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MATUA CLAIMS EIGHTH TROPHY ON SINGLE VINEYARD MARLBOROUGH CHARDONNAY

Matua, producer of New Zealand's first Sauvignon Blanc and New Zealand's Wine Producer of the Year was awarded 'Champion Wine of Show' during the 2013 Spiegelau International Wine Competition awards dinner held in Auckland over the weekend.

Matua took top honours with their Single Vineyard Marlborough Chardonnay 2012, a wine clearly following in the footsteps of the multi award-winning 2011 vintage.

Chief Winemaker for Matua, Nikolai St George, makes wines from the best vineyards across New Zealand, including the famed Marlborough region, Hawke's Bay and Central Otago.

"Marlborough in particular is exactly the kind of cool climate with the right terrain for our Chardonnay. But that's only half the story – a great wine is only realised through our dedicated and skilled team in the vineyards and in the winery.

"It's about patience, art and is a labour of love, but worth every minute of it," said Nikolai.

Nikolai added: "Our Single Vineyard Marlborough Chardonnay has done incredibly well up against the very best wines from around the world. Last year's release of the 2011 vintage claimed six trophies making this wine quite possibly the most decorated wine to have ever come out of New Zealand."

Matua's international recognition continues to grow. Matua was named the 2012 IWSC (International Wine & Spirit Competition) New Zealand Producer of the Year Award (London) and received the honour of Best Sauvignon Blanc in the Southern Hemisphere (Five Nations Wine Challenge) in 2012. In its home country of New Zealand, Nikolai captured Winemaker of the Year award just last month and took home the Champion Wine of Show trophy for the Matua 2011 Single Vineyard Marlborough Chardonnay at the Diamond Jubilee Easter Wine Show.

Matua now has 105 awards in total, including 12 trophies and 25 gold medals in the last 12 months – making it the most decorated (most trophies) New Zealand winery over the past 12 months.

About Matua Wines

We bring a passion to the way we make wine. We have a go. We try things out. We planted the first Sauvignon Blanc in NZ before anyone else. We created the wine that made New Zealand famous.

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