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SOUTH BURNETT WINEMAKER NOMINATED FOR YOUNG WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR

Luke Fitzpatrick of Clovely Estate wines, South Burnett, has been nominated for the prestigious annual Wine Society Young Winemaker of the Year Award 2008.

Nominated by Clovely Estate chairman, Brett Heading, Luke was overwhelmed by the nomination, "To be nominated is such an honour. I've been with the winery for five years and it is very rewarding to be recognised in such a way, especially by The Wine Society," said Luke.

The South Burnett is a relatively unknown wine region within Australia, but Luke hopes that winning would not only act as recognition of his skills, but also recognition of the area as an up and coming wine region. "I think more than anything, winning this award would be good for the region and put South Burnett on the wine map," he said.

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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