



**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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### **YOUNG WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR AWARDS NIGHT**

On Saturday 1 November, the young guns of Australian and New Zealand winemaking will come together for the announcement of the Wine Society Young Winemaker of the Year 2008.

The award is open to all winemakers under the age of 30 who are primarily responsible for the creation of wine and aims to recognise their efforts and distinguish them as the winemakers of the future.

As well as the Young Winemaker of the Year Award, there will also be awards for the Wine Society's Members' Choice and the Sommeliers' Choice.

This year's finalists are Stuart Marfell from Vavasour Wines (NZ), Greg Clack from Chain of Ponds (AUS), Malcolm Rees-Francis from Rockburn Wines (NZ), Lucas Cowley from Auntsfield Estate (NZ), Anna Pooley from Heemskerk Wines (AUS), Angela Miranda from Orlando Wines (AUS), Matt Evans from De Vine Wines (NZ), Greer Carland from Winemaking Tasmania (AUS), Helen McCarthy from Taylors Wines (AUS) and Ben Haines from Mitchelton Wines (AUS).

- Date:** Saturday 1 November
- Time:** 6.30pm – 7.30pm (Pre-Dinner Cocktail Party)  
7.30pm – 11.00pm (5-course Dinner & Awards Presentation)  
11.00pm – Late (After Party)
- Location:** The Westin Hotel, Sydney
- Dress:** Black tie
- Tickets:** \$220 per person or \$2,000 for a table of 10 people

For more information or to purchase tickets to the event, call the Wine Society on 1300 729 657 or visit [www.winesociety.com.au](http://www.winesociety.com.au)

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