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BALLARAT WINEMAKER NOMINATED FOR YOUNG WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR

Owen Latta of Eastern Peake Wines, Ballarat, has been nominated for the prestigious annual Wine Society Young Winemaker of the Year Award 2008.

A first time nominee, Owen was nominated by his father, and company owner, Norman Latta. "I was really shocked," said Owen. "It's such a privilege to be nominated for such a prestigious award."

Owen has had a love for winemaking as long as he can remember, having grown up on the winery. "I've been around wine all my life, the only time I haven't in some way been contributing to the business is when I went to university to study winemaking," he added.

Owen chose to nominate the Eastern Peake OB Terroir Pinot Noir 2006 as one of the wines for submission for the award, "This is the wine that I'm most proud of as 2006 was a great year for winemaking. We managed to get a season where all things were perfectly in balance and I put my heart and soul into the winemaking. If I win I'll be absolutely stoked!" he added.

The Wine Society, Australia's oldest independent wine club, launched the awards nine years ago and now attracts impressive entries from Australia and New Zealand's best wine companies, both large and small. It is open to all winemakers under 30, who are primarily responsible for the creation of the wine.

The aim of the award is to recognise the importance and best efforts of young people in the wine industry and distinguish themselves as the winemakers of the future.

Nominations are now closed, and the top 10 finalists will be notified by mid-September. The winner will be announced at the glamorous awards dinner at the Westin Hotel in Sydney on 1 November 2008.

For more information visit www.winesociety.com.au

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Notes to editor: The Wine Society was established in 1946 when Dr. Gilbert Phillips and a group of wine loving friends shared a collective vision and passion to purchase and distribute Australian table wine. Today that vision continues and The Wine Society boasts almost 60,000 members across Australia.

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