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GRAMPIANS WINEMAKER NOMINATED FOR YOUNG WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR

Jo Marsh of Seppelt Wines, Grampians, has been nominated for the prestigious annual Wine Society Young Winemaker of the Year Award 2008.

A first time nominee, Jo has been working hard for Seppelt Wines since 2004 and she sees the nomination as a great accomplishment and recognition of her contribution to the winery, "I am excited to be nominated," she said. "It's such a great feeling to be recognised for the hard work that you do and being nominated is a real achievement."

Jo chose to nominate herself, drawing inspiration from her manager, Emma Wood, who was the 2006 Young Winemaker of the Year Award winner. "It's great to be able to say that I am being put in the same group of talent as someone like Emma and I think it also shows that young women are really excelling in the once male dominated profession," she 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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