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HANDPICKED'S FIRST SINGLE VINEYARD WINE WINS SECOND TROPHY

HANDPICKED Wines is delighted to announce its first single vineyard wine has again received a trophy at a prestigious wine show.

The Handpicked 2013 Capella Vineyard Pinot Noir was awarded a gold medal and the trophy for Best Pinot Noir 2013 at the Le Concours des Vins de Victoria in Melbourne last night.

The wine previously received a gold medal and the trophy for Best Mornington Peninsula Red Wine at the International Cool Climate Wine Show in April this year.

The annual Le Concours des Vins de Victoria is presented by the French Australian Chamber of Commerce. Handpicked's new winemaker Peter Dillon was on hand to collect the award at Etihad Stadium last night.

"The judges told us they were impressed with the strength and breadth of the Pinot Noir wines submitted so it was fantastic to see our single vineyard wine named top of its class," Dillon said.

The wine was grown at Handpicked's Capella Vineyard on the Mornington Peninsula and made by chief winemaker Gary Baldwin. Fruit from individual blocks was fermented separately and two outstanding blocks were chosen for the Capella Pinot Noir, Handpicked's first single vintage wine.

Baldwin said single vineyard wines would only be made in exceptional years and it had been satisfying to make such a wine in his first vintage at Capella Vineyard and from such young vines.

The Concours des Vins trophy caps off a successful year for Handpicked Wines. The company featured in the 'Top 10 Best New Wineries' in James Halliday's Wine Companion 2015 and received a five star rating, Halliday's highest ranking. All six Handpicked Wines featured in the Wine Companion received ratings over 90 points.




In September Handpicked's 2013 Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir, a blend of fruit from Capella Vineyard and three other Mornington Peninsula vineyards, was named the best wine in Victoria at the inaugural VIC100 Wine Awards.

The 2013 Capella Pinot Noir is available for sale at Prince Wine Store in Melbourne or through www.handpickedwines.com.au.

For more information or to arrange an interview with Peter Dillon or Gary Baldwin, please contact Handpicked Wines marketing manager Imogen Hayes on 02 9475 7888 or 0431 056 936.

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