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Lillypilly '02 Noble Blend tops Rutherglen ... and scores gold in AWC Vienna

Lillypilly Estate 2002 Noble Blend was last week judged top sweet white table wine at the 2007 Rutherglen Wine Show — the second year running that the wine has taken out that accolade.

As well as winning the CVGT Employment & Training Specialists Perpetual Trophy for Best Australian Sweet White Table Wine, the wine was awarded a 56-point gold medal in Class 127 (sweet white wine, 2005 vintage and older, exceeding 3°Bé).

"I have a great deal of respect for the Rutherglen Wine Show and I'm always especially pleased to do well in it," said Lillypilly's winemaker, Robert Fiumara.

"It's been running for well over a hundred years and is one of the country's biggest regional wine shows.

"It attracts entries from all over Australia, including most of the Riverina's botrytis big-hitters, so it's a result I'm extremely proud of."

Lillypilly Estate 2002 Noble Blend also performed extremely well at the AWC Vienna International Wine Challenge in Vienna, gaining a gold medal in Category 31. The Lillypilly 2006 Noble Blend was awarded a silver medal in Category 28.

Some 1200 producers from 31 countries entered 6109 wines in AWC Vienna 2007, making it the world's second-largest international wine evaluation.

For Robert, the continuing success of this five-year-old botrytised white is not altogether surprising.

"It was one of the very first Australian sweet whites to be sealed with screwcaps and I'm sure that the closure has helped significantly to keep the wine in excellent condition," he said.

Lillypilly Estate 2002 Noble Blend is available through the winery (phone 02 6953 4069) for \$39.50 (375ml).

The latest trophies have built on the wine's already impressive show record:

TROPHY: Best Sweet White, 2007 Rutherglen Wine Show

TROPHY: 2007 International Sweet Wine of the Year

TROPHY: Best Sweet Wine (Fruity Styles), 2007 International Sweet Wine Challenge, Riverina Wine Show

TROPHY: Best Sweet White, 2007 Boutique Wines of Australia

TROPHY: Sweet Wine of the Year — Winestate — 2006

TROPHY: Best Australian Sweet Wine, 2006 Rutherglen

TROPHY: Premier White Wine 2006 Southern NSW Wine Show

TROPHY: Best Dessert Wine, Sydney International Wine Competition 2006

TROPHY: Best Dessert Wine, Brisbane Wine Festival 2006

TROPHY: Best Sweet White, 2005 Boutique Wines of Australia,

TROPHY: Best Sweet White Wine, 2004 Riverina Wine Show

TROPHY: Best NSW Sweet White Wine, 2004 NSW Wine Awards

TROPHY: Best 2003 & Older White Wine, 2005 Southern NSW Wine Show

TROPHY: Premier White Wine 2005 Southern NSW Wine Show

TOP 100: Sydney International Wine Competition 2006

BLUE GOLD: Sydney International Wine Competition 2006

GOLD: 2007 AWC Vienna, Austria, International Wine Challenge Cat 31

GOLD: 2007 Rutherglen Wine Show, Class 127

GOLD: 2007 International Sweet Wine Challenge, Riverina Wine Show, Class SW9

GOLD: 2007 Boutique Wines of Australia, Sydney

GOLD: 2006 Rutherglen Wine Show, Class 127

GOLD: 2006 Brisbane Wine Festival

GOLD: 2005 Royal Perth Wine Show, Class 30

GOLD: 2005 Boutique Wines of Australia, Sydney

GOLD: 2004 Riverina Wine Show, Class 38

GOLD: 2004 Royal Perth Wine Show, Class 30

GOLD: 2004 Rutherglen Wine Show, Class 45

GOLD: 2004 ASWS Stanthorpe, Class 21

TOP 40: NSW Wine Awards 2004

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