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Kangaroo Island Food & Wine Experience Awards: Judging almost over, time to celebrate!

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The Kangaroo Island Food & wine Experience Awards are nearly finished for 2009, with judging closing next Tuesday 30th June.

Saturday 8th August will see the inaugural celebration and announcement of winners at a presentation dinner at the Aurora Ozone Hotel. The categories which will be awarded are; Best Kangaroo Island Menu, Best Kangaroo Island Wine List, Best Customer Service, Ultimate Dining Experience, Ultimate Kangaroo Island Producers Food or Wine Experience and Kangaroo Island Producers Ambassador Award.

John Riddell from seven network will be the master of ceremonies for the evening, local artist Scott Ellson will provide the entertainment and Nathan Johnson, Executive Sous Chef at Hilton Adelaide will be the guest speaker for the night. The dinner will consist of 4 courses of Kangaroo Island produce, each course matched with local wines. "It will be a fantastic evening for both the local food and hospitality sectors that have showcased the best of what their business has to offer, as well as sponsors, local industry and residents". Penny said

Tickets are \$90 per person and bookings can be made to the Kangaroo Island Development Board on 8553 3211.

The judging for these awards has taken place over the last three months, with the hospitality section being assessed through discreet visits from independent judges. Additionally, the producers are being assessed by DL flyers which visitors have filled out. "The producers have had over 350 DL entries so far and there is still a week to go". Penny said. "The response has exceeded our expectations". The winners will be revealed at the presentation dinner on 8th August...

The concept of the Kangaroo Island Food and Wine Experience Awards has been embraced by local businesses and supporting agencies such as the Food and Beverage development Fund, SA Food Centre, Tourism Kangaroo Island, Sealink and The Islander. "This is the first year we have run the awards, but we look forward to growing and continuing the event in subsequent years".

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