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### **MILAWA WINEMAKER NOMINATED FOR YOUNG WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR**

Joel Tillbrook of Brown Brothers, Milawa, has been nominated for the prestigious annual Wine Society Young Winemaker of the Year Award 2008.

Joel was a finalist in the 2007 awards ceremony and was the winner of the Sommeliers' choice award. This year, Joel hopes to take home the ultimate gong, the Young Winemaker of the Year Award. "Last year it was a really enjoyable night and it was great to get Sommeliers choice 2007," said Joel. "To get the big one this year would be the icing on the cake."

The Brown Brothers Pinot Meunier Sparkling Rose 2006 is one of the wines Joel chose to submit for the award, drawing inspiration for the wine from a recent visit to Champagne, France, "The wine's just a little bit different, a really fresh tasting rose that I'm really proud of," he said.

Joel believes the award would not only act as recognition of his hard work, but also highlight the success of Brown Brothers, "Winning the award would not only recognise my personal contribution, but also provide recognition for Brown Brothers. We are renowned for our ability to make new and innovative wines and the sparkling rose is a great example of what we do best," 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](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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