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SIRROMET WINS SIXTH OVERSEAS GOLD MEDAL IN PAST TWO MONTHS

TUESDAY, MAY 17: Sirromet Wines of Queensland has secured its sixth gold medal in overseas competitions in the past two months with its latest success in the Concours Mondial de Bruxelles in Luxemburg.

Results were announced today, and Sirromet claimed gold for a 2008 Signature Collection Shiraz Viognier from fruit from its vineyards at Ballandean on the Granite Belt.

The competition attracted 7,386 entries which were sampled by 260 wine tasters from 40 nationalities in Luxemburg from May 6-8.

Australian wineries won 21 gold medals in the competition. Apart from Sirromet, the others included Jacob's Creek, Wolf Blass, and Taylors.

Sirromet's result in Luxemburg comes hard on the heels of winning five other gold medals in competitions in France, Portugal, and China.

"This is the best run we've ever had with gold medals," said Sirromet Chief Winemaker Adam Chapman. "Our results are great for Queensland because they show locally made wines are up to international standard. You don't get lucky six times!"

Sirromet's 2008 Signature Collection Shiraz Viognier (recommended retail price \$35) previously won a gold medal in this month's Wine China Exhibition Show in Beijing.

The wine is a blend of 97-percent Shiraz and three-percent Viognier and was produced and bottled at Sirromet's headquarters at Mount Cotton, near Brisbane. It is available from Sirromet's on-site cellar door and Restaurant Lurleen's, and online: www.sirromet.com

"The 2008 Vintage on the Granite Belt produced good fruit due to a cool, mild season, which resulted in a longer ripening period," said Chapman. "This wine has firm, but rounded tannins and was aged in French and American oak before bottling."

Sirromet's six gold medals in overseas competitions in the past two months were:

Challenge International du Vin (France):

Gold - Sirromet 2007 Private Collection St Jude's Cabernet Sauvignon (RRP \$300)

XIII Wine Masters Challenge (Portugal):

Gold - Sirromet 2009 Le Sauvage Chardonnay (\$55)

Wine China Exhibition Show (China):

Gold - Sirromet 2008 Signature Collection Shiraz Viognier (\$35)

Gold - Sirromet 2009 Signature Collection Chardonnay (\$35)

Gold - Sirromet 2009 Le Sauvage Cabernet Shiraz (\$55)

Concours Mondial de Bruxelles (Luxemburg):

Gold - Sirromet 2008 Signature Collection Shiraz Viognier (\$35)

Sirromet has now won 24 wine gold medals and a total of more than 460 medals and awards since opening in 2000. The winery is owned by Gold Coast businessman Terry Morris.

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