

YOUNG GUN OF WINE 2007



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Judged by a panel of wine writers (Max Allen, Nick Stock, Philip Rich, Kate McIntyre), the award is based on a number of criteria, including what the young individual represents to the wine consumer, how they represent the wine industry, their vision, originality and leadership, and the quality of the wine they put in the glass. This is a great endorsement for First Drop, particularly when you see the list of the other finalists below:

Jim Chatto, Chatto
Paul Smith, Knappstein
Kerri Thompson, KT and the Falcon
Fran Austin, Bay of Fires
Cliff Royle, Voyager Estate
Matt Harrop, Shadowfax
Oliver Crawford, Penfolds
Darryl Catlin, Shaw and Smith
William Downie, William Downie
Nick Farr, Farr Rising
Joe Holyman, Stoney Rise
Kym Teusner, Teusner

Dan Standish and Jaysen Collins, Massena
Dominic and Krystina Morris, Ponalowie
Greg Follett, Lake Breeze
PJ Charteris, Brokenwood
Larry Cherubino, Larry Cherubino
Emily Loughton, Occam's Razor
Dan Buckle, Mount Langi Ghiran
Corrina Rayment, Oliver's Taranga
Troy Kalleske, Kalleske



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Troy Kalleske picked up the People's Choice Award that same night, and both winners were clearly very excited (see photo). Matt commented, 'Australia is going through a winemaking generational change, and when you read through the list of finalists you realise how much talent is around!' He added, 'I'm excited about the future of our wine industry. Things are coming full circle. We're getting back to what it's all about. People with passion making wines that they believe in.'

This inaugural 'Young Gun of Wine' Award was created by Rory Kent, and the night was a huge success. Rory, like Matt, is a man on a mission. Check out www.v-know.com