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The fourth annual Hunter Valley Legends and Wine Industry Awards (HVLWIA) took place on Thursday, giving recognition to the region's winemakers and industry individuals.

HVLWIA chairman Iain Riggs said he was proud to honour a talented group of people representing the region and paving the way for its future.

"This year we have put emphasis on winners not only excelling in each individual field, but for their tireless work promoting the Hunter Valley wine region, and their efforts to continue the legacy of the Hunter Valley legends & pioneers," he said.

Award winners include: Brokenwood Wines winemaker PJ Charteris – Wine Selectors Hunter Valley Winemaker of the Year; Wandin Valley Estate winemaker Matt Burton – Commonwealth Bank Hunter Valley Rising Star of the Year; Brett Keeping from Two Rivers – Hunter Valley Viticulturist of the Year; Brokenwood Wines – Clear Image Hunter Valley Cellar Door of the Year; Christopher Barnes – 2010 Hunter Valley Living Legend; and Drayton's Family Wines 'Old Cellar' and Audrey Wilkinson Vineyards 'Old Vats' – 2010 Heritage Award.

The event is supported by the New South Wales Government through Industry and Investment NSW.