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CENTRAL OTAGO WINEMAKER NOMINATED FOR YOUNG WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR

Malcolm Rees-Francis of Rockburn Wines, Central Otago, has been nominated for the prestigious annual Wine Society Young Winemaker of the Year Award 2008.

Malcolm was persuaded to nominate himself by his Senior Winemaker, Malcolm said: "The awards to me are all about expressing my contribution to making good wine, so I'm delighted to be nominated."

A newcomer to the industry, Malcolm began his career with Rockburn Wines as a junior winemaker in 2005. Winning the award would mean the world to Malcolm, "I haven't been in the wine industry very long, so this would be a really nice way to top off the first stage of my career so far," Malcolm said. "I've had such a whirlwind ride, to cap it all off with the honour of Young Winemaker of the Year would be outstanding," 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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