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DE BORTOLI WINES AWARDED AUSTRALIA'S TOP PINOT NOIR IN GLOBAL COMPETITION

De Bortoli Wines' single vineyard brand 'Riorret' has been awarded the highest scoring Australian wine at the UK's prestigious Global Pinot Noir Masters. The wine is from The Abbey Vineyard at Tarrawarra in Australia's Yarra Valley.

The Riorret Abbey Pinot Noir 2013 won gold in the Still Oaked £20 to £30 category, and was the third highest scoring wine in the competition.

The judging panel comprised nine Masters of Wine and a Master Sommelier who judged more than 300 of the world's finest Pinot Noirs.

The soil and climate of this single vineyard gives the wine its unique flavour and aroma. These international accolades reinforce the importance of single site wines with a sense of place.

Further highlighting the quality of De Bortoli Yarra Valley Pinot Noir wines, three other wines were also awarded in the same category, being:

- De Bortoli Yarra Valley Estate Grown Pinot Noir 2015
- De Bortoli Yarra Valley Villages Pinot Noir 2015
- PHI Single Vineyard Pinot Noir 2012

De Bortoli winemaker Steve Webber commented: *"Wine drinkers around the world want to know where and how their wines are grown and that they reflect their sense of place."*

"There are several unique single vineyard wines made at our Estate from several outstanding sites. These include The Abbey Vineyard at Tarrawarra, PHI Lusatia B Block at Woori Yallock and the Ponderosa vineyard at Dixons Creek."

Steve also went on to comment, *"It is terrific that the Estate and Villages wines were also recognised and that these wines are affordable to most Pinot tragiics, not that common these days!"*

"The combination of mature vines, meticulous hand-cultivation, and an exceptional site allows the wines to evolve with minimal intervention," adds Steve.

"The awards re-affirm the family's belief that Pinot Noirs from the Yarra Valley are among the best, not just in Australia, but in the world," says De Bortoli Executive Director Victor De Bortoli, who manages the company's export business.



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For more information about these award-winning wines, including high resolution images and tasting notes, please click on the following links:

Riorret The Abbey Vineyard Pinot Noir 2013: <http://bit.ly/RiorretAbbeyPinotNoir>

The Yarra Valley Estate Grown Pinot Noir 2015: <http://bit.ly/YarraValleyEstateGrownPinotNoir>

The Yarra Valley Villages Pinot Noir 2015: <http://bit.ly/YarraValleyVillagesPinotNoir>

The PHI Single Vineyard Pinot Noir 2012: <http://bit.ly/PHISingleVineyardPinotNoir>

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