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Malting Barley Accreditation for Three New Varieties

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Barley Australia Announces the Results of Malting Barley Evaluation Trials

It is with great pleasure that the Board of Barley Australia announces the successful accreditation of three new varieties:

Maximus CL (IGB1705T)
Alestar (SMBA 11-2341)
Leabrook (WI4896)

Maximus CL, Alestar and Leabrook were submitted by InterGrain, Elders and Seednet respectively. All three varieties were accredited as Malting Barley following the evaluation trials conducted in association with the Malting and Brewing Industry Barley Technical Committee (MBIBTC) assessment under the Barley Australia malting barley evaluation process.

Maximus CL is the next in the line of imidazolinone (IMI) tolerant barley varieties from InterGrain. This is a high fermentability variety, well suited to the export market. Maximus CL is a national variety, intended to be grown in largely the same environments as Spartacus CL. Further information on this variety can be found on the InterGrain website by accessing the link below:

<https://www.intergrain.com/variety/maximuscl/>

Alestar is a medium fermentability variety likely best suited, although not restricted to, the domestic market. This variety is intended to be grown in medium and also medium to higher rainfall zones where Commander and Westminster respectively are currently grown. Further information on this variety can be found on the Elders website by accessing the link below:

<https://eldersrural.com.au/rural-products/plant-genetics/alestar-barley/>

Leabrook is a medium, to medium-high fermentability variety that will likely suit the domestic market and some export markets. This variety is intended to be grown in areas largely currently suited to Compass. Further information on this variety can be found on the Seednet website by accessing the link below:

<https://www.seednet.com.au/product/leabrook>

As with all previous accreditations, it is the market that will determine the success of these new varieties. The Barley Australia malting barley evaluation and accreditation process is recognised as the required standard for the determination of malting barley for all new Australian malting barley varieties. Barley Australia congratulates InterGrain, Elders and Seednet, and those personnel that have worked to bring these varieties to the marketplace. Barley Australia will continue to assist market adoption of these newly accredited varieties through our new program of post accreditation support, which is currently under development.

The Barley Australia website has been updated for Accredited varieties and to reflect the status of other varieties under evaluation. Preferred varieties will be updated within the coming weeks. Details can be found at www.barleyaustralia.com.au.

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