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Hunter Valley Wine Industry awards its 'Cream of the Crop'

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PJ Charteris Winemaker of the year

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WINE SELECTORS HUNTER VALLEY WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR: PJ Charteris, Winemaker, Brokenwood Wines Finalists: PJ Charteris, Brokenwood Wines; Neil McGuigan, Australian Vintage Limited; Mark Richardson, Tyrrell's Wines

This award recognises an outstanding Hunter Valley winemaker, who is a leader in their profession. It's awarded for achievements over the span of a person's career and is judged upon a number of factors including experience, qualifications, wine-making techniques, experimentation or individual style resulting in unique wine styles produced, wine assessing skills, other awards or reviews gained from respected media or associations, and ambassadorial work for the winery and the region.

PJ Charteris of Brokenwood Wines has been described by noted wine reviewer Nick Ryan as "the rarest of treasures, a winemaker born not made. He just gets it." This award recognises and celebrates the outstanding unique wine styles produced by PJ who has had over 26 years experience in winemaking & has held many wine judging positions, including Chairman of the Barossa Show and Panel Chair in at least four other major wine shows.

Amongst his accolades are many Gold Medals and Silvers for wines in the 2009, 2010 Sydney, 2009 Adelaide, and 2009 Hunter Wine Shows. PJ has also produced the NSW Wine of the Year, and Penguin Wine of the Year for 2001. He has been a Wine Technical Committee member for the Hunter Valley Wine Industry Association for the last 2 years. This Award is a great honour that's well deserved for an immense body of work to date.