



HOWARD PARK
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Dual Blue-Gold Medal Honours in Sydney

Western Australia's Howard Park Wines has been awarded dual blue-gold medal honours for two of its flagship wines at the highly regarded 2008 Sydney International Wine Competition.

The **2006 Howard Park Chardonnay** and **2004 Howard Park Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot** were both awarded prestigious **blue-gold medals**, while the Chardonnay also received a coveted position in the **top 100 wines** out of 2000 competition entries.

This is the second consecutive blue-gold / top 100 award for the Howard Park Chardonnay, which was created from grapes sourced from a select group of vineyards in the Great Southern region, Western Australia's coolest wine growing area.

Abiding by the philosophy "premium wine can only come from excellent fruit", the 2004 Howard Park Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot is made from the finest parcels of fruit in the Great Southern and Margaret River regions. The wine is known for its superb elegance and fruit opulence that is indicative of Cabernet Sauvignon from an excellent year.

The Sydney International Wine Competition is one of Australia's major wine judging events and is unique in that the aim is to single out and reward wines that are complementary to food.

454 brands from 10 countries worldwide including Australia, Argentina, Canada, Chile, France, Greece, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa and USA were received for the competition.

"We are very proud of the second consecutive blue-gold medal and top 100 placing for our Chardonnay, which proves its appeal as a modern style of wine that matches well with food," says owner Amy Burch.

"The blue-gold medal for the 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot is a credit to our winemaking team and follows the success of the 2003 vintage which was awarded the Best Red Wine Trophy at the Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2007."

The overall results of the 2008 Competition, including Trophy Winners, will be announced at the Competition's Awards Presentation Banquet and on the Competition's website – www.top100wines.com.au on Saturday 1st March 2008.

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