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A sparkling year for Tasmanian wine

The island's wine producers are celebrating an outstanding year of achievements, both at home and abroad.

In releasing the 'Tasmanian Wine - 2011 in Review' report, Wine Tasmania's CEO Sheralee Davies highlighted the growing awareness and reputation of Tasmanian wine.

During the year, Tasmanian wine and its producers have collected a tremendous amount of prestigious international and national awards and recognition, with highlights including:

- Melbourne Wine Show - the Jimmy Watson Trophy (the first time for Tasmania) and Best Rhone Style Trophy for the **Glaetzer-Dixon** Mon Peré Shiraz 2010
- Gourmet Traveller Wine's Winemaker of the Year AND Young Winemaker of the Year - **Ed Carr**, House of Arras, and **Nick Glaetzer**, Glaetzer Dixon Family Winemakers / Frogmore Creek respectively, with **Claudio Radenti** of Freycinet Vineyards also a finalist in these awards
- Best Riesling in the World for **Waterton Vineyard's** 2009 Riesling at the International Riesling Challenge (this wine collected four trophies in total)
- Decanter World Wine Awards - Regional Trophy for the Best Australian Sparkling Over £10 for the **Jansz** Premium Rosé NV
- Best Pinot Noir of both the Sydney International and International Cool Climate Wine Shows for the **Tamar Ridge** Kayena Vineyard Pinot Noir 2009 and **Derwent Estate** Pinot Noir 2008 respectively
- Boutique Wine Awards - Best Sauvignon Blanc Trophy for the **Bream Creek** Sauvignon Blanc 2010
- National Cool Climate Wine Show - three trophies to **Pooley** Butchers Hill Pinot Noir 2009, Tasmania (including Champion Wine of the Show), Champion Riesling Trophy to **Richard Meyman Wines** RMW Waseca Riesling 2011, Champion Sauvignon Blanc Trophy to **Native Point** Sauvignon Blanc 2011 and Champion Sparkling Wine to **Iron Pot Bay** Kyra Sparkling 2006

"These accolades highlight the focus of Tasmanian wine producers on quality", said Ms Davies.

"As part of a focus on continual improvement and innovation, a major three year research project into improving both growing and making of cool climate Pinot Noir and sparkling wines concluded during the year, and results of this major project will be shared with the world early next year at the 8th International Cool Climate Symposium in Tasmania."

"The 8th International Cool Climate Symposium provides an unparalleled opportunity to showcase the island's wines to some of the world's leading influencers, with renowned UK wine commentator Jancis Robinson MW a keynote speaker."

The 2011 Tasmanian winegrape vintage report was also released by Wine Tasmania, with just under 8,000 tonnes processed across the state and positive results in spite of challenging weather conditions.

"Tasmanian producers are experienced in managing seasonal variances, and 2011 has produced delicate yet concentrated fruit, with great structure and acidity."

Ms Davies said that demand for Tasmanian wine continued to outstrip supply, with prices for both fruit and wine being some of the highest nationally, due to Tasmania's strong quality reputation.

"When you consider that Tasmania produces less than half of percent of Australia's total wine, these results become even more remarkable", she said.

*'Tasmanian wine - 2011 in review', 2011 Tasmanian vintage report and 2012 Tasmanian Wine Routes publication will be launched at 5.30-7.30pm on **Monday 21 November at Josef Chromy Wines, Relbia**, and **Tuesday 22 November at Puddleduck Vineyard, Richmond**. Copies of these publications are available online at www.winetasmania.com.au or by contacting Wine Tasmania on 03 6223 3770 / mail@winetasmania.net.au.*

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