



Chrismont

2008 Albariño wins Trophy at Sydney International Wine Competition

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Chrismont Wines 2008 La Zona Albariño has been awarded the *Ted Radke Perpetual Trophy* at the *Sydney International Wine Competition*, placing it in the Show's prestigious *Top 100 Wines*. The award, The Ted Radke trophy for "Best Table Wine made from a Lesser Recognised Grape Variety", was presented on Saturday the 27th February at the Show's Gala Banquet held in Sydney. There was fierce competition for the Trophy amongst a number of varieties across Australia and New Zealand and another Chrismont wine, the 2008 La Zona Arneis which was Highly Commended.

The *Sydney International Wine Competition*, now in it's 28th year, is a uniquely consumer focussed wine show as it aims to help consumers by giving information on wines that are food friendly. All 2000 wine entries judged at the show are judged with food and the results, including the judges' comments, are available for public viewing on their website. The 2008 Chrismont La Zona Albariño was paired with *Prawn Wontons with Ginger and Soy Dressing* during the show's judging.

The Show's Chairman of Judges Kim Milne was not surprised that a majority of trophy winners came from the cooler areas of Australia and New Zealand, "In many ways this is logical, with cooler climates having some natural advantages for producing food friendly wines" he said.

Chrismont Wines, situated in the beautiful cool climate region of the King Valley, has been producing exceptional quality wines since 1996. Producing not only the classic varieties, but also highlighting their rich Italian heritage by showcasing a range of Mediterranean varietals with the **Chrismont La Zona range**. This range features **Arnies, Albariño, Pinot Grigio, Marzemino, Marzemino Fizzante, Sangiovese, Barbera**, a super Tuscan blend of **Sangiovese and Cabernet** and a rose called **Rosato Mezzanotte**. Chrismont also have a new addition to the La Zona label with their first vintage of **Prosecco**, a sparkling Italian white wine just being released.

Albariño is a distinctive white grape that hails from the North West of Spain in the *Rías Baixas* and *Galicia* and has now found a home in the King Valley. The 2008 Albariño is the first vintage for Chrismont, and winemaker *Warren Proft* was convinced of its success in the King Valley after having done a number of vintages in Spain. "This award is a great endorsement to receive at such an early stage in the wine's life" says Warren. He has just picked the 2009 vintage and says it is also looking promising. The wine is aromatic, with notes of white peach and apricots, followed by hints of citrus and almonds on the palate. It can be matched with seafood dishes or lovely to drink on a warm summer's day.

Chrismont La Zona 2008 Albarino, King Valley, Retail \$22

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