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Corporation welcomes Australia's IWSC success - three trophies and 30 gold medals

The Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation has welcomed the outstanding performance of Australian wines at the 2006 International Wine & Spirit Competition in London.

In another case of "gold, gold, gold" for Australia, Australia was the overall country winner with 30 gold medals, 107 silvers and 269 bronzes, followed by South Africa in second place and France third. In terms of points scored, Australia (874.5) was well ahead of South Africa (740.5) and France (577).

The Corporation's General Manager, Market Development, Paul Henry, said this year's result is especially notable because it's the second year in a row that Australia has been at the top of the IWSC competition table.

"Australia's outstanding performance in this prestigious international competition once again highlights the depth and breadth of Australia's wine offering from a regional, varietal and stylistic perspective," Mr Henry said.

"Underscoring these results, of course, is the quality and technical excellence of Australia's winemaking. The Australian wine sector prides itself in having one of the most stringent quality control systems in the world, run by the Corporation on behalf of industry, which has been the basis for our success in international markets for the past 15 years."

Out of 15 table wine trophies awarded at the competition, Australian wines collected three: Australian Red Wine (Yalumba The Octavius Old Vine Barossa Shiraz 2002); Riesling (Peter Lehmann Reserve Riesling 2001); and Single Estate (Leasingham Classic Clare Valley Riesling 2002).

Mr Henry said Australia's performance in London added further weight to the Corporation's marketing initiatives under the *Wine Australia* banner which showcase the quality and diversity of Australian wine at all price points.

The International Wine & Spirit Competition was founded in 1969 and is the premier competition of its kind on the international stage.

Its aim is to promote the quality and excellence of the world's best wines, spirits and liqueurs. This is achieved through a rigorous two-stage judging process of professional blind tasting and detailed chemical and microbiological analysis.

The IWSC reported a record 6,000 entries in the 2006 competition which also saw the number of participating countries rising to 73 this year.

Australia is still in the running for more honours with the Wolf Blass Winemaker of the Year award being announced on 31 October.

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A complete list of Australian wines that won trophies and gold medals is attached.

For further information or to arrange a media interview with AWBC General Manager, Market Development, Paul Henry, please contact Eric Wisgard, AWBC Corporate Affairs Manager, on (08) 8228 2016 or 0439 998 897.

More information on the International Wine & Spirit Competition is available via www.iwsc.net.

Trophies

Winning Wine	Producer
Australian Red Wine Yalumba The Octavius Old Vine Barossa Shiraz 2002	The Yalumba Wine Company
Riesling Peter Lehmann Reserve Riesling 2001	Peter Lehmann Wines Ltd
Single Estate Leasingham Classic Clare Valley Riesling 2002	Leasingham

Gold (Best in Class)

Winning Wine	Producer
Botrytis Affected Wine - Sémillon - Australia De Bortoli Noble One 2004	De Bortoli Wines Pty Ltd
Bottle Fermented Sparkling Wine - Australia - NV Arras Bottle Fermented 2000	Hardy Wine Co
Cabernet Sauvignon - Coonawarra - 2001 Parker Terra Rossa First Growth 2001	Parker Coonawarra
Cabernet Sauvignon - Coonawarra - 2003 Nugan Estate Alcira Vineyard Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2003	Nugan Estate Pty Ltd
Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot - McLaren Vale Geoff Merrill Pimpala Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2000	Geoff Merrill Wines
Riesling - Adelaide Hills Nepenthe Riesling 2004 Nepenthe Riesling Adelaide Hills 2004	Nepenthe Wines Nepenthe (Waitrose)
Riesling - Clare Valley - 2002 Leasingham Classic Clare Valley Riesling 2002	Leasingham
Riesling - Eden Valley - 2001 Peter Lehmann Reserve Riesling 2001	Peter Lehmann Wines Ltd
Riesling - Eden Valley - 2002 Peter Lehmann Reserve Riesling 2002	Peter Lehmann Wines Ltd
Semillon - Hunter Valley McGuigan Wines Bin 9000 Sémillon 1999	McGuigan Simeon Wines Ltd
Shiraz - Barossa Valley - 2002 Yalumba The Octavius Old Vine Barossa Shiraz 2002	The Yalumba Wine Company
Shiraz - Clare Valley Wakefield Shiraz 2004	Wakefield / Taylors Wines
Shiraz - Clare Valley - 2001 Annie's Lane Coppertrail Shiraz 2001	FGL Wine Estates
Shiraz - Clare Valley - 2003 Leasingham Clare Valley Bin 61 Shiraz 2003	Leasingham
Shiraz - Grampians Mount Langi Ghiran Blue Label Shiraz 2003	Mount Langi Ghiran
Shiraz - Heathcote Redbank The Anvil Heathcote Shiraz 2002	Redbank Wines
Shiraz - McLaren Vale - 2004 d'Arenberg The Dead Arm 2004	d'Arenberg Wines Pty Ltd

Shiraz - Pyrenees

Blue Pyrenees Shiraz 2003

Blue Pyrenees Estate Pty Ltd

Shiraz - Yarra Valley

Yering Station Shiraz Viognier 2004

Yering Station Shiraz/Viognier 2004

Yering Station (Sainsbury's)
Yering Station**Verdelho - South Eastern Australia**

McPherson Verdelho 2005

McPherson Wines

Viognier - Regions of South Australia

Zontes Footstep Viognier 2005

Zontes Footstep

Gold**Winning Wine****Producer**

Semillon - Barossa

Peter Lehmann Reserve Sémillon 2001

Peter Lehmann Wines Ltd

Semillon - Hunter Valley

Tyrrell's Vineyards Vat 1 Hunter Semillon 1999

Tyrrell's Vineyards Pty Ltd

Shiraz - Barossa Valley - 2002

Elderton Command Single Vineyard Barossa Shiraz 2002

Elderton Wines Pty Ltd

Shiraz - Grampians

Mount Langi Ghiran Cliff Edge Shiraz 2001

Mount Langi Ghiran

Shiraz - McLaren Vale - 2004

Angove's McLaren Vale Shiraz 2004

d'Arenberg The Lovegrass 2004

Shingleback McLaren Vale Shiraz 2004

Angove's Pty Ltd

d'Arenberg Wines Pty Ltd

Shingleback Wine Pty Ltd