



## Misha's Vineyard Strikes Gold at Launch

**CROMWELL, Central Otago, New Zealand, 17 November 2008.** The launch of Misha's Vineyard in Central Otago has coincided with a gold medal in the prestigious Air New Zealand Wine Awards.

"To strike gold right at the time of our launch is very auspicious given that the land on which we planted the vineyard was where gold was discovered by the Cantonese in the 1880s" said Misha Wilkinson. "When we held our ground-breaking ceremony at the commencement of our vineyard planting, we buried Chinese gold coins underneath the first 8 planted vines to bring us luck".

But Misha's Vineyard has more than just luck on its side with renowned viticulturalist Robin Dicey and internationally-acclaimed winemaker Olly Masters as part of the team, along with a spectacularly positioned vineyard on the frost-defying slopes overlooking Lake Dunstan.

Misha's Vineyard entered two wines in the recent Air New Zealand Wine Awards, their first wine competition, which saw "*The Gallery*" Gewürztraminer claim gold and the "*Limelight*" Riesling take a bronze.

"Olly Masters has a stunning reputation for making world-class Pinot Noir from the Wairarapa region and he's proving himself again with his abilities in aromatic white varieties and really being able to showcase the wonderful Central Otago fruit" said Misha.

The range of Misha's Vineyard wines includes the 2008 aromatic whites comprising "*Limelight*" Riesling, "*Dress Circle*" Pinot Gris, and "*The Gallery*" Gewürztraminer, as well as a collectors' release of the 2007 "*The Audition*" Pinot Noir.

These limited-release wines are being launched through the Fine Wine Delivery Company with customer tastings scheduled in Christchurch on the 18<sup>th</sup> November and Auckland on the 20<sup>th</sup> November along with a series of media events.

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\* A range of photos inc. bottle and range shots are available on request by email

**Recommended retail prices for Misha's Vineyard wines are:**

2007 "The Audition" Pinot Noir	\$44.95	2008 "The Gallery" Gewürztraminer	\$26.95
2008 "Dress Circle" Pinot Gris	\$26.95	2008 "Limelight" Riesling	\$25.95

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**About Misha's Vineyard Wines Limited**

Established in 2004 by Andy and Misha Wilkinson, Misha's Vineyard is situated on 57 hectares of Bendigo Station's most visually spectacular sites located on the north-west facing terraces overlooking Lake Dunstan. With 10 hectares planted in 2004, 12 hectares in 2005, and a further 4 hectares in 2007, Misha's Vineyard plans further planting as well as the construction of an underground wine cellar and winery. Currently two-thirds of the vineyard is planted in Pinot Noir, with the remainder comprising a selection of white varieties including Pinot Gris, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc and Gewürztraminer. The primary markets for Misha's Vineyard Wines will be Asia, Australia and the US with exports to commence in the latter half of 2009.

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