

Office of the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island**MEDIA RELEASE****Kangaroo Island Food, Wine and Tourism Awards Announced****17 June 2017**

Kangaroo Island's outstanding products and experiences were showcased last night at the annual Food, Wine and Tourism Awards at Dudley Cellar Door. Guests enjoyed an exquisite menu prepared by Chef Marion Trethewey of St Austell Farm featuring authentic local produce, which was accompanied by a wide range of local beer, wine, and spirits.

The Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries and the Minister for Tourism, The Hon. Leon Bignell MP was the key speaker on the night. "Kangaroo Island offers some of Australia's best culinary tourism experiences, and these Awards recognise and celebrate everyone who works in the food, beverage and tourism sectors on Kangaroo Island," Minister Bignell said.

Kangaroo Island Food, Wine and Tourism Winners**Kangaroo Island Dining**

Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge - American River

Farm Gate Experience

Emu Ridge Eucalyptus - MacGillivray

Cellar Door Experience

Dudley Wines Cellar Door - Penneshaw

Unique Food & Beverage Experience

Hannaford & Sachs - Snellings Beach

Business Development

Dudley Wines Cellar Door - Penneshaw

Kangaroo Island Distillery - Cygnet River

Nature-Based Tourism Experience

Kangaroo Island Ocean Safari - Penneshaw

Best Value-Added Product

American River Snaptop Oysters - Kangaroo Island Shellfish

KI Outstanding Contribution by an Individual

Pierre Gregor

William August Boettcher (Augie)

Kangaroo Island Wine of the Year

Kangaroo Island Trading Co. - 2015 Shiraz



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The Awards were jointly hosted this year by the Kangaroo Island Food and Wine Association (KIFWA) and Tourism Kangaroo Island (TKI). In a joint statement, KIFWA Chairman, Tony Nolan, and TKI Chairman, Pierre Gregor, said “After the tremendous success of the relaunch of the Kangaroo Island Food and Wine Awards last year, it is with great satisfaction we have now included specific tourism awards, recognising how closely related these two sectors are, in the minds of our consumers and also business on Kangaroo Island.”

The winners were chosen from a number of finalists who all demonstrated a commitment to providing high standard of food, beverage and tourism products and experiences on KI. The Commissioner for Kangaroo Island, Wendy Campana who jointly judged the award for ‘Business Development’ stated “the bar has been set extremely high this year with businesses, across each of the categories, living up to KI’s reputation for providing premium and authentic culinary and tourism experiences.

“Kangaroo Island’s visitation continues to grow and these awards celebrate the diverse and authentic offerings that KI businesses provide, which continue to attract visitors from across the world,” Wendy Campana said.

For more information on the Food, Wine and Tourism Awards visit www.eatdrinkki.com.au.

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