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**CLARE VALLEY WINEMAKER NOMINATED FOR YOUNG WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR**

Helen McCarthy of Taylors Wines, Clare Valley, has been nominated for the prestigious annual Wine Society Young Winemaker of the Year Award 2008.

Helen was a finalist in last year's awards and is ecstatic at being nominated again, "I was really proud to be nominated again this year. It's such a prestigious award and to be recognised alongside such a high calibre of winemakers is such an honour," she said.

Working alongside chief winemaker Adam Eggins since 2003, Helen has achieved a lot, particularly with the Jaraman range.

"Taylors has given me the opportunity to experiment with Jaraman. What we do is a bit different, but it certainly has paid off in terms of awards received by the wines. I am fortunate enough to work with a family who understand passionately the importance of investment in the right fruit, advanced machinery and also of having the best people on your team," Helen added.

Helen's approach to winemaking at Taylors can be summed up in her belief that winemakers are 'custodians' of the vineyard fruit – the source of wine. She believes that it is the job of the winemaker not to destroy what nature has created.

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](http://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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