

# MORNINGTON PENINSULA STARS AT STATE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Mixing it with the best at the 2008 Victorian Awards for Excellence (run by Restaurant and Catering Victoria) were some of the finest Mornington Peninsula restaurants. Following their success in July, winners and finalists in the Mornington Peninsula Regional Awards for Excellence competed against other dining experiences across Victoria for a chance to win a State Award in a number of Categories. Mornington Peninsula Gourmet is delighted to announce that 12 of our local restaurants were represented in seven of the 24 restaurant categories, with several categories' having majority of Mornington Peninsula representation! And three taking out the prestigious Victorian Award for their category. They include:

**Salix Restaurant (Bernard and Rachael McCarthy) – Restaurant in a Winery WINNER**

**Red Hill Brewery (David and Karen Golding) – Café Restaurant, Regional WINNER**

**Bamboo (Barry Iddles) – Informal Dining, Regional WINNER**

The other Mornington Peninsula venues represented as finalists were:

**Café Restaurant** - Merricks General Store

**European Restaurant** - Peridot Lake Estate

**Informal Dining** - The Rocks Mornington and The Boyz 4 Breakie

**Modern Australian** - The Long Table

**New Restaurant** - Vines of Red Hill

**Restaurant in a Winery** - Montalto and Ten Minutes By Tractor

**Fine Dining** - La Petanque



Picture: LHS Bernard and Rachel McCarthy (Salix),  
RHS Karen Golding (Red Hill Brewery)