



## Winemaker of the Year, 2008

On Thursday evening, 29<sup>th</sup> of May, Andrew was presented one of the most prestigious wine industry awards, Hunter Valley Winemaker of the Year 2008 at the annual Legends Dinner held at the historic Wyndham Estate. Andrew was judged by his peers on his pursuit of excellence in winemaking and his contribution and dedication not only to his own wine company, but also to the Hunter Valley wine industry.

Andrew has been producing wines in the Hunter for more than 20 years and since 1997 he has been dedicated to making wines under his own label from the two great varieties of this region, Semillon and Shiraz. Thomas flagship wines, Braemore Semillon and Kiss Shiraz, head an outstanding line up of Individual Vineyard and regional wines. All of which have won a swag of medals and trophies and sell out well before the next vintage is released.

The wines we produce come from some of the Hunter's most distinguished vineyard sites. In fact, Ken Bray owner and viticulturalist of the famous Braemore Vineyard, has also received one of the Hunter's most highly regarded awards, Hunter Valley Viticulturalist of the Year, 2008. An award which is also judged by his peers for his contribution to the Hunter Valley wine industry and for consistently producing excellent quality fruit to producers like Thomas Wines.

Hunter Valley Winemaker of the Year is a remarkable achievement for a small producer and it is Andrew's continued attention to detail, his dedication of making exceptional Hunter Semillon and Shiraz, and his hands on approach to every aspect of his winemaking that has earned him this prestigious award, enviable show success and a reputation as one of the Hunter Valley's leading Winemakers.

"Winemaker Andrew Thomas is an emerging superstar of the Hunter, producing peerless Semillon and classy Shiraz."

– Qantas, December 2007, Peter Forrestal.

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