



MillsReef Winery Wins Three Gold Medals and Trophy at Zealand's Top Wine Competition

MillsReef Winery garnered **three gold medals** from the **2008 Romeo Bragato Awards Conference** in New Zealand, the country's most respected and rigorous competition, for the 2007 Reserve Merlot Malbec, the 2006 Elspeth Cabernet Sauvignon, and the 2006 Elspeth Syrah . Only 39 gold medals were awarded from the 857 different wines submitted. The Mills Reef Elspeth Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 also took home the Trophy for Champion Cabernet Sauvignon.

Chairman of Judges, Larry McKenna, said that the increasing diversity of the New Zealand wine industry was clear from the entries and results of this year's competition, with a number of entries from emerging varietals. A great example of this is MillsReef's **2007 Reserve Merlot Malbec**, which is the only of the three medal winners distributed in the United States, and whose prior vintages have already earned high scores and rave reviews. This is a great introduction for this new vintage which is sure to be a star.

Winemakers, Paddy & Tim, comment "the quality across 2006 and 2007 vintages was fantastic and has reflected in the wines, we're so thrilled to see this confirmed in competition".

