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Home Hill scoops pinot awards at Tasmanian Wine Show

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Home Hill owner Rosemary Bennett, right, with her daughter Kelly Kumar in the vineyard of the family-run winery. Home Hill won pinot producer of the year and best pinot at the Tasmanian Wine Show.

A FAMILY-RUN Huon Valley vineyard, which used to be an apple orchard, has won its fourth consecutive Tasmanian Wine Show pinot noir producer of the year to cement its position as one of the states leading wineries.

Rosemary and Terry Bennett run Home Hill Wines at Ranelagh with eldest son Sean managing the high-yield 6ha vineyard and daughter Kelly Kuma controlling marketing and front office.

“We are overwhelmed with our win, it is totally unexpected because there are so many excellent pinots produced in Tasmania,” Mr Bennett said.

They also won best red of show with a 2013 Reserve pinot noir, best museum with a 2008 Home Hill Estate, and best pinot with their 2013 Kelly’s Reserve.

Mrs Bennett said “doing your best” is a motto for the family and vineyard.

“Each harvest I still can’t believe the bulk bins are filled with grapes rather than apples and



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the amount of work it has taken to get to this," she said.

Tasmanian Wine Show Society president Phil Laing said 400 entries from 70 producers throughout the state were judged by some of Australia's most respected wine judges.

"It was a fantastic show, with some great wines. The high strike rate of medals awarded is a reflection of the quality of Tasmanian wine and viticulture," Mr Laing said.

Accolade Wines, makers of House of Arras and Eddystone Point, continued its momentum with a haul of trophies and gold medals with 2002 House of Arras EJ Carr Late Disgorged awarded the trophy for best late disgorged mature vintage sparkling wine and the 2012 Eddystone Point pinot noir the trophy for the best three-year-old pinot noir.

Accolade Wines also won the most successful exhibitor award.

Newly appointed Eddystone Point winemaker, Richard Evans, who accepted the awards, said to receive this level of recognition on home soil was humbling.

"Both brands exemplify and express Tasmania and what makes our region unique," Mr Evans said.

The best wine of show was the 2011 Dawson James Chardonnay while beef and sheep farmer Matt Dunbabin – in his first show – won the people's choice award with his 2013 Bangor Chardonnay.

Major awards

Best LD MV sparkling wine: 2002 House of Arras EJ Carr Late Disgorged

Best vintage sparkling: 2009 Pirie Sparkling

Best riesling: 2012 Pressing Matters R9 riesling

Best chardonnay: 2011 Dawson James Chardonnay

Best pinot noir: 2013 Home Hill Kelly's Reserve pinot noir

Best sweet wine: 2009 Pressing Matters R69 riesling

Best Museum wine: 2008 Home Hill Estate pinot noir

Best other wine: 2014 Tamar Ridge Pinot Gris

Chairman's Selection: 2013 Dawson James Chardonnay

People's Choice: 2013 Bangor 1830 Chardonnay

Best 2014 vintage wine: 2014 Heemskerk riesling

Best 3-year-old pinot noir: 2012 Eddystone Point pinot noir

Pinot noir producer of the year: Home Hill Wines

Most successful exhibitor: Accolade Wines

Best wine of the show: 2011 Dawson James Chardonnay

Best red of the show: 2013 Home Hill Kelly's Reserve pinot noir

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