

FROM BALI TO PARIS

Hatten Wines Turns Heads in the French Capital

It's not often that a family-owned Balinese company makes it to the big leagues. It's even rarer to see the same company make it to the world renowned level repeatedly. But that is the feat achieved by Hatten Wines, who represent Indonesia's status as a producer of world class wines at events not only in Asia, but also in Europe.

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Hatten Wines was founded in Bali in 1994 by a prominent Sanur-based Balinese family. Now run by the family's eldest, Ida Bagus Rai Budarsa, the 22-year-old company with fifteen wines to its name, has represented Indonesia in wine competitions all over the world, picking up numerous Bronze, Silver, Gold and Double Gold Medals along the way. These competitions, with their expert judges and blind tasting formats, have awarded the Balinese winery with several seals of approval which mean that passion and dedication make for good wines, even in the most rigid climates.

It's under the wings of talented Australian Winemaker James Kalleske that Hatten Wines has flourished in the last four years. The wines have gained in complexity and have oftentimes stood their ground in blind tastings with wines from all over the world.

Last month saw the proudly Balinese wines showcased at a private tasting at Soif D'ailleurs in Le Marais and at the *Dégustation Annuelle* of the Wine Explorers at *Terrace Duclot* overlooking the *Arc de Triomphe*. The wines of Hatten Wines were the big surprise of the events; surprising in origin, taste, balance and craftsmanship. Sampled by collectors, wine connoisseurs, sommeliers and wine journalists, all appreciated the stunning fact that wines are produced on a tropical island and that such a level of quality can be achieved.

To taste the wines of Hatten Wines, visit The Cellardoor in Bali or Jakarta.
www.hattenwines.com



A close-up shot of a wine bottle label. The label is white with a red crest at the top containing the letters 'HW'. Below the crest, the words 'HATTEN' and 'WINES' are printed in a serif font. The bottle is partially visible on the left side of the frame, showing the neck and shoulder.