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Tasmanian brands sparkle at Perth Royal Wine Show

Tasmanian brands Heemskerk and Abel's Tempest have received outstanding results at the recent Perth Royal Wine Show, taking home trophies for Best Sparkling Wine and Best Pinot Noir respectively.

The Heemskerk Chardonnay Pinot Noir Coal River Valley Tasmania 2008 took out the **Trophy for Best Sparkling Wine** (Class 82), while Abel's Tempest received **The Dr Jack Hoffman Trophy Sponsored by 2nd Friday of the Month Club for Best Pinot Noir** (Class 40).

Heemskerk and Abel's Tempest Winemaker, Anna Pooley, said: "The outstanding results from the Perth Royal Wine Show demonstrate Tasmania's suitability for Pinot Noir and sparkling varieties and illustrate just how well our wines fare against leading Australian examples. Congratulations go to the entire team for this fantastic result."

Established more than 40 years ago, the Perth Royal Wine Show is WA's leading wine competition.

- Heemskerk Chardonnay Pinot Noir Coal River Valley Tasmania 2008, RRP: \$59.99
- Abel's Tempest Pinot Noir 2011, RRP; \$31.99

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About Heemskerk Wines

Heemskerk is an established, premium Tasmanian wine label celebrating new world winemaking techniques and old-world influences that capture the integrity, purity and elegance of Tasmania's cool climate. Heemskerk wines use the best fruit available from a collection of carefully selected vineyard sites across Tasmania. Heemskerk Winemaker Anna Pooley is from an established Tasmanian winemaking family and is inspired by the legacy of Heemskerk. Anna is committed to making exceptional cool climate, single vineyard wines that express true regional and varietal excellence. Heemskerk's wine portfolio includes; Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling and more recently a sparkling wine made by the traditional method. www.heemskerk.com.au

About Abel's Tempest

Abel's Tempest is a range of fresh, stylish and accessible wines made entirely with parcels of premium Tasmanian fruit. The wines are made with as little winemaking involvement as possible and provide a tasting adventure for those looking to explore the characteristics and flavours of the mysterious Tasmanian wine regions. The range includes both classic and emerging varieties including a Pinot Noir, Traminer, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay. Abel's Tempest wines are made by winemaker and Tasmanian native Anna Pooley who crafted a range of wines appropriate for a modern lifestyle. Abel's Tempest is so named after the violent tempests that roar off the Tasman Sea and that thwarted Abel Tasman's initial attempts to land on Tasmania in 1642 aboard his flagship vessel, the Heemskerk. www.abelstemplest.com.au