

# MEDIA RELEASE

## Judging of 1298 wines begins!

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The wine industry is gearing up for a week of intense judging for the 2007 Vintage Cellars National Wine Show of Australia.

James Halliday, Chairman of Judges will lead a team of 3 international judges, 9 Australian and 8 associate judges assessing 1298 wines entered from 208 wineries across Australia and New Zealand.

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### THE MEDIA IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE JUDGING:

**WHEN:** Monday 12 November to Wednesday 14 November from 9.00 am – 3 pm.  
or Thursday 15 November from 9.30 am – 11.00 am.

**WHERE:** Coorong Pavilion, Exhibition Park in Canberra,  
Flemington Road, Mitchell.

**Interviews with judges can be arranged.**

**NEIL ELLIS (South Africa)** – Neil made wines for the KWV, Groot Constantia and Zevenwacht before establishing his own winemaking enterprise in 1986.

**TIM ATKIN (United Kingdom)** – Tim has been the wine correspondent of *The Observer* for over a decade. He also writes for *Women and Home*, *Decanter* and *The World of Fine Wine*. He appears regularly on *BBC - One's Saturday Kitchen* and has presented the wine series, *'Grape Expectations'* on the Carlton Food Network.

**BRENT MARRIS (New Zealand)** – Brent is one of New Zealand's most respected winemakers and has been judging in NZ and overseas for the past 20 years.

**JAMES HALLIDAY** – Australia's foremost wine author with over 60 books published. Wine maker, judge and member of Academic International du Vin.

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