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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS WINS BIG AT THE KIAMA REGIONAL WINE SHOW AWARDS

Wines from throughout the Southern Highlands have won a total of 24 Awards at the Kiama Regional Wine Show, held Thursday, 17 September.

With an overall tally of two Gold, six Silver and 16 Bronze medals, the Southern Highlands has certainly stamped its mark on this annual Wine Show. In all there was a total of 129 wines representing 18 different varietals from 22 commercial producers judged and 53 medals being awarded, with almost half coming to the Southern Highlands.

A special congratulations goes to **Southern Highland Wines** at Sutton Forest as the recipient of two gold medals, for their 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon, winning Best Red Wine, and Best Wine in the Southern Highlands Region.

Other local winners were:

Centennial Vineyards

Bronze – 2008 Centennial Old Block Chardonnay

Bronze – 2008 Centennial Woodside Sauvignon Blanc

Bronze – 2009 Centennial Bong Bong Classic White

Bronze – 2008 Centennial Woodside Pinot Noir

Bronze – NV Centennial Methode Champenoise

Cuttaway Hill, Mittagong

Bronze – 2009 Cuttaway Hill Sauvignon Blanc

Silver – 2008 Cuttaway Hill Chardonnay

Silver – 2009 Cuttaway Hill Pinot Gris

Silver – 2006 Cuttaway Hill Merlot

Silver – 2005 Cuttaway Hill Laurence Chardonnay Pinot Noir

Diamond Creek Estate, Mittagong

Bronze – 2006 Diamond Creek Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Joadja Vineyards, Berrima

Bronze – 2009 Joadja Chardonnay

Maytree Vineyards, Canyonleigh

Bronze – Maytree Vineyards Chardonnay



Sallys Corner Wines, Exeter

Bronze – 2008 Sallys Corner Chardonnay

Bronze – 2008 Sallys Corner Blush Rosé

Southern Highland Wines, Sutton Forest

Gold – 2006 SHW Cabernet Sauvignon – 2 gold for this wine

Silver – 2009 SHW Oldbury Reserve Sauvignon Blanc

Bronze – 2006 SHW Shiraz

Tertini Wines, Mittagong

Bronze – 2005 Tertini Riesling

Bronze – 2006 Tertini Pinot Noir

Bronze – 2006 Tertini Reserve Pinot Noir

Bronze – 2008 Tertini Reserve Noble Riesling

Verwood Estate, Canyonleigh

Silver – 2009 Verwood Estate Chardonnay

Receiving a gold or silver medal is a truly exceptional achievement and very few wines achieve this level. It is an indication of the improving quality of wines made in the Southern Highlands that has seen an increased percentage of wines achieving this gold or silver status.

However Wine Judge, Christian Gaffey reminds us "*A bronze medal means it is a very sound wine that shows all the hallmarks of the variety ... even bronze medals are an exceptional achievement which means the wines are faultless – showing the true expression of the variety*".

The Kiama Regional Wine Show holds its judging to an very high international standard which puts it on a level playing field when comparing results with national shows such as the Royal Sydney Wine Show and overseas judging events. A medal will only be awarded at the Kiama Show if the judges are confident that it would receive the same level of achievement at an international show.

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