

Karanto Vineyard Shines Again



Dennis and Zonda Elliott owners of Karanto Vineyards at Langhorne Creek have again claimed the trophy for Champion Wine with their 2004 7A Shiraz at the annual Langhorne Creek wine showcase. Tony Fitzpatrick from Collotype Labels presented the Champion trophy in front of a large crowd attending the Winemakers' Luncheon held on Friday 2 May 2008 in perfect autumn weather.

Karanto's 2007 Pinot Grigio claimed the prize for best white wine at the 2008 showcase and Karanto 7A Shiraz 04 won best shiraz. An earlier vintage of their 7A Shiraz won champion wine at the 2006 Showcase.

Vigneron Dennis Elliot said "these awards give us great satisfaction and it rewards the many years of effort that we put into producing the highest quality grapes possible from our vineyard". "It is also a credit to the skills and efficiency of our winemakers, Briony Hoare from Hoare Consulting and Rebecca Willson of Matilda Plains Winery."

On Saturday 3 May another large crowd attended the Winemakers' Showcase tasting at the Langhorne Creek Memorial Hall where more than 100 wines were available for tasting, along with the winning wines.

The Langhorne Creek Wine Showcase is run along similar lines of a wine show and Mike Farmilo from Boars Rock Winery again chaired the panel of judges. The successful young wine writer Tyson Stelzer and veteran judge Ian McKenzie completed the professional line up.

For the first time class awards were presented by sponsors at the Luncheon and these included Lake Breeze 2004 Arthur's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon/Petit Verdot/Malbec for best blend, Angas Plains Estate 2004 Special Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon for best Cabernet, along with top white Karanto 2007 Pinot Grigio and top Shiraz, Karanto 2004 7A Shiraz.

In announcing the awards Mike Farmilo highlighted the interesting new varieties grown in Langhorne Creek with some showing particular promise. Mike also said the top blends class was "a fantastically fresh, vibrant example of Bordeaux blend, classic claret that will improve in the bottle". Overall the 2004 red wines shone in the line up showing that Langhorne Creek produces red wines with good cellaring potential.

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