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## Kono NZ Strikes Gold in Australia

Kono NZ, the top of the South leading Maori food and beverage producer, has steadily been growing a reputation for excellence, and now both of the company's wine brands have received significant international recognition. The company has been awarded four trophies and a haul of gold medals at the Sydney International Wine Competition, and the Australia Alternative Varieties Wine Show.

Tohu wines not only picked up gold medals, but was awarded two trophies for best in class at the Sydney International Wine Competition. Tohu Single Vineyard Marlborough Riesling 2014 won the Trophy for Best Aromatic Wine of the Competition, and Tohu Awatere Valley Pinot Gris 2015 was awarded the Trophy for Best Lighter Bodied Dry White Table Wine.

Aronui, the company's Nelson grown wines, were awarded a Gold medal for their Aronui Single Vineyard Pinot Gris 2015 at the Sydney competition, but it is their Aronui Single Vineyard Albarino 2014 that has clearly been the shining star across the Tasman. This wine was awarded a Blue-Gold at the Sydney competition, and then took out an outstanding two trophies and a gold medal at the Australia Alternative Varieties wine show. It now carries the honour of Trans Tasman Award for Best NZ Wine, and Jane Faulkner jointly awarded it the Chief of Judges Wine to Watch.

"The Aronui awards clearly cement Nelson's growing reputation as a producer of outstanding aromatic varieties. This comes on the back of our Aronui Pinot Gris 2014 being our most awarded wine ever last vintage. Both of these wines are a result of the commitment of the entire team, and we're really proud of what we have to offer." Bruce Taylor, Chief Winemaker, Kono NZ.

"Four trophies in one week is certainly a huge nod to our commitment to excellence in both our Nelson and Marlborough vineyards and in the winery where we are dedicated to sustainable best practice. Bruce Taylor and his team are clearly making some of New Zealand's best aromatic wines, and we are so pleased to see this being acknowledged" Mike Brown, GM Sales & Marketing, Kono NZ.

Dropbox link for the Kono winemaking team:

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Dropbox link for the Aronui Wines vineyard team:

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Dropbox link to Duchess of Cornwall sampling the Aronui Pinot Gris 2015:

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