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## Banking on bubbles sees boutique winery take home gold

Boutique winery and brewer Rebello, in Victoria, has taken out gold, and best sparkling in show, for its strawberry and moscato sparkling wine 'Strawbellini' at the Australian Fruit Wine Show.

More than 200 wines from around the country are entered into the awards held in Hobart each year.

Made from fresh Sunny Ridge Strawberries from the Mornington Peninsula, it is the only strawberry and moscato sparkling blend sold in Australia and was only one of two gold medals awarded at this year's show.

Head wine judge Dr David Thomas says it is an 'outstanding' wine.

"The wine is a little sweet which lifts the perfumed characteristics of both strawberry and grape, giving a luscious and well-balanced experience on both aroma and taste."

It's not the first time Strawbellini has been centre stage – it is also the only Australian sparkling to be awarded a double gold medal at the San Francisco International Wine Competition along with international brands France's Veuve and Sonoma Coast's Piper.

Ruth and Matt Gallace, who are third generation of the Sunny Ridge farm, and senior winemaker and brewer Wayne Hewett, are behind the bubbling creation.

Some 20 months ago the entrepreneurial trio also went on to create a range of 100% real fruit blended ciders, Cheeky Rascal Cider, and this year launched a range of new varietals including Passionfruit Pink Lady – which took out silver at the show.

The team is now looking at extending its range with other limited edition varietals.

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### **About Rebello Wines**

Rebello Wines was started by Matt and Ruth Gallace, who wanted to create a premium product, which would completely revolutionise fruit wines, liqueurs and ciders in this country.

Utilising the fresh, local fruit grown on the land his grandfather purchased more than three decades ago, (Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm on the Mornington Peninsula) the pair use traditional Italian agriculture and winemaking techniques handed down over generations, with their own cheeky, innovative blending processes.

Eight years on, Rebello is now a renowned winery in its own right, leading the way in creating quality fruit blends to meet an increasingly discerning consumer palate, with a string of accolades.

As its reputation builds, so does its products – and the latest member of the Rebello family is its 'Cheeky Rascal Cider' – the country's first apple and pear cider to be blended with wine made entirely from real, fresh, local strawberries, raspberries and blueberries.

Despite in its infancy, the product range already has a string of awards and is available in every State in Australia – and as with all of its products, is made without the use of concentrates, flavours or additives.

Its spicebag product rounds out the Cheeky Rascal family, a limited edition winter product, and the first of its kind on the market, combining carefully selected spices of cinnamon, star anise, orange, clove, nutmeg, vanilla and all spice berry with its 100% real fruit apple or pear cider to create a mulled cider which bursts with spice and flavour.

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