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## DE BORTOLI WINES WINS TWO MAJOR TROPHIES AT ROYAL MELBOURNE WINE AWARDS

De Bortoli Section A8 Syrah 2015 from Victoria's Yarra Valley took out the highly coveted Trevor Mast Trophy for Best Shiraz of Show at the prestigious Royal Melbourne Wine Awards on Thursday 19 October 2017, outshining 730 entries of some of Australia's best Shiraz.

Sweetening the success was a second trophy for 'Best Sweet White Wine' for the family's iconic dessert wine De Bortoli Noble One 2015. This Riverina grown Botrytis Semillon, known for its sweet, full-bodied flavour and golden hues, is one of the world's most awarded wines, with more than 150 trophies and 426 gold medals since it was first created 36 years ago.

Both wines also received gold medals, along with golds in the 2016 Open Pinot Class for the De Bortoli Estate Vineyard Pinot Noir 2016 from the Yarra Valley and for the Vinoque Novo Tinto 2017 from our King Valley Estate in the Young Red Blended Class.

The Novo Tinto is a wonderful example of the family's innovation in lesser known varieties that may be more suited to Australia's warmer climates. It is a blend of Touriga Nacional, Tempranillo and Tinta Cao.

Presented by the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria, De Bortoli Wines competed against 500 wineries, and over 3,000 wines. Chair of Judges, Tom Carson, lead the panel of experts, with the judging process taking place over five days.

Commenting on the Section A8 Syrah 2015's Trevor Mast Trophy win, Chief Winemaker Steve Webber said: "Hundreds of Australia's top one and two-year-old Shiraz were eligible, so we are pretty chuffed that this did well. Cool climate Shiraz is more restrained and perfumed so these styles are often over-looked. Amazing vintage in the Yarra Valley where most wine just made itself."

Darren De Bortoli, Managing Director, who first developed Noble One in 1982, described the winning 2015 vintage as "one of two or three of the best Botrytis Semillons I have produced in the last 36 years. Fine, restrained, age worthy and utterly delicious".

"Success at the Royal Melbourne Wine Awards is the pinnacle wine show in Australia for winemakers. The recognition we received demonstrates the versatility across our four vineyard source areas, reflecting our vision for producing premium wines that speak of where they are grown," said Mr De Bortoli.

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