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Sparkling Tasmania's Jansz Premium Cuvée Vintage 1999 receives 'Australia Day Wine of the Year' honour

Rewarding their commitment to producing the best Sparkling Wine in Australia, Jansz Tasmania has been honoured by the National Australia Day Council with Jansz Premium Cuvée Vintage 1999 receiving the Perpetual Trophy for the 'Australia Day Wine of the Year'.

To qualify for the honour, Jansz Premium Cuvée Vintage 1999 was also recognised as 'Best Australian Sparkling Wine, Apertif Style' from a class of 71 Sparkling Wines at the 2004 Sydney International Wine Competition. It received the competition's Blue-Gold medal for wines judged beside complementary food and was placed in the elite 'TOP 100 Wines of 2004'.

Hailing from the Pipers River region now known as 'Sparkling Tasmania' the Jansz vineyard provides the ultimate conditions for producing super premium cool-climate Sparkling Wine. In fact, the area boasts a climate so close to that of Champagne and Burgundy, it has captured the interest of many world-renowned French Champagne houses.

Jansz was Tasmania's first premium Sparkling Wine to be made in the traditional méthode champenoise style and remains one of the few specialist winemakers devoted solely to the art in Tasmania.

In describing the Jansz Premium Cuvée Vintage 1999, winemaker Natalie Fryar said, *"The 1999 vintage produced intense fruit flavours in both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir with ideal sparkling characteristics. This has led to a finely balanced wine with terrific natural acidity giving freshness and a crisp finish."*

Jansz Premium Cuvée Vintage 1999 has a delicate but lifted nose with Chardonnay fruit dominant. Aromas of honey, honeysuckle, roasted cashew and citrus lead to creamy notes arising from four years on lees. The wine has an elegant but rich palate with Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier providing mid palate sweetness and strawberry flavours. Yeast age contributes to wonderful palate texture and flavours of shortbread with a touch of creaminess which will grow with 12 months ageing.

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