

## **2008 Blackwood Valley and WA Boutique Wine Show**

The Blackwood Valley and WA Boutique Wine Show was held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October in Bridgetown.

Wattle Ridge Wines of Greenbushes were thrilled with the Gold Medal awarded to their “Pink Monet” (Rosé) and received the Winetitles Prize for the highest scored Blackwood Valley Wine. They were also awarded the Powertrak Best Blackwood Valley Red Wine trophy for their “Two Tinsmiths” 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon. Tanglewood Vines were awarded the Farmlink Rural Service Best Blackwood Valley White Wine for their 2007 Viognier and Rosenthal Wines received the Australia Post Most Successful Blackwood Valley Exhibitor for the second year running.

The event, now in its sixth year, attracted a record 236 wines from Boutique Producers who crush less than 250 Tonnes from all over the State, as well as wines from the local Blackwood Valley Wine Region. A total of 92 wines achieved medals. An impressive 43% of Blackwood Valley entries were awarded medals in a variety of Classes.

The judging panel of Michael Kerrigan, Robert Diletti and Simon Hanley were impressed with the quality of the entries. Bernie Stanlake, Greg Banfield and Brian Walker acted as Associate Judges for the Show and used the opportunity to learn from the highly regarded judges.

Hillbrook Wines from Manjimup was awarded Portavin Integrated Wine Services Best WA White Wine for their 2008 Sauvignon Blanc and a 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon from Windows Margaret River took out the prizes for Visy Board Best WA Red Wine as well as Labelworld Best Boutique Wine of the Show.

Harewood Wines of Denmark was the Bridgetown Hotel Most Successful Exhibitor of Show.

Chief Judge, Michael Kerrigan addressed the gathering and stressed the importance of entering a Show such as this to be compared alongside other small Boutique Producers to “set benchmarks and improve the breed of the wines”.

Two days of judging was followed by an Exhibitor’s Only tasting where Producers were able to compare their wines to others and discuss their results with the judges. Producers travelled from as far as Margaret River and Albany to sample the entries. The Exhibitors were then joined by Sponsors and special guests for the Official Function and Presentation of Awards.

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### TROPHY WINNERS

Trophy	Recipient	Wine
Farmlink Rural Service Best Blackwood Valley White Wine	Tanglewood Vines	2007 Viognier
Powertrak Best Blackwood Valley Red Wine	Wattle Ridge Wines	2007 Cabernet Sauvignon
Winetitles Prize for the Highest Scored Blackwood Valley Wine	Wattle Ridge Wines	2008 Rose
Portavin Integrated Wine Services Best WA White Wine	Hillbrook Wines	2008 Sauvignon Blanc
Visy Board Best WA Red Wine	Windows Margaret River	2007 Cabernet Sauvignon
Labelworld Best Boutique Wine of the Show	Windows Margaret River	2007 Cabernet Sauvignon
Australia Post Most Successful Blackwood Valley Exhibitor Overall	Rosenthal Wines	
Bridgetown Hotel Most Successful Exhibitor of Show	Harewood Wines	

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