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Bali, September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. – It's all double gold, gold, silver and bronze for Hatten Wines at the CWSA 2015 wine competition in Hong Kong.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, Hatten Wines participates with success, at the China Wine & Spirits Awards in Hong Kong. This year alone, 8 medals were taken home to Bali by the Sanur Winery. Two of the ranges of Hatten Wines were submitted to see the top medals of the show again given to the Bali range of wines from the winery. Hatten Wines' Balinese wines made from the grapes of North Bali, again won the top prizes Aga White (authentic white) and Alexandria both made from Belgia grapes from Hatten Wines own vineyards, both collected gold medals. The Sparkling Rosé Jepun and Sparkling Brut Tunjung, both took the Silver and Rosé followed with a Bronze. Again this year, the Fortified wine Pino de Bali, the Pineau des Charentes method comes home with a double gold, the highest accolade the industry can offer to a wine.

This year also, Hatten Wines submitted two wines from the Two Islands range, wines which are made from imported frozen grapes from South Australia. The imported frozen grapes are selected by owner IB Rai Budarsa and winemaker James Kalleske, and crushed before being flash frozen and shipped to Bali. These grapes are then thawed and vinified in Sanur, in the winery of Hatten Wines. The two submissions both brought home medals, with a Silver for the Shiraz and a Gold for the Chardonnay.

The CWSA (China Wine & Spirits Awards) is the biggest & most prestigious wine & spirits competition in China. All 100 Judges are carefully selected for being the top buyers of wines and spirits for this market and are importers, distributors, retailers and sommeliers. Wines and spirits enter from 35 countries and are 'blind tasted'.

Participating in this particular competition, "CWSA, allows Hatten Wines to reaffirm its place in the Asian wine market, with medals attributed to wines which match the Asian palate and best match Asian dishes. It is time to stop talking about 'wine and cheese' only but open our minds to wine and Asian food. We continue to participate in this competition to change mindsets and slowly come to accept Asian wines and Asian food are best matched.", says IB Rai Budarsa, owner of Hatten Wines.

Proving to Asian food restaurants, Chinese restaurants and the industry in general that Asian palates give a great place to Asian Wines, this collection of awards is a salute to Hatten Wines persevering 21 years of winemaking in Bali.

*Defying the popular notion that growing grapes and producing quality wine in the Asian tropics is near impossible, Hatten Wines has managed to establish a successful wine trade while gathering some international recognition. Founded in 1994 by Ida Bagus Rai Budarsa, the first and only true Balinese winery, Hatten Wines brings a taste of Bali to hotels and restaurants tables all over Indonesia. Voted in the top 10 for fastest improving producers in Asia, Hatten Wines is committed to international standards of quality and taste.*

*The old concept is that hot climates are not favourable for grape growing, but as the owner of Hatten Wines points out, “what is most important for vines is underground water, which we have in our vineyards. The pergola system we use takes care of providing shade to the grapes – and workers and allows us to have a few varieties of grapes which are not traditional wine grapes, but have made us some great wines over the last 2 decades.” Hatten Wines uses local grapes to produce its wines, from its own vineyards in North Bali (Buleleng Regency). In its own vineyards, Hatten Wines grows the local black grapes – the Alphonse Lavallée French table grapes and white grape varieties (Belgia and Probolinggo Biru). These varieties are grown in vineyards along the North Coast of Bali, and need no dormant periods as wine vines do, hence the possibility for Hatten Wines to produce wines yearlong. It is at the winery in Sanur, where the knowledge and experience of Australian Winemakers James Kalleske come into play. This solid team of the Australian artist winemaker and Balinese owner, have now two brands under their watchful eye.*

*In 2011, in its participation at the Singapore Wine Style Asia, Hatten Wines was awarded Silver and Bronze medals for Alexandria its semi sweet muscat and the two Pineau des Charentes methods called Pino de Bali. Previous medals and accolades include a commendation for the Rosé at a Portuguese competition and a Bronze medal at the London Wine & Spirits Competition in 2003. In April 2012, Hatten Wines comes home with a medal at the Wine & Spirits Asia Wine Challenge in Singapore, winning a Silver medal for its dry white wine Aga White. In 2013 Hatten Wines celebrated another milestone in its international achievements, with the winning of 4 Gold Medals and 1 Silver Medal at the China Wine and Spirits Awards 2013, in Hong Kong. The Gold medals were awarded to Hatten Wines Rosé, Alexandria, Tunjung Brut Sparkling and Pino de Bali, whilst the silver medals went to Aga White, the dry white wine. Jepun Sparkling Rosé has been awarded a Silver medal at the Œnologues de France’s 2014 Mondial du Rosé in Cannes. All the award winning wines are made strictly with grapes grown in North Bali, either in the company’s own vineyards or from private vineyards with which Hatten Wines has management agreements.*

*Hatten Wines’ range includes its famous semi-dry Rosé, dry white Aga White, light red Aga Red and the award winning floral Muscat Alexandria. The range also includes a white and rosé sparkling, Tunjung and Jepun named after Bali’s beautiful water lily and frangipani flowers. The Pineau des Charentes method delightfully sweet fortified wines Pino de Bali in red or white, offer a sweet desert wines to Bali’s tables. In the last years, Hatten Wines has also embarked on another venture, introducing Australian wines to Bali, by importing juices vinified in Bali. The brand Two Islands, reminiscing of the relationship between Bali and Australia, is an Australian palate tailor made collection of wines offered in Bali. The assortment includes a lively and fresh Chardonnay, a floral and fruity Riesling, a ruby red peppery Shiraz and a full bodied, fruity flavoured Cabernet Merlot. Added in 2014, new Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir wines of the Two Islands range are found around the archipelago in restaurants, hotels and wine shops.*

*Hatten Wines welcomes guests in its vineyards at its new Welcome Center and Observation Deck. Visit Bali's own vineyards, taste the award winning wines and enjoy the beauty of Bali's North Coast. Hatten Wines wine tasting and wine shop, The Cellardoor, is opened 6 days a week at Simpang Siur in Bali, and in Kemang, Jakarta. Visit to see the growing collection of signature wine accessories.*

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