



## Press Release

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### **New Zealand Wine Enjoys Success at IWSC 2011 Competition**

New Zealand wine has shone brightly on the world stage with an extraordinary result in the 2011 International Wine & Spirits Competition (IWSC). New Zealand won a phenomenal 305 awards including 18 gold medals, 15 of which were 'Best in Class'. This tally of medals beats New Zealand's previous record of 11 gold's awarded in 2008 and beat the competition average of 4.9 gold medals per country.

Aside from the impressive array of gold medals, New Zealand also scooped two of the prestigious trophy awards. The Bouchard Finlayson Pinot Noir Trophy was awarded to Peregrine Central Otago Pinot Noir 2009 and, for the first time, a New Zealand Riesling won The London International Wine Fair Trophy for Single Vineyard White – awarded to Two Sisters Vineyard Central Otago Riesling 2007.

This unprecedented array of results is significant for New Zealand wine as it continues to go from strength to strength in the international markets. New Zealand is the fastest growing country of origin for wine in both volume and value in the UK and exports of New Zealand wine to the USA in June this year were up 21% - making the States the third largest market for New Zealand Wine.

“It was a great year for New Zealand wines at the IWSC,” commented New Zealand wine writer, Jo Burzynska, who was in the UK to judge the New Zealand classes at this year's competition. “The overall quality was high and the fact that a local Riesling won such an important international trophy highlights to the world that New Zealand is producing exceptional wines beyond the Sauvignon Blanc and, more recently Pinot Noir, with which it made its name.”

David Cox – European Director for New Zealand Winegrowers added “This collection of medals and trophies at the IWSC comes on the heels of a fantastic performance for NZ wine in the Decanter and IWC competitions and endorses further how far New Zealand wine has come on the world stage. All credit to our talented winemakers”.

The International Wine and Spirit Competition is one of the premier competitions of its kind in the world and aims to promote the quality and excellence of the world's best wines, spirits and liqueurs. A full list of results is available at [www.iwsc.net](http://www.iwsc.net)

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## **INTERNATIONAL TROPHIES**

### **The London International Wine Fair Trophy for Single Vineyard White**

Two Sisters Vineyard Riesling 2007, Central Otago

### **The Bouchard Finlayson Pinot Noir Trophy**

Peregrine Pinot Noir 2009, Central Otago

## **GOLD MEDALS – BEST IN CLASS**

Bridge Pa Vineyard Louis Syrah 2007, Hawkes Bay

Delegat's Reserve Sauvignon Blanc 2011, Marlborough

Domain Road Vineyard Pinot Noir 2009, Central Otago

Jackson Estate Vintage Widow Pinot Noir 2009, Marlborough

The Kings Favour Sauvignon Blanc 2010, , Marlborough

Mud House Sauvignon Blanc 2011, Marlborough

Rockburn Pinot Noir 2010, Central Otago

Seifried Winemakers Collection Sweet Agnes Riesling 2011, Nelson

Soho Havana Pinot Noir 2010, Marlborough

Brackens Order Pinot Noir 2009, Central Otago

Toi Toi Riesling 2010, Marlborough

View East Syrah Reserve 2010, Waiheke Island

Asda Extra Special New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc 2010, Marlborough

## **GOLD MEDALS**

Young Meg Sauvignon Blanc 2011, Marlborough

McArthur Ridge Pinot Noir 2010, Central Otago

Two Rivers Of Marlborough Convergence Sauvignon Blanc 2011, Marlborough

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