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Lillypilly's 'Australian classic' takes its trophy tally to 18

Lillypilly Estate has had an outstanding month in the show ring, with its 2002 Family Reserve Noble Blend winning trophies at both the 2008 International Sweet Wine Challenge and the 2008 Rutherglen Wine Show, taking the wine's total trophy tally to 18.

It is the second year in a row that the Lillypilly 2002 Family Reserve Noble Blend has won the trophy for Best Sweet White Table Wine (Fruity) and trophy for International Sweet Wine of the Year at the International Sweet Wine Challenge, which is held in conjunction with the Riverina Wine Show.

And it is the third year running that the wine has won the trophy for Best Australian Sweet White Table Wine at the Rutherglen Wine Show.

"It's obviously pleasing to consistently achieve results such as these, especially in competitions which I believe attract the cream of Australian botrytised wines," said Robert Fiumara, winemaker of the Leeton-based family vineyard and winery.

The 2008 International Sweet Wine Challenge attracted 94 entries, including 18 from overseas. The strength of the field was shown by the fact that 63 of the entries were awarded medals, 11 of them gold.

Judges at the 2008 Rutherglen Wine Show described Class 127, from which Lillypilly 2002 Family Reserve Noble Blend emerged as the trophy winner, as "a great class" and the top wine as "an Australian classic". The strength of the class was shown by the fact that 16 of the 17 wines judged were rated at least of bronze-medal standard.

Lillypilly 2002 Family Reserve Noble Blend is available through cellar door and selected retailers for about \$40 for 375ml. It has been sealed with screwcaps.

If you have any questions or would like any further information please contact Robert Fiumara on (02) 6953 4069. Further information is also available from Lillypilly's website (www.lillypilly.com). High-resolution images can be downloaded from WineMedia's website (www.winemedia.com.au).

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