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## TROPHY WIN FOR WYNNS AT 2012 DECANTER ASIA WINE AWARDS

Coonawarra's pre-eminent wine producer, Wynns Coonawarra Estate, has won a Trophy at the first Decanter Asia Wine Awards, a sister competition to the prestigious Decanter World Wine Awards.

Wynns won the Australian Red Blend Regional Trophy for its Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2009, a rich and complex wine with enhanced softness derived from the blending of these three classic red grape varieties.

The wines were judged in Hong Kong by a team of Asia's leading experts and the competition attracted 2,249 wines from 42 wine regions.

Wynns Senior Winemaker, Sue Hodder, couldn't be more pleased with the result. "2012 has been a milestone year for Wynns and it's wonderful when all of the hard work is recognised by some of the wine industries most respected experts," she said.

Key judges included vice-chairs Gerard Basset MS MW, named World's Best Sommelier in 2010, the first ever Australian Master of Wine Michael Hill-Smith MW AM, multi-award winning journalist, Andrew Jefford and Shinya Tasaki, chairman of the International Sommelier Association.

This year's Wynns Coonawarra Estate Cabernet Shiraz Merlot is a fine example of the style.

"Soft fruit plus judicious oak handling have created a wine perfect for current drinking or short-term cellaring. The 2009 Cabernet Shiraz Merlot is a balanced and approachable wine, providing a true reflection of its regionality," says Hodder.

Wynns Coonawarra Estate sits within the South Australian portfolio of Australia's largest publicly listed wine company, Treasury Wine Estates.

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### **About Wynns Coonawarra Estate**

Wynns Coonawarra Estate was founded by Scottish pioneer John Riddoch, who planted vineyards in 1891 and completed the estate's famous triple-gabled winery in 1896. Today Wynns Coonawarra Estate is Coonawarra's pre-eminent wine producer and largest single vineyard holder, with the longest-established vineyard sites in the region. The terra rossa soil and cool climate produce low yields of intensely flavoured grapes, and the resulting wines have long been regarded as among Australia's greatest-known for their richness and longevity. [www.wynns.com.au](http://www.wynns.com.au)