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Lillypilly 2008 Noble Blend pips its older brother for sweet-white trophy at Winewise Small Vignerons Awards

Lillypilly Estate's 2008 Noble Blend has been awarded a 56-point gold medal and the Trophy for Best Sweet White at the 2011 Winewise Small Vignerons Awards, which were judged in Canberra last week.

Only three gold medals were awarded in Class 35, with one of the other two going to the legendary Lillypilly Estate 2002 Noble Blend, which now boasts a show record of 24 trophies and 27 gold medals.

Winewise founder Lester Jesberg chaired the judging panel, which also comprised James Halliday, Nick O'Leary, Phil Trickett and Sarah Pidgeon.

"It's a show I'm always pleased to enter because it pits us on a level playing field against Australia's best boutique wineries," said Lillypilly Estate proprietor and chief winemaker Robert Fiumara.

"It's also pleasing for me to see the 2008 Noble Blend pipping its illustrious older brother by half a point.

"While it's obviously much too early to predict whether it will lead a similar show career, it is a very positive sign about the wine's quality."

Earlier this year both wines made the coveted Top 100 listing at the Sydney International Wine Competition.

The Lillypilly Estate 2008 Noble Blend retails for \$23.50 (375ml). The Lillypilly Estate 2002 Family Reserve Noble Blend is available in limited quantities through cellar (\$39.50 for 375ml). Both wines can be purchased from Lillypilly Estate's website (www.lillypilly.com).

For further information please call Robert Fiumara on 02 6953 4069 or visit www.lillypilly.com. High resolution images can be downloaded from that site and from WineMedia's website (www.winemedia.com.au).

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