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ADELAIDE HILLS WINERY WINS BEST AUSTRALIAN SPARKLING

Deviat'On Road Winery has again won the coveted trophy for **Best Australian Sparkling** at the **Sydney International Wine Competition (SIWC)** with its **2012 Loftia Vintage Brut**. Today's official announcement signals a very bright future for fast ascending Adelaide Hills growers and winemakers Hamish and Kate Laurie, who previously won the trophy in 2012.

A blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes hand selected from mature vines on 550m high slopes in the Adelaide Hills, the 2012 Loftia is an accomplished sparkling. Ageing for a minimum of 24 months on lees adds nutty complexity to the fresh citrus and red apple aromas. Kate returned to a Pinot Noir dominant (70%) blend for the 2012 vintage: "It was one of those incredible years where the Pinot had the spice and aromatic fullness whilst retaining the fine acid structure so important to our style" she explains.

This trophy is on the back of another great win for Deviat'On Road, who picked up a **gold medal** at the **Adelaide Hills Wine Show** last week for its **2009 Beltana Blanc de Blancs**. The Beltana is produced using 100% chardonnay grapes selected from similarly situated high altitude slopes in the Adelaide Hills and aged for a minimum of 5 years on lees before disgorging.

Both awards reiterate how abundantly aware of the consumer the Lauries are.

"Judging the wines that made it to the final rounds with food made a significant difference to the award winning wines because they are not just judged for technical correctness; that was done in the first phase; they are judged again for their harmony and balance, key to their ability to complement appropriate food dishes" said Convenor of the SIWC, Warren Mason.

"It's a reflection of our goal to make consumer **and** food friendly wines. The Sydney show actually judges the wines with a specific dish, so to win in this way reinforces our belief that the acid structure and complexity of our sparkling wines are just right," comments Hamish Laurie.

Deviat'On Road continues to receive both national and international acclaim for their méthode traditionnelle sparkling wines, having won some top gongs in the UK recently plus winning three medals at the Australian Sparkling Wine Show in October. It's easy to see why many are saying Deviat'On Road is leading the way in shaping an exciting future for Australian sparkling wines.
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About Deviat'On Road

Deviat'On Road Winery produces exciting cool climate wines from mature vineyard resources in the Adelaide Hills. Owners Hamish and Kate Laurie continue a five generation winemaking tradition. Devoted to the high altitude sites of the Adelaide Hills and with Kate's French oenology training, the wines they produce are at once traditional and contemporary.

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