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Rockburn Wins Gold at the Air New Zealand Wine Awards

The 2006 Rockburn Pinot Noir has earned a gold medal at the 2007 Air New Zealand Wine Awards, New Zealand's premier wine competition.

The competition is owned and organised by New Zealand Winegrowers, the national organisation for the country's 1,300 grape growers and winemakers. This year, more than 1,500 wines were judged by 16 local and international judges to identify medal and trophy winners for each of the varietal categories. This is the highest number of entries ever received in the history of the Air New Zealand Wine Awards.

In addition to the gold medal, the Rockburn "Parkburn" Riesling 2007 also took home silver, while the Rockburn Pinot Gris 2006 won bronze.

The gold medal is the second for winemaker Malcolm Francis, having earned 1 of 7 gold medals awarded nationally at the Bragato Wine Awards held in Auckland in August of this year. He joined Rockburn Wines at their new McNulty Road winery in Cromwell for the 2006 vintage, having spent four vintages as assistant winemaker at Felton Road Wines.

The 2006 Rockburn Pinot Noir also earned a 5 Star rating and was named the #2 Pinot Noir in New Zealand in the November 2007 issue of Cuisine Magazine. Only 13 Pinot Noirs received the coveted 5-star rating from nearly 200 entrants to the "*Pinot Forté*" tasting. Cuisine Magazine is one of the most comprehensive food, wine and associated good living resources in New Zealand.

Rockburn Wines has a history of winning gold medals, particularly for its Pinot Noir, at such shows as the Air New Zealand Awards, the New Zealand International Wine Show and the New Zealand Royal Easter Show.

Rockburn Wines has two vineyards in Central Otago, one on the Gibbston Back Road in the Gibbston Valley and the other at Parkburn in the Cromwell Basin.

While renowned for its award winning Pinot Noir, Rockburn also produces Pinot Gris, Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc.

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