

# Wineries awarded for commitment to environment

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HENSCHKE CELLARS, TAYLORS Wines and Cape Jaffa Wines have been honoured for their commitment to environmental excellence and leadership at an awards ceremony in Adelaide.

More than 100 people gathered at the National Wine Centre on Friday 21 September for the inaugural Environmental Excellence Awards, held by the South Australian Wine Industry Association. This year's theme centered on Land and Biodiversity and sought to recognise the achievements and innovations of SAWIA members in good environmental practice, leadership and inspiration.

The winner in the large business category was Taylors Wines; other finalists in this category were Orlando Wines and Treasury Wine Estates.

The finalists in the small to medium category were Cape Jaffa Wines, Wirra Wirra Vineyards and Henschke Cellars.

Prue Henschke accepted the award on behalf of Henschke Cellars, which was judged as the winner for their innovative and holistic approach on vineyard floor management and native flora establishment to increase biodiversity.

The judges also awarded Cape Jaffa Wines a Certificate of Merit for biodiversity enhancement of native flora and fauna in their locality.

The SAWIA Environmental Excellence Awards for 2013 will have a theme topic of either water/waste, or carbon/energy. **CW**



Anne McLennan from Cleggett Wines and Scott Measday from Host Plus.



Mark Shaw from Ballast Stone Estate Wines and Stuart McNab from Treasury Wine Estates.



Vic Patrick from Wine Grape Growers Australia, Christy Schulz from Turkey Flat Vineyards, Kirsty Balnaves from Balnaves Coonawarra and Will Taylor from Finlaysons.



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