

WINES FROM
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Wairarapa's Crop of Medals

Wairarapa winemakers picked up 3 Golds, 7 Silver and 18 Bronze medals at the Royal Easter Show Wine Awards judged at the Auckland Showgrounds last weekend.

"Once again the Wairarapa shows its ability to punch way above its weight in producing top quality wines. With less than 2% of the national production, Wairarapa nonetheless continues to prove its ability in creating world class wines," said Cath Hopkin, spokesperson for Wines From Martinborough.

"In particular, Martinborough stands by its claim to fame as being the home to consistently high-quality pinot noir with 2 of the 3 golds. Also with the wide range of wine varieties receiving medals overall, it shows the enormous diversity in this region and while well known for pinot noir there is much much more."

Master of Wine, Bob Campbell was chairman of judges, with assistance and advice from James Halliday (respected wine judge from Australia), and four panels of our country's most experienced and skilled judges. Trophies in the various categories will be announced at the Wine Awards Dinner to be held in Auckland on Saturday evening, 12 March.

Gold Medals

Stratford Pinot Noir 2003, Vynfields Reserve Pinot Noir 2003, Murdoch James Estate Blue Rock Cabernet Franc 2003.

Silver Medals

Canadoro Dragon Fly Noble Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Claddagh Cabernet Sauvignon 2001, Margrain Riesling 2003, Matahiwi Estate Chardonnay 2004, Murdoch James Estate Fraser Pinot Noir 2003, Stratford Martinborough Riesling 2003, Solstone Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2002.

Bronze Medals

Borthwick Vineyard Cabernet/Merlot 2003, Borthwick Vineyard Chardonnay 2004, Borthwick Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Burnt Spur Martinborough Cabernet Sauvignon/Cabernet Franc/Merlot 2002, Fairmont Estate Chardonnay 2003, Fairmont Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Gladstone Vineyard Auld Alliance 2003, Margrain Chardonnay 2002, Margrain Gewurztraminer 2004, Margrain Pinot Gris 2004, Martinus Estate Pinot Noir 2003, Matahiwi Estate Rose 2004, Matahiwi Estate Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Schubert Cabernet Sauvignon 2002, Schubert Dolce 2004, Schubert Pinot Noir 2002, Schubert "Marion's Vineyard" 2003, Solstone Cabernet Merlot Reserve 2001, Solstone Rose 2004, Te Kairanga Reserve Chardonnay 2003, Te Kairanga Riesling Martinborough 2004.

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