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Congratulations Peter Kelly, Assistant Winemaker – Thorn-Clarke Wines

2009 Wine Society Young Winemaker of the Year - 'Members Choice'

At a glamorous dinner at the Westin Hotel in Sydney on Friday night attended by some 500 wine industry dignitaries, the assistant winemaker at Thorn-Clarke wines, Peter Kelly won the Members Choice award at the annual Wine Society 'Young Winemaker of the Year' awards.

The Wine Society is a not for profit organisation established in 1946, and today has a membership base of over 55,000 members. Throughout the year the Wine Society holds various tastings and educational events around Australia – including 'blind' tastings to determine the 'Members Choice' award for the Young Winemaker of the Year awards.

The 2007 Shotfire Quartage was also nominated as the overall members favourite among the wines tasted, and was the only wine from a South Australian winery to collect an award. Only weeks after collecting Gold medal at the Adelaide Wine Show, this certainly shows how well the 2007 vintage of this highly acclaimed wine is currently drinking.

The win is a defining moment in the career of Peter Kelly. Originally from Queensland Peter moved to SA to study Oenology at Adelaide University and has previously worked at Hazelgrove, D'Arenberg and Veritas. Peter works under the stewardship of Derek Fitzgerald, Thorn-Clarke's highly acclaimed winemaker.

The success comes on the back of more recent International accolades and awards for this highly acclaimed Barossa family owned winery.

Only last week its 2006 James Goddard Shiraz was ranked number 59 in the Top 100 wines in the world by the highly influential San Francisco based magazine Wine Spectator.

This was the third time in five years a Thorn-Clarke wine has made it to the top 100. In 2005, its 2003 Shotfire Shiraz was number 18 and in 2007 its 2005 Shotfire Shiraz was number 57.

Chief Executive, Sam Clarke said "The 2006 James Goddard is sold as an exclusive label sold via Thorn-Clarke to the Wine Guild of America, a Group of large retailers located throughout the United States. It is a very similar blend to Shotfire Shiraz so it was very pleasing to see this wine do so well"



“Wine Spectator clearly sees Thorn-Clarke as an outstanding producer. We are one of only 3 Australian wineries to have had a wine in the Top 100 three out of the last five years!”

The winery is also experiencing somewhat of a purple patch with its 2008 Shiraz's. Although only recently released, the Shotfire Shiraz has already picked up 3 gold and received 93 points from Winefront Monthly while Sandpiper Shiraz has already won 3 gold medals at Australian Wine Shows over the last three months. At \$20 and \$15 respectively they are both clearly exceptional value for money.

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