



## **Xabregas shines at International Wine Shows**

Award winning Great Southern wine, Xabregas, has shone on the international wine circuit this month, collecting gold (best in class) at the International Wine and Spirit Competition 2008 and two gold at the New Zealand International Wine Show 2008.

Xabregas received gold (best in class) for the Xabregas Show Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 at the International Wine and Spirit Competition 2008 in London. The Xabregas Show Reserve Chardonnay 2006 also received a silver (best in class) at the same show.

Judges tasting notes described the Xabregas Show Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 as ‘a deep dark rich colour with seductive notes of chocolate, backed by cassis and sweet cedar. This follows through to the mouth where it is beautifully balanced against silky tannins and a lingering hint of blackcurrant.’

The Xabregas Show Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 and Xabregas Cabernet Merlot 2005 were also awarded gold at the New Zealand International Wine Show 2008.

These were the only Western Australian wines to be awarded gold in this class.

Xabregas also received silver for the Xabregas Show Reserve Shiraz 2005 and bronze for the newly released Xabregas Shiraz 2007 at the New Zealand show, which is considered one of the largest wine competitions held in the Southern Hemisphere.

Xabregas Marketing Manager, Jan Burke, said Xabregas was delighted to receive recognition at such competitive international events.

“Collecting medals at both the IWSC and New Zealand International Wine Show, with thousands of wines tasted from all around the world, provides our winemaking team with a clear indication that we’re producing wines equivalent to some of the best in the world,” she said.

### **Background**

Established in 1996 in the Great Southern Wine Region of Western Australia, Xabregas takes the finest cool climate fruit and creates premium wines of exceptional quality, elegance, sophistication and style.

With three stunning vineyards and a winery located at the foothills of the Porongurup Ranges, these meticulously hand crafted wines encompass all the regional characteristics that the Great Southern has to offer.

Xabregas winemakers use their talent, experience and technology to make wines with a true finesse – with each approachable and ready to drink early in their lives, but also designed to cellar well, providing further enjoyment in the years to come.

Xabregas continues to be at the forefront of wine technology and production, investing in two world-renowned Ganimede Fermenters that create more ‘naturally’ aromatic red wines, which are softer and produce more intense fruit flavours.

The winery has also invested in the world’s first Nairn 3080 Harvester fitted with a Tier 3 John Deere diesel engine that produces lower carbon emissions. This custom designed harvester represents the winery’s commitment to sustainable viticulture.

Xabregas is available throughout most major Australian cities and is exported to the United States, China, UK and New Zealand. With anticipation building for the release of the next vintage, Xabregas has cemented its place in the Australian wine market as a producer of exceptional quality Great Southern wines.

The recommended retail price for the Xabregas White Label Range is \$16.99 and Xabregas Show Reserve Range is \$26.99.

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