



MARGARET RIVER

2009 International Wine Challenge

The 26th International Wine Challenge (IWC) – the world’s most prestigious and influential independent wine competition – unveils the results of the 2009 Challenge. Entries came from a record 41 countries, with 304 Gold medals awarded, up 13% on last year. Retaining the top gold medal nation status is France with 49 medals, closely followed by Australia and then Portugal. English wine's obtained a record 24 medals with an exceptional result for English winemaking legend, Bob Lindo who received Gold for Camel Valley Bacchus 2007.

Boasting more than 9,500 entries, the International Wine Challenge (IWC) has cemented its place as the best and biggest blind tasting in the world. A large part of the IWC's reputation is down to the quality and experience of its judges. This year, more than 370 winemakers, merchants and writers from around the world took part.

Wines are marked out of 100, with the following points corresponding to the relevant award: Gold 95 - 100, Silver 90 - 94, Bronze 85 - 89 and Commended 80 - 84. A full list of all winners is available on www.internationalwinechallenge.com



GOLD—Clairault Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

“Very typical Margaret River nose—ripe, maturing aromas of black fruit, and a pencil shaving and bell pepper palate. Very good structure, with ripe tannins, spice. The finish has liquorice notes and is elegant and satisfying.”



SILVER—Clairault Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

“Green bell pepper, tobacco leaf and black fruit on the nose, cooked fruit on the palate. Slightly minty, underpinned by fine tannins, an elegant finish, complexity and good balance.”



SILVER—Clairault Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2008

“The nose has gooseberry crispness backed by sweetened melon. Depth of fruit on the palate, with a fleshy feel at the back.”



BRONZE—Clairault Sauvignon Blanc 2008

“Intense flavour with asparagus and passion fruit. Good balanced medium body, and a persistent finish.”

COMMENDED—Clairault Shiraz 2005

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