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**Swift Sparkling soars into new Hall of Honour
*In Australia's first report dedicated to sparkling wine***

Swift Sparkling has been recognised as the highest-ranking brand producing sparkling in the state, and inducted into the prestigious new *Hall of Honour*, in Australia's first report dedicated to sparkling wine.

The brain child of acclaimed sparkling wine reviewer and writer, Tyson Stelzer, *The Australian Sparkling Report 2016* has now been released.

It establishes a new benchmark as Australia's first comprehensive report, exclusively dedicated to sparkling wines of every style including méthode traditionnelle, charmat method, transfer method, blanc de blancs, rosés, proseccos, moscatos and sparkling reds.

Tyson Stelzer said: "The calibre of Aussie sparkling wine is higher than I've ever seen before, so much so, that my tastings this year inspired me to share the best sparkling wines from across the country."

With a focus on the finest sparkling wine producers this year, wines from 310 Australian sparkling growers were tasted.

Tyson's *Hall of Honour* acknowledges only the top 20 per cent from across the country, awarding stars to each of the wines from two stars up to seven stars. Stelzer emphasizes that even his two star rating is a strong endorsement, ahead of 80 per cent of sparkling producers in Australia.

Owner of Swift Sparkling, Edward Swift commented: "We're thrilled to be placed in the *Hall of Honour* for our Swift Vintage Brut from 2011, especially by Tyson who is Australia's foremost sparkling reviewer.

"We're confident world-class sparkling can be produced in Orange and are passionate about continuing to set a benchmark for both quality and style."

The Swift Vintage Brut 2011 is also reviewed by Stelzer as one of the best sparkling wines of the year, in his over \$50 category, hailing it as one of the most elegant wines to emerge from the heights of Orange.

And with the quality of Australian sparkling wine significantly increasing, it's now recognised the best sparkling wines come from the country's coolest viticultural areas like the Orange region.



Swift added: “There has been surprisingly little sparkling wine made within the Orange region. However, we believe there is significant potential.”

To find out more about Swift Sparkling visit www.swiftsparkling.com.au or visit the cellar door at 489 Yuranigh Road, Molong.

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About Swift Sparkling

Swift is a sparkling only brand located in the cool climate of Orange. It was launched in 2010 and each year Swift has produced three traditional method sparkling wines, a non-vintage cuvee, a vintage wine and a blanc de blancs which is due for release later this next year.

Family owned and run, brothers Edward and Dave Swift manage the operations and Drew Tuckwell is in charge of the world-class winemaking.