawarra - as opposed to other parts of the Limestone Coast - has such a fantastic reputation for Cabernet Sauvignon," he said.

Adding to the winery's winning streak, Majella's 2005 Musician took out the 'Best Blended Red' category, with viticulturalist Anthony Lynn receiving the major award for the night - the highly coveted Arthur Hoffman Trophy for Viticulturalist of Best Wine of Show.

For the second year in a row, the Best White Trophy went to Balnaves of Coonawarra…this time for its 2005 Chardonnay. Orlando Wines' 1998 Lawson's Padthaway Shiraz won the International Judges Award, while quiet achiever Flints of Coonawarra had the 'Best Shiraz' for 2006.

The famous 1990 John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon earned Wynns Coonawarra Estate the Ewen Fergusson McBain Trophy for Best Museum Wine, with the winery also named the Most Successful exhibitor for 2006.

"Coonawarra absolutely dominated the show - and to a greater degree than we've seen previously," said Mr Halliday. "The quality of the entries was very high, and I think definitely the take home message is what a good job they did in 2004."

And according to the head of the judging panel, the wines keep on getting better.

"You still are vintage-dependent, and I think that the exciting thing is that with 2005 and 2006 coming through, one can expect even better things again next year, so it's a very exciting prospect."

All entries in this year's show will be uncorked and ready for tasting at the Coonawarra Hall this morning. (Friday October 27). This ultimate Limestone Coast wine tasting experience is a once-in-a-year opportunity to sample and compare notes with the expert judging panel.

Important times for Media:
- Winners and the organising committee will be available for interviews between 9am and 11am at the public tasting session on Friday October 27 at the Coonawarra Hall.
- Wine Show Results are available at http://limestonecoastwine.com.au/wineshow/

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For interviews, please contact Ulrich Grey-Smith on 0408 845 372.
Editor's note: Digital images and a complete list of medal winners can be supplied on request.