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## **International acclaim, as Australian winemaking again triumphs**

It was another dynamic evening for Australia last night in London, where Neil McGuigan, Chief winemaker of McGuigan Wines was named International Winemaker of the Year, and Australian Producer of the Year at the awards banquet for the prestigious International Wine & Spirits Competition (IWSC).

This is the second time Mr McGuigan has won the Award having previously won the accolade in 2009. He joins fellow Australian winemakers, Andrew Wigan (Peter Lehmann Wines) and Philip Shaw (previously of Rosemount/Southcorp - now heading his eponymous label), in winning the accolade of IWSC International Winemaker of the Year twice. In the 28 years since the Award was first created, Australia has beaten all other countries in taking this title; not once or twice but 12 times. This year Australia also again topped the medal table at the IWSC awards for the Southern Hemisphere, winning a total of 695 medals, including 35 Gold Best In Class and 20 Gold.

The IWSC awards announcement follows strong results at the Decanter and International Wine Competition (IWC) awards announced earlier this year. In the IWC Australia retained its podium position ranking second on the nation scoreboard, beating 48 other countries and winning 61 Gold medals; scooping 1,066 awards in total. In the Decanter World Wine Awards, Australian wines took out 27 Gold medals and 13 Regional Trophies with 714 medals won in total out of 988 entries.

Yvonne May, Director for Wine Australia UK-Ireland-Europe says it's no coincidence that Australian winemakers continue to excel at an international level.

"Our many world-class winemakers, consistently and enthusiastically work both in the vineyards and the wineries to ensure that their knowledge of the fruit and its true character can shine through to be the best in class in the glass. Australia as a land-mass is not dissimilar to the entirety of continental Europe and we have a breadth and depth of wines to match. It's great to see so many of these being recognized by competitions such as this.

"The IWSC is rigorous in its blind-tasting of all entries; it's a tough competition to win.

"We send our congratulations today to McGuigan Wines who took an impressive 34 medals from a total of their 37 entries – an unrivalled success rate in the IWSC".

In addition McGuigan Wines were awarded International Semillon Trophy.

The full list of IWSC results are available [here](#), IWSC Australian Gold medal (best in class) wines are listed below:

- Yaldara 20 YO Muscat, Australian Vintage
- Yaldara 20 YO Tawny, Australian Vintage
- Black Noble NV, De Bortoli Wines
- Stanton & Killeen Classic Rutherglen Muscat, Stanton & Killeen Wines
- Tempus Two Pewter Botrytis Semillon 2005, Australian Vintage
- Berton Reserve Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 Berton Vineyard
- Killibinbin Shiraz 2007, Brothers in Arms Vineyards
- Cape Naturaliste Vineyard Torpedo Rocks Cabernet Merlot 2009, Cape Naturaliste Vineyard
- Dorrien Estate Bin 1A Barossa Shiraz 2009, Cellarmaster Wines
- Mums Block Barossa Valley Shiraz 2009, Cellarmaster Wines
- Duval Affins Barossa Shiraz 2010, Cellarmaster Wines
- Chapel Hill Bush Vine Grenache 2009, Chapel Hill
- Chapel Hill McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon 2009, Chapel Hill
- Château Tanunda Noble Baron Shiraz 2008, Château Tanunda Estate
- Château Tanunda The Everest Grenache 2009, Château Tanunda Estate
- d'Arenberg 'The Coppermine Road' 2008, d'Arenberg Wines
- Deen De Bortoli Vat 5 Botrytis Semillon 2008, De Bortoli Wines Pty
- Fox Creek McLaren Vale Reserve Shiraz 2008, Fox Creek Wines
- Fraser Gallop Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2009, Fraser Gallop Estate
- Jim Barry The McRae Wood 2006, Jim Barry
- Kilikanoon Killerman's Run Shiraz 2009, Kilikanoon Wines
- Kilikanoon Mort's Reserve Watervale Riesling 2005, Kilikanoon Wines
- McGuigan BIN 9000 Semillon 2006, McGuigan Wines
- McGuigan BIN 9000 Semillon 2005, McGuigan Wines
- McGuigan BIN 9000 Semillon 2004, McGuigan Wines
- McGuigan BIN 9000 Semillon 2003, McGuigan Wines
- McGuigan BIN 9000 Semillon 1997, McGuigan Wines
- Nugan Estate McLaren Parish Shiraz 2009, Nugan Estate
- Penfolds Yattarna 2008, Penfolds Wines
- Penfolds RWT 2008, Penfolds Wines
- Pirramimma ACJ 2007, Pirramimma Wines

- Saltram N°1 Shiraz 2002, Saltram Wine Estate
- Tim Adams Clare Valley Riesling 2010, Tim Adams Wines
- Turkey Flat Shiraz 2007, Turkey Flat Vineyards

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