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## Mud House Wines Takes Home 16 Medals From 2008 Royal Easter Show Awards

The leading winery Mud House Wines has more accolades to add to its rapidly expanding awards cabinet, having received two gold, five silver, and nine bronze medals at this year's Royal Easter Show Awards. The gold-medal wines were both 2007 Marlborough Sauvignon Blancs (Mud House and Haymaker by Mud House), with the winery receiving awards for several of its varietals and across the Hawkes Bay, Waipara and Marlborough regions.

This award builds on a year of success for Mud House Wines, which received honours for three varietals at the 2007 Air New Zealand Wine Awards, and is enjoying the international approbation of having a wine selected by a Master Sommelier for service onboard Delta Airlines, one of the world's largest carriers. And to top off the good news, the team has just received word that renowned chef and restaurateur Rick Stein has selected the new gold-medallist 2007 Mud House Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc for the wine list of his family of restaurants in Cornwall, UK.

Mud House Wines CEO Baden Ngan Kee said the 16 medals were a tremendous honour, and a validation of the hard work and skill of the Mud House Wines team.

"We have taken some important steps in the past year to develop our brand locally and internationally, and we are pleased that the quality of our wines is being recognized," he said, pointing to the recent release of the winery's three-tiered range, and the recruitment of several talented wine industry operators, including Chief Winemaker Ant Mackenzie, as examples of Mud House Wines' growth.

The brand's look has also undergone a makeover, recently unveiling a sharp new label design that Mr Ngan Kee says captures the zing and spice for which Mud House Wines is receiving honours.

"We will continue to work to create even better wines, and we hope to enjoy further awards success in the future."

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#### About Mud House Wines

The award-winning Mud House range of wines is produced from a variety of New Zealand vineyards. Fruit is sourced from many of the country's premium wine-growing regions resulting in wines of optimal varietal character and flavour. The new, three-tiered range from Mud House Wines is comprised of the flagship, high-end Mud House Swan; the premium Mud House, at a competitive price point; and the highly affordable Haymaker by Mud House, designed as the perfect food partner. The Mud House Swan Sauvignon Blanc and Central Otago Pinot Noir won Gold, and the Mud House Waipara Riesling an Elite Gold Medal, at the 2007 Air New Zealand Wine Awards.

The Mud House is a winery and café situated in Waipara Valley where several of the Mud House wines are crafted. Visitors to the café can sample sumptuous food and wine matches from resident chef Tony Clarke and his team.

Mud House wines are distributed by Vintners New Zealand.