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Gemtree

## GEMTREE WINES POUR GREEN AND GOLD

The 6th International Organic Wine Award 2015 was the most successful since its establishment in 2009 and Gemtree Wines succeeded with a total of 6 awards including 2 Grand Gold, 3 Gold and 1 Silver.

Family owned and based in McLaren Vale, Gemtree Wines achieved organic certification in 2011 and is currently certified by Australian Certified Organic. Their 328 acres of premium vineyards are also farmed using biodynamic practices. The Gemtree sustainable cellar door is located in McLaren Flat and the family is dedicated to growing better wine ~ naturally.

A total of 220 wineries and distributors out of 20 countries with 923 organic wines took part in the 2015 awards which is a record attendance. Grand Gold wines are characterised as world-class wines, which can cause an unforgettable, defining and sensual experience. In the Gold category are international peak, first-class wines which belong to the most expressive of their kind. Whilst Silver rated wines are excellent wines from sensorially remarkable substance groups, which awaken experienced tasters' attention. Gemtree's award winning wines include:

### **Grand Gold (96 – 100 points):**

2013 Ernest Allan Shiraz (Cellar Door Exclusive)

2013 Bloodstone Shiraz

### **Gold (90-95 points):**

2013 Obsidian Shiraz

2013 Cinnabar GSM (Cellar Door Exclusive)

2014 Luna Roja Tempranillo

### **Silver (83-89 points)**

2012 The Phantom Red Blend Four

Gemtree's highest scoring wine with 98 points and equal second out of the entire list of 815 award winning wines, is their newest release 2013 Ernest Allan Shiraz. This wine also recently received 4.5 Stars at the Winestate Magazine 'Organic Wines Tasting' 2015 and is available exclusively at the Gemtree sustainable cellar door. Ernest Allan Rivers was the Grandfather of Andrew Buttery, Executive Director, and Sister Melissa Brown (nee Buttery), Biodynamic Viticulturist.

Ernest Allan was a market gardener, he understood the relationship between the earth and his plants so Gemtree tried to encapsulate his philosophy with this first release. According to Melissa's husband and Gemtree Wines' Chief Winemaker Mike Brown, "Ernest Allan Shiraz reflects the true character of our premium organic shiraz blocks and the sustainable, chemical free farming that Ernest also used to grow his produce so many years ago. This wine is literally Ernest - honest and true. The perfect accompaniment to winter warming lamb shanks".

Mike and Melissa's philosophy is simple, minimal intervention in the winemaking process and a more environmentally conscious farming system to produce wines which are powerful, concentrated, and express the true characteristics of each grape variety and the region. The Gemtree family see themselves as custodians of the land and their approach to sustainability is simply that it is the right thing to do. It is not just about winemaking but about setting new standards for sustainable, generational farming.

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