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## BEST RESTAURANT IN A WINERY– “THE KITCHEN DOOR” PENNY’S HILL & MR RIGGS CELLARS, McLAREN VALE SA

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At last night’s Annual Awards for Excellence for Restaurant & Catering SA, “The Kitchen Door” at Penny’s Hill & Mr Riggs Cellars at McLaren Vale was named South Australia’s Best Restaurant in a Winery.

On hand to receive the award, which qualifies “The Kitchen Door” for a tilt at the National Award later in the year (the restaurant won in 2007), Head Chef, Ben Sommariva praised his team and reinforced that South Australia leads the way in evolving a food culture which reflects not only regionality, but embodies creativity, freshness and seasonal tastes.

Sommariva noted that every menu change is deliberately tested by staff and matched with appropriate wines from the quality Penny’s Hill estate range and winemaker, Ben Riggs’ well known Mr Riggs range. Our five course tasting offer is extremely popular although a traditional a la carte menu option may be taken.

Restaurant Manager, Josh Picken appointed to “The Kitchen Door” earlier this year, was thrilled with the win. Picken whose experience includes Star of Greece and Penfold’s Magill Estate eateries, loves the setting and atmosphere in which his team works. “It is inspiring to work with people who love their food and wines, who love customers and who appreciate the rustic environment in which we get to work and interact with a growing band of loyal customers. It’s about passion and constant discovery and we can’t get enough.”

Functions Manager at “The Kitchen Door”, Michelle Coleman, also attended the presentations and believes that recognition of restaurant and catering excellence is becoming an increasingly important factor in the selection of restaurants by visitors seeking a heightened food/wine encounter. She believes, like Sommariva, that SA is an undisputed food/wine leader, amply supported by the recent MasterChef results, and despite tough times, hospitality in this state is very much on the rise.

“The Kitchen Door” is open for lunch 7 days a week.

To book the Penny’s Hill dining experience, phone: 08 8556 4000

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