

The International Wine Challenge (IWC) has unveiled its 2011 results at the London International Wine Fair (LIWF) with Australian wines delivering another podium finish. France topped the medal board overall with a total of 1,932 medals, with Australia in second place with 1,070 and Italy third with 979. The top three Gold medal-winning nations for 2011 were reigning champions France with 98, Australia 61 and Portugal 42. A total of 48 countries entered wines with 5,117 medals awarded (406 Gold, 1,687 Silver and 3,024 Bronze). A further 3,655 wines were commended. Australian wines enjoyed a 15 percent increase in total medals from 2010, with 83 percent of entries being acknowledged with a medal or commendation.

"Now in its 28th year, the IWC's reputation means that an award-winning wine receives a tremendous boost and this year's competition sees an even wider variety of superb wines being entered, a 13 percent increase year-on-year," said Co-Chairman of the IWC, Charles Metcalfe. The winning wines were each tasted by panels drawn from over 400 experienced judges including many Masters of Wine. The panel consisted of Tim Atkin MW, Sam Harrop MW, Charles Metcalfe, Derek Smedley MW, along with global wine expert and TV personality Oz Clarke and they were joined this year by Hong Kong's Debra Meiburg MW as the 2011's International Guest Co-Chairman. Wines are marked out of 100, with the following points corresponding to the relevant award: Gold 95 - 100, Silver 90 - 94, Bronze 85 - 89 and Commended 80 - 84. A full list of all winners is available on www.internationalwinechallenge.com



SILVER

Clairault Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2010
Intense tropical fruits and lemon on the palate.
Pleasing acidity that lingers on the palate.



SILVER

Clairault Cabernet Sauvignon 2008
Lots of spice on the nose. Fruity spice on the palate.
Good structure. Excellent.



SILVER

Clairault ESTATE Chardonnay 2009
Mealy appley nose with zesty style and long finish.



COMMENDED

Clairault Sauvignon Blanc 2010

