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SOUTH AFRICA'S TOP TERROIR WINES HONOURED

The Novare Trophy for the SA Terroir Top Wine Estate 2011, introduced for the first time this year, was awarded last week to the Jordan Wine Estate from the Polkadraai Hills ward in the Stellenbosch district.

Owned by husband and wife winemaking team Gary and Kathy Jordan, the estate earned the trophy following an excellent performance at the sixth annual Novare SA Terroir Wine Awards where its wines were finalists and national winners.

After a record 251 entries for the Novare SA Terroir Wine Awards 2011, five cellars stood out with two national winners each: Doolhof, Durbanville Hills, Hermanuspietersfontein, Jordan and Welbedacht.

Jordan Wine Estate entered four wines that were selected for the final round, of which two were National Winners - the Jordan Riesling 2009 and Jordan Nine Yards Chardonnay 2009. Both were amongst the highest rated wines entered for this year's competition.

The Novare trophy for the SA Terroir Top Wine Area was awarded to the Durbanville ward. Besides three national winners, 16 of the wines selected for the final round came from the same ward. The main contributors for the Top Wine Area Trophy were Durbanville Hills, Klein Roosboom, Meerendal, Nitida, De Grendel, Altydgedacht and De Vallei.

Only wines certified as a single vineyard wine, an estate produced wine or from a specific ward can participate in the SA Terroir Wine Awards. "The results of this competition are indicative of the diversity of South Africa's many wine terroirs. Few countries can compete with us when it comes to producing high quality wines in all styles from all cultivars," said project leader Marius Labuschagne.

Johan Henn, CEO of Novare said the group had extended its sponsorship of the awards, which are consistent with Novare's philosophy of continuous innovation and progressive

prosperity.

Most entries were Sauvignon Blanc (35), followed by Shiraz (28), Cabernet Sauvignon (24), Chardonnay (23), Red Blends (23) and Pinotage (22).

The 2011 judges were Altus le Roux, Andrea Freeborough, Dave Hughes, David Biggs, Erika Obermeyer, Guy Webber and Pierre Marais. The technical coordinator was Charl Theron.

The 2011 national winners for cultivar wines, red and white blends, rosé, sparkling wine and dessert wine are:

- Welbedacht Barrel Fermented Chenin Blanc 2005 and Pinotage 2009 from Wellington
- Durbanville Hills Biesjes Craal Sauvignon Blanc 2009 and Merlot Rosé 2011 from Durbanville
- Hermanuspietersfontein Die Bartho 2010 (white blend) and Swartskaaap 2009 (cabernet franc) from Sunday's Glen in Walker Bay
- Jordan Nine Yards Chardonnay 2009 and Riesling 2009, estate wines from Stellenbosch
- Signatures of Doolhof Petit Verdot 2009 and Malbec 2009 from Wellington
- David Nieuwoudt Ghost Corner Semillon 2009 from Elim
- Beau Constantia Cecily 2010 (viognier) from Constantia
- Neethlingshof Gewürztraminer 2011, estate wine from Stellenbosch
- Dieu Donné Cross Collection Merlot/Cabernet 2008 from Franschhoek
- Klein Roosboom Merlot 2009 from Durbanville
- Anura Syrah Limited Release 2007 (shiraz) from Paarl-Simonsberg
- Bon Courage Inkara Cabernet Sauvignon 2009, estate wine from Robertson
- La Motte Methode Cap Classique Brut 2008 (sparkling wine) from Franschhoek
- Bergsig Cape LBV 2001 port, estate wine from the Breedekloof
- Nuy White Muscadell 2005 from the Nuy ward in Worcester and Lourensford
Winemakers Selection Noble Late Harvest 2009, estate wine from the Helderberg.

The results were audited by Novare's accounts department. For the full results visit www.terroirwineawards.co.za.

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