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Trophies announced from the 2015 Spiegelau International Wine Competition

Trophies were announced last night at a special awards dinner to celebrate the results of the 2015 Spiegelau International Wine Competition. Held at a prestigious central Auckland location, over 100 wine industry guests enjoyed the gold medal wines and a chance to hear first-hand which wines had been awarded the trophies.

New Zealand, Australia and France were recipients of trophies, while Esk Valley Winemakers Reserve Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2013 was awarded the ultimate award of the Spiegelau Trophy for Champion Wine of the Show. Commenting, Chief Judge Mr Mike DeGaris of Sydney said, "The Chardonnay class was very strong resulting in 14 gold medals," He continued, "This wine is outstanding – an exceptionally worthy winner."

Villa Maria was awarded the Spiegelau Trophy for Champion Producer, with almost 20% of their show entries receiving gold medals as well as the trophies for Champion Sweet Wine and Champion Rose. The medals were earned across all the major wine styles, continuing to demonstrate the company's winemaking leadership.

The second annual Wine Competition Ltd Award for Portfolio Excellence was again won by Auckland-based distributor, EuroVintage.

The list of trophies is as follows:

Gow Langsford Gallery Trophy for Champion Sparkling Wine - Piper Heidsieck Cuveé Brut

Champion Gewurztraminer Spy Valley Gewurztraminer 2014

Champion Pinot Gris Mud House Marlborough Pinot Gris 2014

Champion Riesling Peregrine Riesling 2010

Scenic Hotel Group Trophy for Champion Sauvignon Blanc Rapaura Springs Reserve
Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2014

Macvine International Trophy for Champion Chardonnay Esk Valley Winemakers Reserve
Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2013

Wine Competition Ltd Trophy for Champion Other White – Matawhero Church House
Chenin Blanc 2014

Champion Sweet Wine Villa Maria Reserve Marlborough Noble Riesling Botrytis Selection
2013

Champion Rose Villa Maria Private Bin Hawkes Bay Rosé 2015

Champion Pinot Noir Maude Pinot Noir 2014

Champion Merlot Sileni Estate Selection 'The Triangle' Merlot 2013

Champion Cabernet Sauvignon Shingleback Davey Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

Champion Shiraz/Syrah - Krondorf Growers Barossa Shiraz 2013

Champion Other Red - Flying Solo Grenache Syrah 2014

Champion Fortified - Buller Fine Old Muscat

Spiegelau Trophy for Champion Wine of the Show - Esk Valley Winemakers Reserve

Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2013

Spiegelau Trophy for Champion Producer - Villa Maria

Wine Competition Ltd Award for Portfolio Excellence - EuroVintage