

For immediate release**22/5/09****Forrest Wines Scoop Export Scholarship**

Dan Taylor, Sales and Marketing Manager at Forrest Wines is the first recipient of the joint NZ School of Export and Marlborough Chamber of Commerce 'Export Scholarship'. The Award contributes to Dan's course fees at the New Zealand School of Export where he is enrolled in the internationally accredited Diploma of International Trade.

Dan, who hails from Birmingham in England already had over ten years experience in the drinks trade when he arrived in sunny Marlborough during the 2007 vintage. His intention was to work on the vines for three months and then head back home but fate – in the form of John and Brigid Forrest – stepped in. They persuaded Dan to cover the cellar door at their family owned winery in Renwick for a month and now, two years on, Dan is responsible for growing Forrest's trade in the UK, Asia and Australia.

Evidence of Dan's commitment to the region's exporters and the family business was the key to winning the Export Scholarship: *"I am dedicated to the winery I work for and more importantly, committed to the Forrest family. I want their export business to be as successful as it can be"* he says.

Dan has clearly worked very hard in the industry to get where he is today and is studying for the Diploma in order to bring a more structured and efficient approach to the exporting arm of the business. The draw-card was the fact that the course is delivered by distance learning - *"Living in Marlborough made it difficult to find a course to attend in person, the Diploma fits my needs perfectly and receiving the Scholarship has provided a massive motivation for me, I want to do well for myself and for John and Brigid"*. Dan begins his studies at the New Zealand School of Export on 1st July.

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