

# Clint Hillery

*Sommelier/Owner Time to Vino*



Clint's extensive hospitality and wine experience has seen him work with leading industry figures and within Sydney's finest wine bars.

His passion for wine started through varied hospitality roles within the Holiday Inn Hotel Group. He was later employed as Operations Manager of Zibar, a small city wine bar where his eyes were opened to the logistical and creative side of wine and wine lists.

The defining time for Clint was during his two years at Wildfire, under the guidance of Ben Moechtar (president of the ASA). Coinciding studies at Ryde Tafe led to the completion of Clint's Sommelier's Certificate, an initiative of the ASA. He was also made an associate board

member of the ASA.

Clint has since acted as Executive Sommelier at Altitude Restaurant (including wine purchasing for the entire Shangria-La Hotel Sydney), Light Brigade Hotel and Verandah Wine Bar (Haritos Group), gaining praise for his interesting, and often unpretentious, listings.

In 2005 Clint assisted in the set up and operation of Gazebo Wine Garden, achieving Bartenders "Wine Bar of the Year" within the first year of operations.

His refreshing approach to how people experience wine, and 'non pretentious' attitude has placed him in high esteem within the industry and from his loyal following customers.

## Key career highlights / achievements

- Gazebo Wine Garden set up and creation (2006 Bartender Wine Bar of The Year – Australia)
- Extensive media and press through out his career, including newly owned bar Time to Vino
- Presenter at Barshow Melbourne and Sydney 07
- Wine Host at Barshow Sydney 08
- Regular speaker at Restaurant 07/08
- Bartender Magazine writing contributions for "Grape Vine" column
- ASA (Australian Sommelier Association) Associate Board member for numerous years
- Owner/Sommelier of "Time to Vino" which has enjoyed an outstanding reaction from the press, industry and general public.
- Time to Vino was awarded the "Readers Choice" for best bar in Sydney by Time Out Sydney magazine 2009
- Completed Diploma in Hospitality Management in 2000.
- Completed Sommelier Certificate in 2001

Clint Hillery is available to share his passion for wine for speaking engagements, writing, media interviews, hosting or trade requirements. Contact Nathan Hillery on **0413 166 119** for further inquiries or check us out at **[timetovino.com](http://timetovino.com)**