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Foley Wines Limited Announces Harvest Result and Top Decanter World Wine Award

2019 Harvest Result

Foley Wines Limited [NZX: FWL] CEO Mark Turnbull today announced that the company has completed its harvest for the 2019 vintage. The harvest totalled 6,812 tonnes across the Marlborough and Martinborough wineries, an overall increase of 16% on last year's harvest of 5,868 tonnes. The Mt Difficulty winery totalled 1,492 tonnes, an overall increase of 21% for the 2019 vintage compared with last year of 1,236 tonnes.

Mr Turnbull said "We are delighted with the harvest results in light of the difficult conditions at the start of the growing season. The combined total of 8,304 tonnes gives us a strong foundation to continue our growth strategy."

Foley Wines Group Chief Winemaker Alastair Maling MW said following initial assessment of the wines he is extremely excited about the quality from the 2019 vintage. "All three regions that Foley Wines sources fruit from – Martinborough, Marlborough and Central Otago – feature strongly and I feel confident the wines will continue to deliver a high standard across all varieties. Once the early season challenges in October (frosts in Martinborough) and a wet December which impacted on flowering in both Martinborough and Marlborough were overcome, we experienced perfect growing conditions. Hot and dry weather set up an ideal harvest that was even and well spread out enabling the winemakers to pick the fruit in optimum condition and flavour," he said.

Te Kairanga John Martin Pinot Noir named Best Wine in Show at the Decanter World Wine Awards

Te Kairanga John Martin Pinot Noir 2017 has been awarded the ultimate accolade at the Decanter World Wine Awards in London this week, being named Best in Show with 97 Points. The world's largest and most influential wine competition, the DWWA is trusted internationally as an unrivalled source of wine recommendations.

At the same competition Te Kairanga Runholder Pinot Noir 2017 was awarded Gold with 95 Points, which follows the 2015 vintage of the same wine being named Best New Zealand Pinot Noir at the 2017 competition.

"These results are another example of delivering on our purpose – making great wine that people love to drink around the world, and testament to the quality of Foley Wines portfolio in New Zealand," said Foley Wines CEO Mark Turnbull.

“Lion New Zealand is making enormous progress building our brands since being appointed as distributor to our wider portfolio last November, and accolades of this prestige and influence give even more momentum to our portfolio,” he said.

Earlier this month three wines in the Foley Wines portfolio were named on the Fine Wines of New Zealand list; a definitive list of New Zealand’s best wines and wineries, showcasing provenance, consistency, excellence in winemaking, and a demonstrated evolution of fine wine production.

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About Foley Wines

Foley Wines is a collection of iconic wineries and brands from New Zealand’s most acclaimed wine regions. Each with a unique story of New Zealand to tell, our wineries are linked by a common unrelenting purpose; to make great wine that people love to drink around the world – Made by Land & Hand.

Foley Wines is proud custodian of Martinborough Vineyard, Te Kairanga, Grove Mill, Vavasour, Mt Difficulty and Lighthouse Gin.