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## **CONSTELLATION WINES AUSTRALIA SHINES AT THE WORLD'S TOP WINE COMPETITIONS**

Constellation Wines Australia (CWAU) is celebrating international success, with one trophy and 2 gold medals in the Decanter World Wine Awards, four gold medals in the International Wine Challenge (IWC) and two wines selected in the Matthew Jukes' top 100 wines.

***International Wine Challenge***, CWAU's

***Médaille d'or***

2002 Eileen Hardy Shiraz,

2002 Thomas Hardy Cabernet Sauvignon, and the

2003 Barossa Valley Estates E & E Black Pepper Shiraz

all garnering gold medals. Another lucky CWAU wine that received a gold medal at the IWC was the 2006 Bay of Fires Tigress Pinot Noir.

At the Decanter Awards,

***Best Riesling (under £10)***

2007 Hardy's Nottage Hill Riesling

***Médaille d'or***

2006 Hardy's Oomoo Grenache Shiraz Mourvedre

2007 Banrock Station Shiraz Mataro.

The International Wine Challenge

and the Decanter World Wine Awards

are two of the most influential wine competitions in the world. Boasting more than 9,000 entries, the International Wine Challenge (IWC) has cemented its place as the best and biggest blind tasting in the world. The Decanter World Wine Awards also attracted more entries in 2008 than ever before with 9,219 entries, more than double the amount entered than when the competition began five years ago. And as Decanter mentions in their competition only 64% of wines were awarded a medal, and of those, just 2.84% won a gold medal or a trophy.

'In wine shows of this calibre, medals are highly prized, and the winemaking team here at CWAU is very proud to have been awarded medals at such prestigious and well regarded wine competitions.' said Group Chief Winemaker for CWAU, and Hardy's Chief Winemaker, Paul Lapsley.

'This is further confirmation of our work to showcase regional winemaking at its finest, following our very successful 2007 Australian wine show circuit. At CWAU, we have an unrivalled regional winemaking footprint and an extensive track record of producing exceptional wines. Our success

on an international stage only serves to reinforce this. It is a true credit to our exceptional viticulture and winemaking teams across Australia.'

In addition to CWAU's success at these two international wine shows, Matthew Jukes, wine writer for the UK Daily Mail publication, selected the 2006 Eileen Hardy Chardonnay and the 2002 Arras by Bay of Fires for his '100 Best Australian Wines' guide soon to be released.