

## CANBERRA DISTRICT WINE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

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#### **Canberra District Wines in NSW Top 100**

Canberra District Wine Industry Association is pleased to announce that 14 Canberra District premium wines were included in James Halliday's NSW Top 100 listing released today in 'NSW Wines Uncovered'.

Anne Caine, President of the Canberra District Wine Industry Association said: "This is a fantastic achievement for Canberra District Wines and is a further testament to the consistently high quality wines being produced. In fact, the picture is even stronger when we consider that some of the District's highest scoring wines were not included in the NSW Top 100, due to limited availability."

The wines for the NSW Top 100 were selected on the basis of quality, consistency and availability across a spread of varieties. In Halliday's recently released Wine Companion he rated six Canberra wines in the 'best of the best' list and wines from seven wineries were rated at 92 points and above.

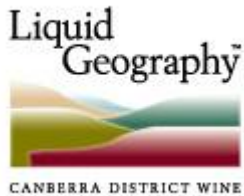
"The Canberra District is becoming well known for its varieties of Riesling and Shiraz, however this list includes a diverse range of varieties demonstrating the ability of the District to produce top quality wines across a number of varieties. This is mainly due to the geographic diversity of the region – truly Liquid Geography," said Anne.

The Canberra district crushes less than 1% of the total grapes in NSW, which also highlights that the District is outperforming other regions. (According to NSW Wine Industry Association 2008 report, total crush for NSW 408,000 tonnes with Canberra District contributing only 1,260 tonnes) NSW includes other high quality, cool climate NSW regions such as Orange, Mudgee, Hilltops and Tumbarumba.

The 14 wines featured will be on show at a Canberra District Wine Dinner to be held at Old Parliament House on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 with food provided by one of Canberra's well known chef's Janet Jeffs.

The dinner will be attended by Minister for Tourism, Andrew Barr and Janet Jeff's has designed a menu to match perfectly with the NSW Top 100 listed wines.

For more information please contact Anne Caine on 02 6295 6640.



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NSW Top 100 wines included:

- 2008 Brindabella Hills Sauvignon Blanc
- 2007 Capital Wines 'The Frontbencher' Shiraz
- 2007 Clonakilla Canberra District O' Riada Shiraz.
- 2008 Clonakilla Hilltops Shiraz
- 2007 Collector Wines Reserve Shiraz
- 2005 Four Winds Vineyard Alinga Shiraz
- 2008 Helm Wines Riesling Classic Dry
- 2008 Lake George Winery Semillon Sauvignon Blanc
- 2008 Lark Hill Auslese Riesling
- 2007 Lerida Estate Lake George Shiraz Viognier
- 2008 Ravensworth Wines Sangiovese
- 2008 Shaw Vineyard Estate Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc
- 2008 Wallaroo Wines Riesling
- 2006 Yarrh Wines Cabernet Sauvignon

The Top rated wines from James Halliday's Wine Companion 2009

- CLONAKILLA – shiraz viognier – scored 97 – rated as BEST IN AUSTRALIA
- COLLECTOR – 07 Reserve - scored 96
- CAPITAL WINES – Kyeema Vineyard Reserve Shiraz - scored 95.
- BRINDABELLA – shiraz - scored 94
- LARK HILL – Museum release sparkling - scored 92, 2008 Riesling - scored 94
- RAVENSWORTH – Marsanne - scored 92
- SHAW VINEYARD ESTATE – premium riesling - scored 94