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Success for Geelong Wineries at Le Concours des Vins du Victoria

The Geelong Wine Region's reputation for outstanding cool climate wines was consolidated with yet another strong showing at the prestigious Concours des Vins du Victoria which was recently held at Etihad Stadium in Melbourne.

Wines from Austins Wines, Brown Magpie Wines, Clyde Park Vineyard, Jack Rabbit Vineyard and Leura Park Estate all received accolades which included gold medals and much coveted trophies for best wines at the event.

Among the trophy winners on the night were Clyde Park Vineyard, winning the Trophies for Best White Wine and Best Open Class Chardonnay for its 2005 Chardonnay, and Austin Wines, winning the Trophy for Best 2010 Chardonnay.

Le Concours des Vins du Victoria, organised by the French-Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, is a unique wine competition in Australia in that it involves a panel of French wine experts and commentators judging Victorian wines. Now in its 21st year, it has become an established event on the Victorian wine calendar, attracting participating vineyards, from small boutique wineries to larger well-known wineries.

In a highly competitive field, Gold Medals were awarded to the following Geelong region wineries:

- Austins Wines – a gold medal for their 2010 Chardonnay (and trophy)
- Clyde Park Vineyard – gold medals for their 2005 Chardonnay (and trophy), 2010 Chardonnay and Reserve Pinot Noir
- Jack Rabbit Vineyard – gold medals for their 2011 Sauvignon Blanc and 2010 Chardonnay
- Leura Park Estate gold medals for their 2010 Vintage Grande Cuvée Pinot Chardonnay and 2011 Voix de la Terre Sauvignon Blanc

Also among the medals were Brown Magpie Wines with a silver medal for their 2011 Pinot Grigio and Leura Park Estate with a bronze medal for their 2010 Reserve Block 1 Chardonnay

The result supports comments at the recent Geelong Wine Show by Chairman of the judging panel, Ben Edwards who said that the 2010 vintage would be one of the Geelong wine region's enduring hallmarks. Ben, who is the Head of Sommelier's Australia and a co-contributor to James Halliday's Wine Companion, was impressed by the strength and diversity of wines across the region.

Geelong wineries have also been amongst the medal winners at the recent Dan Murphy's National Wine Show of Australia (Brown Magpie Wines, Hat Rock Vineyard, Leura Park Estate) and the Victorian Wines Show (Oakdene Vineyards, Ponda Estate, Mt Moriac Wines, Shadowfax).

Information about cellar door opening times of the region's award winning wineries, along with results from the recent Geelong Wine Show, is available on the Geelong Wine website at www.winegeelong.com.au

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