



## 201 Wines

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## 201 wins award in inaugural vintage

201 Wines has recently celebrated its first vintage with an award at the prestigious Macquarie Group Sydney Royal Wine Show.

After sampling more than 2,300 wines from almost 400 exhibitors, the expert panel of judges awarded 201's 2009 Semillon a bronze medal in the "Named Vineyard - Dry white wine other than Chardonnay" class.

"We're absolutely stoked", said co-owner Geoff Schippers. "Whilst we were always happy with the outcome of our first vintage, you sometimes wonder whether you're looking at it through rose-coloured glasses. Every parent loves their own baby regardless, and you could say this vineyard is our baby. But to have such an esteemed group of judges say your wine's worthy of a bronze medal at an event like this, well, that's something else. That's thanks in no small part to our winemaker Scott Stephens and vineyard manager Graham Doran."

But it's far from the end of the road; in fact, it's more like the beginning. "We've already sampled the 2010 Semillon and, in my opinion, it's better than the 2009. We've also recently bottled our 2009 Chambourcin to compliment the Sparkling Chambourcin we released in December 2009, so we've now got a full range to offer."

"I'm also particularly excited about our Durif, which we finally harvested in 2010 for the first time. Initial indications are that it will make a very good wine with plenty of character."

Established in 2006, 201 is a boutique vineyard located in the Lovedale region of the Hunter Valley. It offers a select range of premium wines via its website, [www.201.com.au](http://www.201.com.au), and select retail outlets. Refer to the website for stockist details.

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