

Redoak Brewery wins the coveted 'Grand Champion Trophy

Redoak has won the prestigious Grand Champion Trophy at the Australian International Beer Awards, held in Melbourne on 11th May 2006.

Sydney, May 15th 2006: Australia's leading boutique brewery has won the prestigious grand champion award for Grand Champion Beer and has also been the most awarded brewery against the strongest local and international competition in the awards 17 year history.

Grand Champion Beer

Redoak's Special Reserve has been judged the highest scoring beer against a record number of 974 beers from 31 countries. This is the first time in seven years that the award has been taken out by an Australian brewery.

Redoak's AIBA 2006 Results

For the third year running, Redoak has been the most awarded brewery winning over 50 awards this year. In summary, our results were:

- **Grand Champion Beer** - *Special Reserve*
- **Champion Specialty Beer** - *Special Reserve*
- **Best in Class** - *Special Reserve, Blackberry Hefeweizen and Brown Porter*
- **Gold Medal** - *Special Reserve and Indian Pale Ale*
- **Silver Medal** - *19 different Redoak beers received silver medals including Special Strong Ale, Irish Red Ale, Framboise Froment and wee Heavy Ale.*
- **Bronze Medal** - *19 different Redoak beers received bronze medals including Czech Pilsener, Imperial Stout and Organic Pale Ale.*

The annual 2006 Australian International Beer Awards held in Melbourne on 11th May is the second largest international professional beer competition in the world with 974 entries from 130 breweries in 31 countries. The awards are conducted by the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RAS) in conjunction with The University of Ballarat. It is an international stage for breweries to showcase the quality, craftsmanship, flavour and diversity of beers. The fact that it is held in Australia also demonstrates the excitement and passion for beer among Australian brewers and beer drinkers alike. For more details, see <http://www.beerawards.com/index.asp>.

World Beer Cup 2006

This success in Melbourne comes shortly after Redoak's recent success at the World Beer Cup 2006 held on 14th April 2006 in Seattle, USA. Redoak won 2 Gold medals and a Bronze medal - taking Australia's tally of Gold medals to six in the history of the World Beer Cup. The Gold medals were won for Redoak's Honey Ale and Rauch Bier & Bronze for Baltic Porter.

The Award Winning Beer - Redoak Special Reserve!

Grand Champion Beer – AIBA 2006
Champion Specialty Beer – AIBA 2006
Best in Class & Gold Medal – AIBA 2006

The Redoak Special Reserve is a barley wine specialty beer. A barley wine beer is a dark English style ale which is almost fortified like a wine, hence the term 'barley wine'. However, it is still a beer because it is made from grains, not grapes.

What distinguishes Redoak's Special Reserve is that it has gone through three fermentations and is matured on various types of oak for over 2 years which adds a unique dimension and complexity to the beer.

Being such a specialty beer, it is served at Redoak's boutique beer café as part of our Redoak Special Reserve Dinner where it can be explained, appreciated and enjoyed to the fullest at the end of a 3 course 'beergustation' menu.

Brewer's tasting notes - It has a lovely aroma of alcohol with hints of vanilla. There is a sweet light maltiness on the palate which dominates the palate initially then dissipates as the flavour of vanilla comes forth and then explodes leaving an 'exotic liqueur-like' finish. The beer is served in a custom-made crystal goblet to enhance the oak aromas, release the alcohol and develop the full flavours.

Redoak also won Best in Class medals for:

- *Redoak Blackberry Hefeweizen* - is a German style wheat beer (light and cloudy with banana and clove aromas) and has been uniquely blended with fresh blackberries handpicked exclusively at Redoak's family farm in Victoria's Yarra Valley Region. The beer is allowed to condition and mature on the finest fruit to infuse the flavours and aroma. The distinctive tartness of blackberries is balanced by the malty sweetness of Redoak's Hefeweizen.
- *Redoak's Brown Porter* - a lighter style English porter which has a rich dark brown colour with a tint of red. The lovely burnt malt and currant flavour are balanced by the moderate malt sweetness and finishes with a light bitterness. 4.9%

Commenting on Redoak's achievement, David Hollyoak says, "This was beyond our wildest dreams! We are very excited that our Special Reserve has won these accolades as we thought it was pretty special from the outset, hence it's name. We are very passionate about all of our beers and hope all Australians have an opportunity to taste our beers and experience our passion too."

Redoak Background

Redoak Brewery was established in 2004 and is wholly Australian owned, developed and operated by sibling founders Janet and David Hollyoak. Its hand-crafted, fresh and locally brewed beers are proving popular with beer lovers and visitors alike. David developed his passion for brewing beer at the age of 14 when he created a ginger beer. Over the years he has developed his own unique methods of brewing specialty beers and by using some more traditional methods, has created an extensive range of boutique beers available today.

All of Redoak's beers are created using only the highest quality ingredients, contain no additives, preservatives or added sugars. Redoak beers are not pasteurised and are served fresh. Redoak brews over 40 premium beers across many different beer styles with an extensive range of specialty beers.

Redoak also sets the standard for beer and food matching

In addition to brewing beer, Janet and David also want people to experience the pleasure of matching food with beer at the Redoak Boutique Beer Café. With this in mind, they have developed with Executive Chef Richard Park, an exquisite menu of dishes which showcase Redoak's beer. Richard uses beer in his cooking to enhance the flavours of some dishes. Redoak has also been the first in Australia to launch a range of beer ice-creams and sorbets.

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To find out more about Redoak, visit the Redoak Boutique Beer Café situated at 201 Clarence Street, Sydney, call Janet Hollyoak on 02 9262 3303 or email her on info@redoak.com.au.