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HANDPICKED WINES NAMED BEST VICTORIAN WINE

Handpicked Wines has been honoured as the best of the best at the inaugural VIC100 Wine Awards.

The 2013 Handpicked Collection Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir yesterday picked up two trophies at the VIC100 awards, a showcase of Victoria's best wines.

The Handpicked wine was named 'VIC1' – Victoria's best wine – and also took out the regional award for Best Mornington Peninsula Wine.

The accolade comes after Handpicked Wines was named one of the top 10 "Best New Wineries 2015" by the doyen of Australian wine critics, James Halliday. The 2013 Handpicked Capella Vineyard Pinot Noir won the trophy for 'Best Mornington Peninsula Red Wine' at the 2014 International Cool Climate Wine Show, held in May.

Chief winemaker Gary Baldwin said Handpicked's Capella Vineyard in Bittern on the Mornington Peninsula had been chosen for its potential to produce premium Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wines. The VIC100 winning wine was made with fruit from Capella Vineyard and three other Mornington Peninsula vineyards.

"The Mornington Peninsula is a natural home for Pinot Noir vines and a proven region for outstanding Pinot Noir wines," Baldwin said.

Handpicked Wines is a relative newcomer to winemaking in Victoria. The 2013 Handpicked Collection Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir was Handpicked's first vintage from young vines at its Capella Vineyard and one of Mr Baldwin's first wines as chief winemaker.

Handpicked Wines has a portfolio of wines from established wine regions around the world and invites wine drinkers to "Travel the world, one wine at a time".




In addition to the Capella Vineyard on the Mornington Peninsula, Handpicked Wines also owns Highbow Hill Vineyard in the Yarra Valley and Watunga Road Vineyard in the Barossa Valley. It also has long-standing relationships with first-rate growers and winemakers in premium regions around the world, including Champagne, Italy, Spain, Marlborough, Central Otago, Margaret River, Clare Valley, Eden Valley, Coonawarra, Tasmania and Heathcote.

Handpicked Collection series are available at the Prince Wine Store.

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