

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.

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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