

Depth of talent in local wine results

■ Rhys Dickinson

A little-known local winery upstaged a number of big name estates to dominate the Margaret River Wine Show last week.

Cloudburst Wine took out the show's Best Single Vineyard Estate Red Wine, Best Red Wine of the show and Best Cabernet Sauvignon.

MRWA president Nigel Gallop said the Caves Road winery's triumph was representative of Margaret River's winemaking depth.

"They're a very small producer ... but they produced an outstanding wine that won three trophies," he said.

"It's quite an outstanding result given it was up against some serious competition.

"To have such a small winery make wines that are world class is incredible."

Xanadu Wines backed up its recent Champion Wine of Show, Champion Winemaker, Best Dry Red and the Best Cabernet Sauvignon trophies at the National Wine Show of Australia by winning the Most Successful Exhibitor honour at the local wine showcase.

The Hoodjidup Road winery also took out the Best Single Vineyard White Wine trophy with its 2011 Stevens Road chardonnay and the Best Blend



Xanadu Wines' winemaker Glenn Goodall was pleased with the results from the Margaret River Wine Show. Picture: Becky Felstead

of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc trophy with its 2013 DJL sauvignon blanc semillon.

Evans and Tate Wines followed on from its Qantas Wine Show of WA success by scooping the Best White Wine of the Show and Best Chardonnay trophies with its 2011 Redbrook Chardonnay.

Other trophy winners included Heydon Estate, Cow Bombie Wines, Clairault Wines and Deep Woods Estate.

Mr Gallop said the

international-standard judging panel, headed by Melbourne's Philip Rich, was beyond impressed with the quality of the wines exhibited.

"Every year the wines seems to be a bit better than the year before," he said.

"Margaret River's cabernet and chardonnay, in particular, is world class. That's the feedback we got from all the judges."

For a full list of 2013 trophy winners visit www.margaretriverwine.org.au.