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Seven Gold Medals in a Week: Coopers Creek Shines at Shows

Most wineries would be happy with just one Gold Medal, so Coopers Creek Vineyard is delighted to have secured seven Gold Medals from two top-ranked wine competitions in less than a week!

Five Gold Medals were awarded to Coopers Creek wines at the New Zealand International Wine Show, with results announced 22 August – then just four days later came good news from the Bragato Wine Awards that two more Gold Medals were in the bag. Three medals are for the great value Classics range that retails for under \$20 a bottle, while at the luxury end, the just-released Reserve Hawkes Bay Syrah 2010 took home a Gold Medal from each wine show.

With over 2,000 entries from around the world the New Zealand International Wine Show is the largest in this country and a tough test for any wine seeking accolades. The Bragato Wine Awards recognises the vineyard and grower that nurtured the precious grapes for each medal winning wine and is solely for New Zealand entries.

Coopers Creek has developed a fine reputation for its Chardonnay and aromatic varieties, so receiving five Gold Medals for their red wines was welcome encouragement. Two Syrah wines from their “Chalk Ridge” vineyard in the Hawkes Bay received a total of three Gold Medals, while the Gimblett Gravels Cabernet Sauvignon and the Marlborough Pinot Noir secured one apiece.

Winemaker Simon Nunns notes, “To be awarded seven gold medals is a real honour, and to receive them over five different varieties is hugely satisfying. It is a wonderful endorsement of the skills and commitment of all the people involved, from our contract growers and viticultural staff, through to the team at the winery in Auckland. Needless to say, we are all ecstatic!”

NZIWS Gold Medals

Reserve Hawkes Bay Syrah 2010
Select Vineyards Gimblett Gravels Cabernet Sauvignon 2007
Classics Marlborough Pinot Noir 2010
Classics Gisborne Gewürztraminer 2010
Classics Gisborne Viognier 2010

Bragato Wine Awards Gold Medals

Reserve Hawkes Bay Syrah 2010
Select Vineyards “Chalk Ridge” Hawkes Bay Syrah 2009

Coopers Creek Vineyard is a family owned, Kumeu-based winery that crafts a range of award winning fine wines: New Zealand's favourite styles as well as intriguing international varieties. The winery is fuelling demand for stylish aromatics such as Arneis, Grüner Veltliner, Pinot Gris and Viognier, in addition to its outstanding pedigree with Chardonnay, Syrah and Bordeaux reds. Coopers Creek is a major wine exporter, with almost 85% of its sales to international markets, as well as being a widely known and popular brand in New Zealand.

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