More accolades for Lovedale’s


Leogate shiraz grabs top award

“A REFINED, cool shiraz style with bright fruit, savoury notes, supple tannins and great drinkability. Lovely freshness on the palate which lifts and lengthens the overall flavour.”

That was how the panel of international judges thought of the Hunter’s Leogate Estate 2011 The Basin Reserve Shiraz when they selected it as the world’s best new wine at the 2014 International Wine Challenge (IWC) in Britain. The IWC is one of the world’s most prestigious wine competitions and this month it presented its top ten trophies at a gala black-tie banquet in London.

Leogate Estate owners Bill and Vicki Widin were on hand to collect the James Rodgers Trophy for the world’s best new wine. The 2011 The Basin Reserve Shiraz had previously collected a gold medal and the trophy for the best Hunter Valley red in the IWC judging and in results announced last May the Leogate 2011 Western Slopes Reserve Shiraz and 2013 Creek Bed Reserve Semillon won IWC silver medals.

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