



MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Clairault takes Silver at the International Wine Challenge 2006**

Clairault's Estate Cabernet Merlot 2002 received Silver at the International Wine Challenge 2006 in London.

Results for this prestigious wine show were released on Thursday, with Clairault also receiving a Seal of Approval for their Estate Chardonnay 2004.

Boasting more than 9,000 entries, the International Wine Challenge (IWC) is one of the best and biggest blind tasting in the world. A large part of the IWC's reputation is down to the quality and experience of its judges. In 2006, more than 465 winemakers, merchants and writers from around the world took part, including the likes of Oz Clarke and Jancis Robinson MW, alongside a panel of at least 42 Masters of Wine.

*"Clairault is honoured to receive Silver at the International Wine Challenge 2006," exclaimed Bill Martin, Managing Director of Clairault Wines. "It cements Clairault's standing as one of the Margaret River Wine Region and Australia's premium wine producers."*

This is one of many awards Clairault has received for their Estate Cabernet Merlot 2002. In 2005, the Estate Cabernet Merlot 2002 won Silver at the International Wine and Spirit Competition, and in April 2006, Winestate Magazine rated it 5 Stars.

In September, the Grosvenor Hotel, London will play host to a black-tie gala dinner, where the top 21 trophy winners, Winemakers of the Year and Merchants of the Year awards will be announced. A full list of all winners is available on [www.internationalwinechallenge.com](http://www.internationalwinechallenge.com).

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## **DETAILS**

Clairault Wines is located off Caves Road in the Wilyabrup district of the Margaret River Wine Region, Western Australia. Established in 1976, Clairault was the 6<sup>th</sup> property to strike out with its' first vines gracing the gravelly soils.

Less than 2 miles from the Indian Ocean and having the highest elevation in the area encourages a unique ecosystem to create distinct and highly textured wines. Its' proximity to the cooling ocean influences ensures little to no vintage variation.

Passionate about the environment and consumer health, Clairault is leading the way in the implementation of an environmentally responsible approach to vineyard management, with the aim of establishing the Estate as 100% chemically free within the next three years.

Clairault Cellar Door is open from 10am to 5pm daily and the Restaurant is open for lunch from 12 noon to 3.30pm daily. Bookings are recommended – 08 9755 6225 ext 1. Private functions, weddings and dinners are welcome by arrangement.

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