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TOP CHARDONNAY

It was the perfect way to celebrate the end of winter – a degustation meal, complemented by a selection of interesting New Zealand and international wines.

The Nelson Winegrowers Annual Dinner was held early in September, at the renowned Jellyfish Restaurant in Mapua, with the meal prepared by Chef Mark Mehalski.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the winner of the Colin Harrison Memorial Trophy awarded annually to the wine judged to be Nelson's top Chardonnay.

Colin Harrison was a big supporter of Nelson wine in the early days. He founded the Taste Nelson Food and Wine Festival, which he organised and ran until his passing away in the year 2001. The memorial trophy was created that year.

The trophy was awarded to Brightwater Vineyards 2012 Lord Rutherford Barrique Chardonnay.

Valley Neale on accepting the trophy said that Nelson Chardonnays have come a long way in the last 10 years. Many Nelson wineries are now producing great Chardonnays and that Brightwater Vineyards were very proud to be among them. The winning wine was matched with prawn and scallop tortellini with fennel puree, caviar and chive oil. ■



The Brightwater Vineyard team with the Colin Harrison memorial trophy.



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