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## Blackenbrook Vineyard joins NZ team to take on the Aussies and South Africans to find Best of the Best

Blackenbrook family vineyard in Tasman has been invited to enter two of its wines in the annual Tri Nations Wine Challenge which pits the best of New Zealand wines against their Australian and South African counterparts.

It's the second year Blackenbrook has been invited to submit wine for the exclusive event. Last year their Blackenbrook Sauvignon Blanc 2007 won Best New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc and was Second in Class behind an Australian Sauvignon Blanc.

This year, Blackenbrook has been invited to enter its Pinot Gris 2008 and its Montepulciano 2007, but co-owner Ursula Schwarzenbach says because they are down to the last cases of the Montepulciano, they will only enter their Pinot Gris.

Bob Campbell (MW) is the New Zealand judge for the challenge and he selects up to 7 wines to represent New Zealand in each of the 13 categories. His fellow judges, Australian Huon Hooke and South African Michael Fridjhon each do the same for their countries.

“We're thrilled to be invited again. Bob Campbell has put together the strongest possible representation for our country and it is humbling to see our wine included. Being part of such an exclusive, invitation-only competition is a great honour for a small hands-on family vineyard like ours,” says Ursula.

The Tri-Nations competition will be held in Sydney in September.

Blackenbrook will not be able to attend the competition awards event as it clashes with two international wine competitions in Europe Daniel Schwarzenbach has been asked to judge at.

Blackenbrook is a family vineyard located in Tasman, Nelson. Their 20 hectare block produces 7 wine varietals, many of which have won awards. The vineyard and gravity-fed winery are run as sustainably as possible.

Blackenbrook were the first commercial growers of the Italian Montepulciano grape in Nelson.

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