

Lillypilly's Fiumara 7 tops the fortifieds at AWC Vienna 2008

Lillypilly Estate has turned in an excellent performance at this month's AWC Vienna 2008 International Wine Challenge, the world's second-largest wine competition after London's International Wine Challenge.

The Leeton-based winery won a gold medal and the trophy for best fortified wine in the show (Class 35) with its Fiumara 7 Domenic Blend, and also gained a spot in the Top 100 wineries overall.

AWC 2008 attracted 7959 entries from 1423 producers and 32 countries.

"It's obviously pleasing to do so well in a major international competition, and especially pleasing to have the inaugural bottling of Fiumara 7 win this trophy," said Lillypilly's winemaker Robert Fiumara.

The wine, which includes wines going back 25 years, is the result of Robert's keen interest in creating a soft, rich, complex, aromatic, cask-matured, blended fortified.

The label chosen — Fiumara 7 — commemorates the foresight and hard work of Pasquale and Angela Fiumara and their seven sons in establishing the vineyard and winery, and highlights Lillypilly's original motif of two leaves protecting seven berries.

The inaugural release carries the tag 'Domenic Blend', after Pasquale's and Angela's eldest son, who passed away in 1987.

"Domenic, or Mick, as we generally knew him, had an enormous love for fine wine and was really the driving force behind my decision to become a winemaker," said Robert.

"Fiumara 7 shows great depth of mature, rich, complex flavours and I certainly regard it as a fitting tribute to Mick."

All four of Lillypilly's entries gained awards, with its 2007 Moscato and 2002 Noble Blend winning silver medals, and its 2006 Noble Blend achieving a seal of approval.

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