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### Sweet success for New Zealand wine

Results released today show New Zealand wines have triumphed at the prestigious UK-based International Wine & Spirit Competition (IWSC). New Zealand scooped not only the show's top Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc Trophies, but a slew of top medals that included a record number of dessert wines.

New Zealand continued its tradition of beating all international entrants to win the Pinot Noir Trophy with the Takapoto Single Vineyard Bannockburn Central Otago Pinot Noir 2012 and the Sauvignon Blanc Trophy with the Tesco Finest\* North Row Vineyard Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2016 made by Villa Maria. It also delivered a gold medal haul that spanned a diverse array of styles, which included a noble Sauvignon from Marisco Vineyards, a late harvest Sauvignon from Giesen and a botrytised Riesling from Oyster Bay.

"New Zealand's Trophy wins at this year's competition show that the country remains at the top of its game with these varieties," commented IWSC NZ Panel Chair, Jo Burzynska. "However, it was also encouraging to see the other styles the country can do so well gain international recognition, such as the dessert wines that were highly awarded at this year's show."

"We are delighted with the results New Zealand wines achieved at IWSC this year. It's great to see a continued focus on premium Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir, as well as recognition of the quality coming from a wide range of other New Zealand wine styles", said Philip Gregan, New Zealand Winegrowers CEO.

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#### Editors' notes:

Established in 1969, the UK-based IWSC is considered one of the premier competitions of its kind in the world and aims to promote the quality and excellence of the world's best wines, spirits and liqueurs.

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#### Gold medals were awarded to the following NZ wines:

Takapoto Single Vineyard Bannockburn Central Otago Pinot Noir 2012 – Outstanding and Pinot Noir Trophy  
Tesco Finest\* North Row Vineyard Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2016 by Villa Maria – Outstanding and Sauvignon Blanc Trophy  
Peregrine Central Otago Riesling 2012 – Outstanding

Marisco Vineyards The King's A Sticky End Noble Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2016 – Outstanding  
Kim Crawford Small Parcels Wild Grace Hawkes Bay Chardonnay 2016 - Outstanding  
Crossroads Talisman Hawke's Bay 2014  
Giesen The Brothers Late Harvest Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2014  
Lake Chalice Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2016  
Matua Single Vineyard Central Otago Pinot Noir 2014  
Mohua Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2016  
Oyster Bay Marlborough Botrytised Riesling 2011  
Spy Valley Single Vineyard Marlborough Gewurztraminer 2016  
Takapoto Single Vineyard Bannockburn Central Otago Pinot Noir 2014  
The Ned Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2017  
Tohu Rore Reserve Marlborough Pinot Noir 2015  
Villa Maria Single Vineyard Keltern Hawke's Bay Chardonnay 2016