

# Wine

## INNOVATORS TAKE NOTE

The Wine Innovation Awards is a new competition designed to recognise and reward creativity and innovation in international winemaking. If you are doing something different in the vineyard, inventive in the winery or launching something unique then enter now. These awards are open to producers who are just starting out and existing producers who are starting a fresh, genuinely new winemaking project. Winners receive not only kudos but also practical advice from local experts to develop their products. To find out more and to enter online log on to [www.wineinnovation.co.uk](http://www.wineinnovation.co.uk)



## LIEBHERR

Connoisseurs of fine wine know it needs perfect conditions for optimum development. Liebherr's underbench wine cellar stores red and white wines at the same time, both at their ideal serving temperatures. The two independently controlled storage zones can each be adjusted to a precise temperature between 5°C and 20°C. Plus, an innovative LED lighting concept ensures uniform interior illumination and since the LEDs generate very little heat, wines can be displayed for a lengthy period. The activated charcoal filter maintains optimum air quality and the tinted safety glass provides UV protection. Visit [andico.com.au](http://andico.com.au).



## LET'S GO TO BACCO

Sydney CBD's truest 360-degree view of Italian cuisine is now complete, with the opening of Bacco Wine Bar on the ground floor of Chifley Plaza. Executive Chef, Fulvio Lancione comes fresh to Australia from Rome, while Master Sommelier Ben Moechtar's wine list traverses new and old world classics including regional Italian varietals Vermentino, Falanghina and Valpolicella perfectly complementing the rustic Italian fare. Check out [bacco.com.au](http://bacco.com.au)



## CHILL BABY

The must-have accessory for 2009 is the very sleek and sexy tchillbag® (pronounce chillbag), a Smart Ice Bucket and gift bag all in one. Whether it's for indoors or out, for chilling or serving, the light-weight tchillbag® is the ideal accessory for a picnic in the park, a dinner at a restaurant, a bbq with friends or as the perfect gift bag for that special celebratory Champagne. Simply put in your chosen bottle and pad out the tchillbag® with fresh water and ice cubes, et voila! You now have a portable ice bucket! Available online at [www.tchillbag.com.au](http://www.tchillbag.com.au) from just \$9.95.

## HUNTER SUCCESS

Hunter Valley Semillon dominated the winners circle at the 2009 Royal Sydney Wine Show, snaring all the dry white Semillon Golds awarded. The 18 Gold medals were shared between 11 Hunter wineries; the only Red Gold going to De Iullis Wines for their 2007 Reserve Shiraz. Tyrrell's Wines continued their success, taking out four Trophies including the Most Successful Exhibitor in the Premium Classes. Also, Wine Selectors Tasting Panel Chairman Karl Stockhausen was chuffed to know the Briar Ridge 2008 Karl Stockhausen Signature Semillon also scored a Gold medal!



## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Start looking out for Apera and Topaque, the new alternative names for Sherry and Tokay. The change follows the signing of the Australia-European Community Agreement on Trade in Wine late last year in which Australia agreed to stop using the terms Port, Sherry and Tokay in return for a number of concessions by the European Community. You should start to see bottles of Australian Apera for sale later this year. Tokay producers have a further 10 years before they are legally required to stop using the name Tokay, although producers are likely to introduce the new name much earlier.

## WELCOME KANGAROO

The Shoalhaven Coast wine region has recently welcomed its newest winery, Kangaroo Valley Estate. Its cellar door is located in Jing Jo Restaurant on Moss Vale Road and features award-winning 2006 Viognier, as well as Shiraz and Shiraz-Viognier and is the 19th official winery in the Shoalhaven Coast region. For more details on the Shoalhaven Coast wine region, and the upcoming Food + Wine Festival (June 6-8) visit [www.shoalhavencoast.com.au](http://www.shoalhavencoast.com.au)