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Shoalhaven Coast Welcomes Newest Winery to the region 'Kangaroo Valley Estate'

1 March 2009 – The Shoalhaven Coast wine region welcomed the newest winery to the region 'Kangaroo Valley Estate', the 19th winery in the region.

Commenting on the launch Rajarshi Ray, President of the Shoalhaven Coast Wine Association said "The Shoalhaven Coast wine region is less than two hours from Sydney and a hidden Australian gem. With 18 wineries, vineyards and cellar doors boasting over 1000 medals and trophies between them, we were delighted to be able to welcome Kangaroo Valley Estate to the region'.

"Increasing numbers of Sydney and Canberra based wine lovers and tourists are making the Shoalhaven Coast a must stop on their wine trail" citing the 50% increase in Wine Festival visitors in 2008. "This was in addition to the 50% growth the region has experienced year on year since 2004" he added.

"As a Member of the Association, Kangaroo Valley Estate has developed an award-winning 2006 Viognier, as well as Shiraz and Shiraz-Viognier, all available from its cellar door", he continued.

Gerard Volk, co-owner of Kangaroo Valley Estate said "We were thrilled with our opening day, and the support that we received from both the local community and visitors from Sydney and Canberra. People are starting to realise that wines from the Shoalhaven are great and we were delighted to be able to open our cellar door in time for summer and showcase our wines"

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About Shoalhaven Coast Wine Region

The Shoalhaven Coast is Australia's 95th declared wine region, although it is also one of the oldest grape growing regions tracing its history to the early 1800's. Now comprising over 20 grape growers and 19 accompany wineries and cellar doors, it is one of the fastest growing and awarded wine regions having gathered more than 1,000 medals and trophies. For more information about Shoalhaven Coast Wine Region, visit the worldwide web site at <http://www.shoalhavencoast.com.au>

About Kangaroo Valley Estate

Kangaroo Valley Estate Cellar Door is open Sat-Sun 11.00 – 4.00PM and is located in Jing Jo Restaurant at 2038-2040 Moss Vale Road, Kangaroo Valley next to the historic Hampden Bridge.

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