



MATUA

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MATUA WINS WINE OF SHOW TROPHY AND WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR AT THE EASTER SHOW WINE AWARDS

Matua Chief Winemaker, Nikolai St George, was crowned Auckland Agricultural & Pastoral Association Gold Medal for Winemaker of the Year at the Diamond Jubilee Easter Show Wine awards dinner on Saturday 16th March.

The 2011 Matua Single Vineyard Marlborough Chardonnay was announced the O-I New Zealand Trophy for Champion Wine of Show and also the New World Trophy for Champion Chardonnay.

Now the holder of four trophies and four gold medals, the winning wine will be available 1st April in Australia and is already available in New Zealand.

Nikolai said: "I'm thrilled and extremely honoured to start off 2013 with these wins for Matua. Honestly I have an amazing supportive team; we don't ever compromise on quality or taste. This win is humbling and it couldn't have come at a better time for our whole team, while we're in the middle of Vintage 2013.

"Now Matua has 102 awards in total, including ten trophies and 17 gold medals in the last 12 months - we are proudly the most internationally successful New Zealand wine brand in 2012. Hopefully 2013 will see even more accolades and success."

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.

"While we're proud of these wins, we don't let it go to our heads. For me, I just want to continue making premium quality wines that we can be proud of to share with the rest of the world," added Nikolai.

About the Matua Single Vineyard Marlborough Chardonnay 2011

Pale straw in colour, this wine displays bursts of honey, citrus blossom and sweet toasted muesli on the nose. The palate is crisply linear in structure with layers of stone fruit, fragrant smoky notes and a clean, lingering minerality on the finish. The aging potential for this wine is over the next five years, notable for a NZ white.

The 2011 Matua Single Vineyard Marlborough Chardonnay came from a vineyard site situated in Marlborough, chosen by our winemaker for its huge amount of potential. This wine, although young is already showing signs of exciting things to come.

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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