

TRINITY HILL CHARDONNAY AWARDED BEST WINE OF COMPETITION AT THE SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL WINE SHOW

Trinity Hill, the world class winery from Hawke's Bay New Zealand, has picked up the Best Wine of the Competition award at the Sydney International Wine Competition for the second time in three years.

The 2012 Trinity Hill Gimblett Gravels Chardonnay won three of the trophies on offer; Best Medium Bodied Dry White Table Wine, Best White Wine and overall Best Wine of the Competition.

Owner and Founder John Hancock, who was present at the awards in Sydney on Friday night, was understandably delighted; "It was an amazingly successful evening for Trinity Hill and Hawke's Bay and I am extremely proud of our vineyard and winery teams, ably led by Warren Gibson, who have crafted such an amazing wine. To have received the Best Wine of the Competition award twice in three years is an incredible achievement and reaffirms our position as one of the leading wineries in exciting Hawke's Bay."

The 2010 Trinity Hill Gimblett Gravels Syrah won the Best Wine of the Competition award in 2012.

Chief Winemaker Warren Gibson believes that even though the 2012 vintage was challenging for the whole Hawke's Bay region it is always possible to craft great wines; "we have some exceptional vineyard sites and a fantastic team to pull it all together so we have shown that often producer is more influential to making great wine than vintage. I am thrilled that all of our hard work with a variety that is hugely important to us has been recognised."

The Sydney international show is a unique wine competition as it seeks to reward wines that are complimentary to food. Judges taste each qualifying wine with food to determine the award winners. The 2012 Trinity Hill Hawke's Bay Syrah also received a Blue-Gold medal and a Top 100 position.

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