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Treasury Wine Estates Neil Grant Receives Hotel Industry's Highest Honour

Treasury Wine Estates' Neil Grant was last night awarded the prestigious Nikakis Benchmark Award at the annual Australian Hotels Association (Vic) 2013 Awards for Excellence for services to the hotel industry.

The Nikakis Benchmark Award is Australian Hotels Association's highest honour. It is conferred annually and recognises an individual or organisation who by their sustained performance and commitment serve as an inspiration to all in the industry. In a break from tradition, Mr Grant's award is the first time ever that a supplier has received this award instead of a hotel industry icon.

Mr Grant has committed more than 35 years of service to the drinks industry and has held a variety of senior management sales and marketing roles in both local and overseas markets. He has been part of generational changes in the liquor industry.

He joined Southcorp Wines in 1985 as a sales representative and worked his way to Sales Director in 2001, before being recruited by Foster's Group in 2004. In 2008 he was appointed General Manager of Trade Relations at Foster's Group, a position he held until he joined TWE as General Manager for ANZ Trade Relations in 2011. In his current role of State Sales Manager, Victoria and Tasmania, Mr Grant leads a team that is steadfastly committed to further cementing TWE's position as the leader in the Australian drinks industry.

TWE Managing Director ANZ Chris Flaherty congratulated Mr Grant on receiving this important accolade.

"Neil truly embodies the spirit of hospitality that defines the Australian hotel industry. He reminds us that ultimately our business is built on relationships, relationships that are based on mutual respect and shared success. Whilst peer recognition is amazing, industry recognition is the ultimate and TWE is incredibly proud to have Neil as part of our team. I would like to extend my congratulations to Neil and thank him for his ongoing commitment to TWE and our industry," said Mr Flaherty.

The Nikakis award is named after past president and life member of the Association Nick Nikakis, who, after 40 years' service to the industry, passed away in 1997. It was presented to Mr Grant by the Australian Hotels Association's Victorian Chief Executive Officer Brian Kearny and the wife of Mr Nikakis, Mrs Carolyn Nikakis.

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About Treasury Wine Estates (TWE)

TWE is a unique global wine company with a leading international portfolio of new world wines.

Selling more than 80 brands into over 60 countries, TWE's portfolio includes its five foundation brands Beringer Vineyards, Lindeman's, Penfolds, Rosemount Estate and Wolf Blass and also Annie's Lane, Castello di Gabbiano, Chateau St. Jean, Coldstream Hills, Devil's Lair, Etude Wines, Greg Norman Estates, Heemskerk, Matua, Pepperjack, Seppelt Wines, Stags' Leap Winery, Wynns Coonawarra Estate, Yellowglen and more.

With 11,000 hectares of vineyards, sales of 32 million cases of wine annually, and revenues of about AU\$1.7 billion, TWE employs more than 3,500 winemakers, viticulturists, sales, distribution and support staff across 16 countries.

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