

Portavin Wine Services Blitzes Accreditation

Rare "zero non conformance" after audits.

Portavin Melbourne has received the highest possible rating during recent recertification audits with rare "zero nonconformance" ratings from both the British Retailer's Consortium (BRC) and ISO.

The independent auditors took three days to thoroughly investigate procedures and policies at the Cheltenham site before declaring Portavin Melbourne to be one of the most comprehensive and impressive systems they have seen across any industry.

The three audits were for:

BRC, including HACCP (Hazard analysis and critical control points)

ISO 9001: 2008, a business wide, general quality management system and

ISO2200: 2005, specific to food safety.

The auditors praised the depth of detail in Portavin's quality systems, the ease of record retrieval, as well as the transparency of the whole operation. They also noted the outstanding commitment from management and the team to continually improve and implement preventative actions.

Portavin Melbourne's Production Manager, Gavin Wade, who oversees the audit processes said of the success that "this reassures customers that when Portavin bottles their wines and /or manages logistics, it unequivocally meets quality requirements in a safe and legal manner. We work continuously to improve our processes to offer the highest quality standards possible."

Portavin client Mark Matthews, proprietor of The Wine Crche and winemaking lecturer at Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE echoed the outstanding audit results, when he recently toured Portavin Melbourne with a group of final year winemaking students. Matthews noted "The intensity of the auditing processes that BRC and ISO conduct surprised many students. The fact that Portavin passed these audits without corrective actions or non-compliances is a tremendous achievement, and showed students the importance of a cohesive team-based approach to winemaking."

About Portavin. Established in 1989 as a contract Mobile Wine Bottling operation in MargaretRiver, Portavin has grown to operate five static wine bottling facilities and two mobile lines offering a wide range of competitively priced products and services to the Australian and New Zealand Wine Industry. Sites are located at Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth, MargaretRiver and Auckland – near transport hubs and ports.

With ten qualified Winemakers working within the business, Portavin has the experience and accreditations to bottle, package, store and provide wine logistics to the highest quality level. www.portavin.com.au

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