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HASTINGS RIVER WINERIES SHINE AT THE NEW ENGLAND SHOW

The Hastings River Region performed exceptionally well in the recent New England Regional Wine Show. In particular Cassegrain Wines was awarded gold medals for its Hastings River vineyard grown and produced 2007 and 2009 (Premium) Semillons. The 2009 Semillon also took home the Chief Steward's trophy. The 5th New England Regional Wine Show focused on wine styles evolving from the New England wine region as well as adjacent viticultural areas, including the Hastings River. The 2009 Stone Circle Regional Chambourcin, also produced from Hastings River fruit, received a certificate of merit, equivalent to a gold medal, and is set to be released this December.

The elegant 2009 Semillon is pale straw in colour with a vibrant green hue with aromas of lemon meringue and lime zest on the decadent nose. The palate has excellent length with a provocative mix of green apples, passionfruit pulp and gooseberry.

The award-winning Semillons showcase the quality of fruit grown at the Cassegrain Hastings River vineyard. Chief winemaker and Managing Director, John Cassegrain says that, "Semillon and Chambourcin are examples of varieties which are very well-adapted to our climate in the Hastings. I have a multi-regional approach to winemaking as different varieties are better suited to different regions. Having said that, it is very pleasing to see our locally-grown wine perform so well. I am thrilled that our wines were recognised at this well-regarded show, we know they're great but it's always nice to get an industry stamp of approval as well. It is also personally very gratifying to see two of the regions – the New England and Hastings River – so well represented at this show."

Bago, another Hastings River winery, were also well-recognised at the New England show. Bago was awarded a silver medal for the 2008 Silver Boots Chardonnay and three bronze medals.

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