



## NEWS RELEASE

### **SIRROMET WINES PASSES MILESTONE OF 500 MEDALS AND AWARDS**

**FRIDAY, JULY 1:** Sirromet Wines of Queensland this week surged past a milestone of winning 500 medals and awards since opening in 2000.

The Mount Cotton-based company boosted its medal tally from 499 to 503 with a silver and three bronze medals in the 31st annual San Francisco International Wine Competition.

Sirromet's medals in the past 11 years include 25 golds in competitions in Australia, France, Austria, Portugal, Luxemburg, USA, China, Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

***"We started with an empty block of land (at Mount Cotton) and an ambition to create a winery that Queenslanders can be proud of," said Sirromet owner and founder Terry Morris.***

***"To win more than 500 medals shows how far we have come, and recognises the hard work put in by (chief winemaker) Adam Chapman and his team over the past decade."***

Sirromet's most awarded wine over the past 11 years was a 2002 Seven Scenes Cabernet Sauvignon, which won four gold medals in San Francisco, Tokyo, Singapore, and Toowoomba.

The company's first award was in June, 2000, with a three-star rating for a 2000 Vineyard Selection Chardonnay in Winestate magazine's annual Queensland tastings that year.

Chapman has been Sirromet's chief winemaker since 2000. He and long-term bottling manager Mark Barnsdale were joined in the production team in 2005 by winemaker Velten Tiemann and chemist Jessica Ferguson.

More than 1,200 wineries from 29 countries entered the 2011 San Francisco competition, and judging was held at the Hotel Nikko from June 17-19.

Results were announced this week and Sirromet claimed silver for a 2009 Le Sauvage Chardonnay, and bronze medals for a 2007 St Jude's Road Private Collection Cabernet Sauvignon, a 2007 Signature Collection Sparkling Chardonnay Pinot Noir, and a 2009 Le Sauvage Cabernet Shiraz blend.

All four medal winners were from fruit sourced from Sirromet's vineyards at Ballandean on the Granite Belt, and the wines were produced and bottled at the company's headquarters at Mount Cotton.

Sirromet, which has 150-hectares of vineyards at Ballandean, and a further 12 at Mount Cotton, now exports to China, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Papua New Guinea.

The company's wines are available from more than 1,000 bottle shops, restaurants, hotels, clubs, and event venues in Queensland, and DFS duty free locations on the Gold Coast, Cairns, Sydney, Guam, and Hawaii.

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