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## **2007 SIWC CAPS A GREAT YEAR FOR McLAREN VALE'S SHINGLEBACK WINE**

On Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Sydney's Shangri-La Hotel, Shingleback's senior winemaker and co-owner John Davey collected the Kemeny's Perpetual Trophy for the Best Value Dry Red Table Wine of the 2007 Sydney International Wine Competition.

The winning wine is the 2004 Shingleback McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon. This has not been the first success in the "Sydney International" for a Cabernet from Shingleback – in the 2006 Competition, the 2003 vintage was awarded a Blue Gold Medal & Top 100 rating. In 2007 Shingleback has gone a step further.

Seven months earlier, John and fellow Shingleback winemaker, Dan Hills, had the honour of accepting the 2006 Jimmy Watson Trophy at the 2006 Royal Melbourne Wine Show, for the 2005 Shingleback D Block Reserve McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon.

The SIWC is one of very few competitions worldwide in which the top wines are categorised into styles, and tasted with food. In winning this award, John's philosophy of creating food friendly wines has been validated. John aims to create wines that complement, not dominate, a meal, wines that are elegant, with balanced alcohol, and exhibit a complexity of berry flavours, which are generous, but not overpowering.

Brothers Kym & John Davey, with the help & continuing involvement of their parents, Reg & Rhonda, and John's wife, Kate, founded Shingleback in 1995. Kym is managing director, John the senior winemaker and Kate is public relations manager.

Kym & John planted their vines on a 120 hectare block, bought by their grandfather almost 50 years ago in the Willunga Basin at the southern end of the McLaren Vale wine region.

"We achieve very traditional results both in the vineyard & in the winery by using environmentally sensitive, innovative & efficient techniques." says John. "In the winery, we aim to capture through the hand-crafting of small batches, the many facets of the family vineyards. Our passion for our craft, technical ability and attention to detail guarantee our consumer a unique wine experience."

Shingleback wines are distributed in Australia by Angove's Pty. Ltd, and are exported to New Zealand, the USA, Canada, Europe, Asia and recently, the UK.

## **AWARD HIGHLIGHTS 2006 – 2007**

- **2006 Jimmy Watson Trophy**, “Awarded to the producer of the best one-year old red wine, the Jimmy Watson Trophy is the most coveted wine award in Australia” for the 2005 Shingleback D Block Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon.
- **6 out of 6 - in the 2006 IWSC** in the UK Shingleback entered 6 wines and won 6 medals - a gold and 5 silvers and were nominated as **Australian Wine Producer of the Year**.
- **91 Points** in US Wine Spectator (Oct. 06) and Wine Enthusiast (Feb 07) for Shingleback Shiraz 04 – Great Value.
- **92 points** in US Wine Enthusiast in Feb 07 for 2004 Shingleback Cabernet *Sauvignon* – Editors Choice.
- **James Halliday's 2007 Wine Companion** Shingleback's rating improved to a 4.5 stars (out of 5).
- **Best Value Dry Red Table Wine Trophy** and 2 'Blue Gold' / 'Top 100' Medals in the highly regarded **2007 Sydney International Wine Competition** – 2004 Shingleback Cabernet Sauvignon & 2004 The Gate Shiraz.
- **Champion Shiraz** in New Zealand's '**Liquorland Top 100 Wines' 2006** – 2004 Shingleback Shiraz.
- **Winner** in its pricing category of “**The World's Greatest Shiraz Challenge**” 2006 run by Winestate Magazine – 2004 Shingleback Shiraz.
- **Winner** of 2 Shiraz Trophies in the **2006 Southern NSW Wine Show** for the 2004 Shingleback Shiraz & 2004 The Gate Shiraz.
- **Winner**, “Rhone Blend” Trophy, **2006 McLaren Vale Wine Show** – 2005 Red Knot Cadenzia Grenache / Shiraz / Mourvedre.
- **Consumer Award**, 2006 SA Hyatt / Advertiser **Wine of the Year Awards**, sparkling red category – Shingleback Black Bubbles Sparkling Shiraz.

And the list goes on...

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