

Mount Avoca most successful exhibitor after scooping awards at wine show

By Jason Shields

MOUNT Avoca was the toast of the Heritage Australia Wine Show in New South Wales, winning the most successful exhibitor award.

Mount Avoca received the most successful wine for its Sparkling Shiraz.

It also collected silver for its 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon, which has now received 90 awards, bronze for its 2001 Chardonnay, bronze for its 2003 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc, bronze for its 2001 Shiraz and bronze for its 2000 Merlot.

To add to this, Winestate recently rated Mount Avoca's 2001 as 4½ stars, its 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon as four

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stars and the 2000 Merlot four stars.

“On the winemaking side, since the takeover in 2003, the winemakers have been able to focus on one thing — wine quality,” Mount Avoca owner Matthew Barry said.

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“It allows our wines to develop the way I intended.”

According to Mr Barry, ProCork enables natural cork to be used in wine without any of the problems that can occur with cork or synthetic closures including screw-cap.

“Consistency in my wines is the primary objective,” Mr Barry said.

“Knowing that my wines will taste the way I've intended even years after they leave the cellar door is a great feeling.”

Located in the Pyrenees, Mount Avoca was founded in 1970 by John Barry. After selling the winery to Barrington Estates in 2001, Matthew Barry bought it and returned it to the family's hands in 2003.