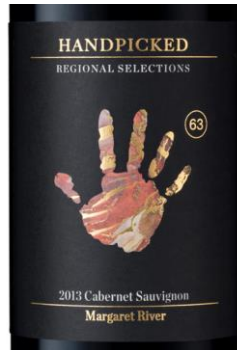




HANDPICKED™ WINES

Handpicked Wins Double Gold at San Francisco Wine Competition



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Handpicked Wines has won a Double Gold Medal at the San Francisco International Wine Competition 2016.

The win coincides with Handpicked's entry to the US market, the latest focus of the company's global growth plan which has seen new markets open up in Cambodia, Singapore and Hong Kong in the past 12 months.

Handpicked's *2013 Regional Selections Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon* (\$25 USD) won Double Gold at the international competition, the largest and most influential wine awards in the US.

Double Gold means the wine received unanimous Gold ratings (94 – 100 points) from every judge, an accolade the judges said was reserved for wines considered "among the finest in the world".

Handpicked's *2015 Regional Selections Yarra Valley Pinot Noir* (\$25 USD) picked up a silver medal.

Handpicked Wines export manager James Hunt said the results were particularly gratifying as the company had just released the wines in the US.

"To receive such a huge endorsement for our wines in our first US wine show vindicates our move into the challenging US market and reinforces our commitment to quality," he said.

Using the motto "travel the world, one wine at a time", the Handpicked Wines philosophy is to make high quality wines from all the world's fine wine regions, starting in Australia. The company also has wines from Italy, France, Chile, New Zealand and Spain.

Handpicked Wines owns Highbow Hill Vineyard in the Yarra Valley and has a long-term lease arrangement on a premium vineyard in Margaret River. The award-winning wines are available for purchase online at www.handpickedwines.com.au

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