



CANBERRA DISTRICT WINE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

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Canberra District Wines – NSW Wine Awards

In the NSW Wine Awards announced on Thursday 8th October, Canberra District Wines picked up two of the possible 12 trophies, showing once again the quality of wine produced in the District.

The two trophies were awarded to Yass Valley 2009 Riesling (Canberra) \$18.00 for Best Young Riesling and Lerida Estate 2008 Botrytis Pinot Gris (Canberra) \$24.50 for Best Sweet White

The NSW top 40 included 4 Canberra District Wines:

- Helm Wines 2008 Premium Riesling (Canberra) \$45.00
- Lerida Estate 2008 Botrytis Pinot Gris (Canberra) \$24.50
- Nick O'Leary Wines 2008 Shiraz (Canberra) \$27.00
- Yass Valley Wines 2009 Riesling (Canberra) \$18.00

The NSW Wine Industry Association announcement issued on Thursday 8th October said the Trophy Winners were "...a celebration of the small, new and unique, with boutique producers, emerging wine regions and alternative varietals dominating the Trophy list of NSW's most coveted wine awards.

...the 2009 NSW Wine Awards Trophy Winners celebrate NSW Wine's varietal diversity, with Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier, Pinot Gris, Nebbiolo and Rondinella Corvina making the list along with more traditional varieties. Also of note is the prominence of emerging regions taking up 7 of the 12 Trophies, with Canberra, Tumbarumba, Hilltops and Orange standing proud alongside the established regions of Riverina and Hunter Valley."

Anne Caine, President of the Canberra District Wine Industry Association said: "These results reaffirm the magnificent quality of wines being produced in the Canberra District. We are very pleased with the results which show that, once again, we are punching above our weight in the NSW Wine Industry."

The NSW wine of the Year will be announced Monday 19th October, 2009.

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