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**MILLSREEF JUDGED "NZ WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR"**

MillsReef Winery proudly received the TROPHY for "NZ Wine-maker of the Year" at the Winestate Magazine annual wine awards, a prestigious black-tie event held on Thursday evening 25th at Sydney's Wentworth Sofitel Hotel.

Five hundred of the wine industry's who's who attended the awards evening to celebrate excellence in winemaking. Acknowledged as the toughest competition for Australian and New Zealand wines, these awards recognise the best wines produced from Australasia.

For MillsReef, winning the highly prized Trophy brings tremendous satisfaction and the knowledge they're in the company of other class winners representing some of the world's best known and most respected fine wine producers.



Regarded as Australia's leading wine publication, Winestate Magazine appraised over two hundred wines in the tasting.

**4½ STARS - MillsReef Elspeth Merlot 2000.**  
A lovely, strong and hearty red where four years has added balance and just enough assertiveness. Nicely complex, bold-fruited red.



**2000 Elspeth One** is a super-blend and a FIRST RELEASE. It's one of New Zealand's best reds, fleshy in texture, intensely flavored (boysenberry, grape, cherry, toast, new oak); full bodied and very long on the finish. Very fine quality.

**2003 Reserve Sauvignon Blanc  
Hawkes Bay**

**Wine Recommendations** - "Juicy, mouthwatering wine with vanilla and boxwood accents, supple texture, and a bracing finish."

by Thom Elkjer  
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