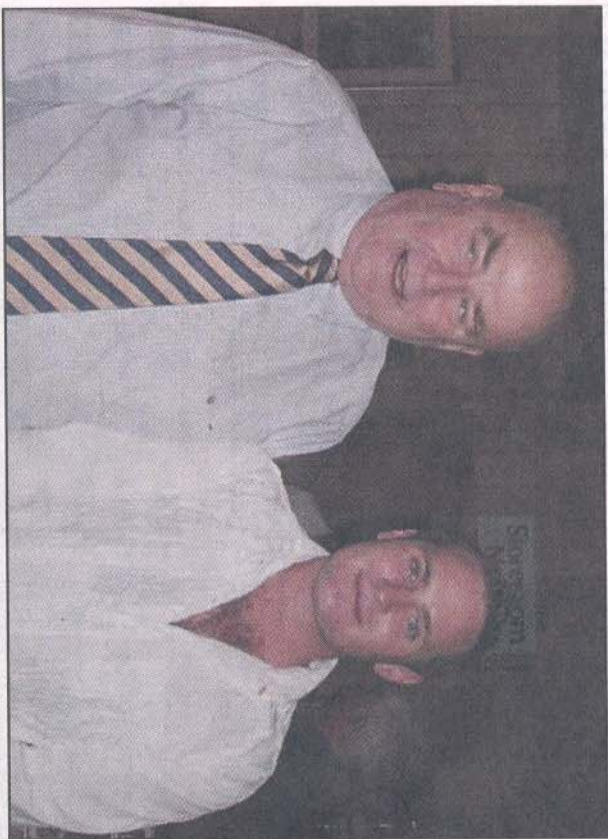


2006 Maygars Hill Shiraz - Best Wine at Strathbogrie Ranges Wine Show



Aaron Murphy (right), pictured with Chairman of Judges James Halliday, was the proud winner of a Gold Medal for his first ever wine show entry, a 2004 Hazel Shiraz. Aaron works for Plunkett Fowles and was keen to try his hand at winemaking.

The consistent wines of the Maygars Hill vineyard in Longwood East continued their award-winning form at the 2007 Strathbogrie Ranges Wine Show, held last Friday at Ruffy.

The 2006 Maygars Hill Shiraz won a Gold Medal, the Best Red Wine trophy and the Best Wine of Show trophy. The Chairman of Judges, world-renowned wine judge, writer and winemaker, Mr. James Halliday, described the wine as having "supert colour with flavours of rich blackberry, plum, licorice and aniseed, with a luscious palate, supported with quality oak and ripe tannins". Ably supported by experienced wine judge Chris Pfeiffer of Rutherglen,

international wine consultant, Ken Chase and Associate Judge Joelle Martin from Plunkett-Fowles, the 2006 Maygars Hill Shiraz received the highest points out of the 67 wines entered into this year's Show. Only wines made from fruit grown within the Strathbogrie Ranges Wine Region can be entered into the Show.

The Best White Wine of Show, a 2004 Elgo Estate Riesling, received the second highest score and was described as having "attractive lime-juice

aromas and flavours, with good length and balance".

Other notable award winners included the 2007 Mac Forbes RS31 Riesling, a terrific result to achieve this delicate wine from such a hot and dry growing season. Further, one of the next generation of winemakers in the Strathbogrie Ranges of Plunkett-Fowles, was awarded a Gold Medal for his 2004 Hazel Shiraz, a fantastic result considering this is the first time he has

exhibited his wines.

Friday night saw the Wine Show Dinner held at the Ruffy Public Hall, where award-winning wines from previous Shows accompanied an excellent meal prepared by Strathbogrie Ranges Wine Region sponsor The Ruffy Produce Store. Reflecting on the wines exhibited in this year's Show, Mr Halliday said that the region's strengths in producing quality medium-to full-bodied red wines, as well as the apparent potential of Riesling, were the highlights, but he did also note the importance of having to adapt grape-growing practices in the region with the possibility of lower rainfall and higher average temperatures. Ken Chase was also invited to briefly offer his observations and he reinforced the need for the Strathbogrie Ranges region to work long and hard at establishing a distinct identity based upon its obvious strengths.

In addition to the effort and skill of the Judges at the Strathbogrie Ranges Wine Show, the generosity of sponsors ensures that a show such as this can afford

2007 award winners

Bronze medals:

- 2007 Plunkett Strathbogrie Ranges Riesling
- 2007 Plunkett Strathbogrie Ranges Gewurztraminer
- 2006 Terip Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc
- 2005 Elgo Estate Sauvignon Blanc Semillon
- 2007 Baddaginnie Run Verdelho
- 2007 Plunkett Blackwood Ridge Unwooded Chardonnay
- 2005 Terip Vineyards Chardonnay
- 2005 Plunkett Blackwood Ridge Traminer Riesling
- 2007 Delbard Wines Pinot Noir Rose
- 2006 Dawson & Wills Tempranillo
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- 2003 Plunkett Strathbogrie Ranges Merlot
- 2006 Allira Shiraz
- 2005 Delbard Wines Terip Shiraz
- 2005 Plunkett Blackwood Ridge Shiraz
- 2005 Plunkett Reserve Shiraz
- 2005 Upton Run Reserve Shiraz
- 2004 Maygars Hill Shiraz
- 2002 Booroola Zinfandel
- 2004 Plunkett "The Exception" Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

