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Back (Left to Right): Kylie Wheeler, Barry Mangelsdorf, Andrew Brookes, Rakesh Junnare, Michelle Huckel, Ella Winnall, Seamus Donaghey, Sue Franke.
Front (Left to Right): Jo Beccaris, Viki Wade, Shelley Ray-Brennan, Amelia Anspach, Mel Kargas.
Absent: Leah Heinrich.

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Back row (Left to Right): Melissa Fettke (Associate), Pia Merrick (Panel Chair), Katie Spain (Judge), Seamus Donaghey (Associate), Ally Gossen (Judge).
Front row (Left to Right): Sam Watkins (Judge), Sarah Pidgeon (Chief Judge), Phil LeMessurier (Panel Chair), Keeda Zilm (Judge).

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Winemaker, Wynns Coonawarra Estate



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Career highlights include involvement in the 60 vintages of Wynns Cabernet tasting, the V&A Lane wines, and deepening the knowledge of Coonawarra's significant single sites through the Wynns single vineyard wines. As well as several opportunities to be a guest wine columnist, Sarah is co-author of a history of Wynns vineyards, 'Out of the Blocks'.

Recent awards recognise a tenacity for excellence which has become a hallmark of Wynns culture. Awards include Finalist for the Gourmet Traveler Winemaker of the Year 2019; Joint winner of the ASVO winemaker of the year 2017 with Sue Hodder; Finalist of the Australian Women in Wine Awards winemaker of the year in 2015.

A graduate of the prestigious Len Evans Wine Tutorial, her judging experience spans two decades at both regional and national shows.

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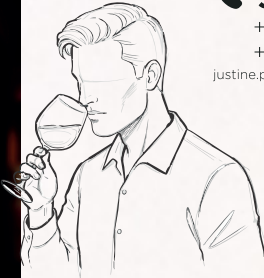


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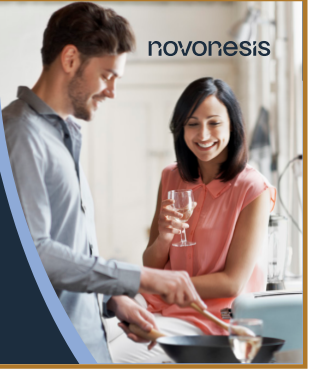
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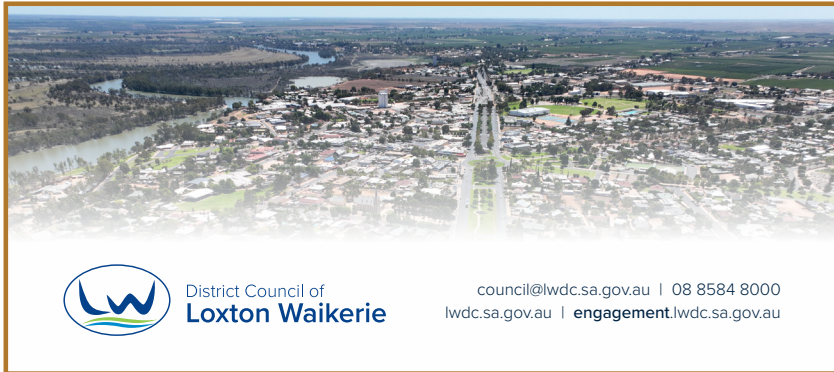
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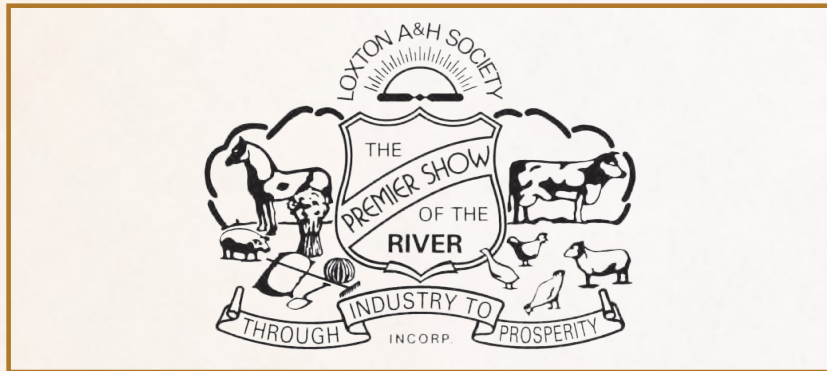


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1. All classes shall be open to Wine and Brandy producers, hereinafter called “exhibitors” for competition according to the conditions applicable to respective sections. An exhibitor in this section shall mean a Person, Partnership, Association, Cooperative, Company or Corporate Body holding a current producer’s license and licensed to sell wine and or brandy under its own registered trading marks and under which the exhibit will finally be sold.
2. All exhibitors must conform to relevant State and Commonwealth health and regulatory Acts that govern the production or labelling of Australian wine and/or Australian brandy.
3. Wines competing in the Riverland Wine Show must be made using the required minimum of grapes grown within the Australian Geographical Indicator regions of Lower Murray, Riverland, Swan Hill, Murray Darling, Riverina, and /or Rutherglen Inland Regions, as per the class description. Exceptions being for Section 6 - Special Classes where there is no restriction to the grape growing region.
4. No wine is to be entered more than once in the show.
5. There is no limit to the number of entries per class.
6. Exhibitors must enter using AWRI ShowRunner System. Exhibitors shall enter details as prompted including:
 - Class, variety(s) or generic description as required
 - Vintage (state NV if non vintage or average age where applicable)
 - Declare whether quantity in stock meets requirement
 - Name to be used in the results catalogue
 - State whether commercially dressed
 - Sweetness or Alcoholic strength as required.
7. All exhibits shall bear the labels supplied by the Society + ShowRunner and every effort should be made to ensure the label supplied does not obscure the commercial label.
8. Exhibits received late may be disqualified.
9. The description provided for each section (and class) must be adhered to; incorrectly entered exhibits may be disqualified.
10. The stewards reserve the right to transfer entries from one class to another.
11. Trueness to style will be at the discretion of the Chief of Judges.
12. Exhibits become the property of the Riverland Wine Show Society once received.
13. Wines entered in single variety classes must have a minimum of 85% of the specified variety. The predominant component of an entry in a blend class must not exceed 84% of the total volume. All components of the blend must be nominated on the entry form.
14. Each entry shall comprise in the:
 - Dry, sparkling and sweet wine classes 4 x 750ml bottles
 - Fortified wine 2 x 750ml bottles
 - Brandy 2 x 700ml bottles
 Entries in bottles of equivalent nominal sizes will be eligible.

15. Exhibitors please note - trophy and medal winners may be requested to supply additional bottles for the exhibitors/public tasting and the presentation dinner.
16. The Riverland Wine Show Society Inc reserves the right to audit any entry for the following: Non conformance with minimum stock requirements as stated, regional integrity, compositional integrity, and any other matter.
17. The Society reserves the right to have any exhibit inspected or analysed by one or more persons appointed for that purpose.
18. An exhibitor breaking any regulation may be disqualified from any future show or shows. No entry will be received from any person or persons disqualified by this or any other similar Society during the period of such disqualification. Should any such entry be accepted, it shall, when discovered, be deemed void and the entry fee and exhibit shall be forfeited.
19. Exhibitors shall be judged out of 100 points and awards will be made on the following basis:
 - Gold 95-100 points
 - Silver 90-94 points
 - Bronze 85-89 points
20. Trophies for best wines. Non commercially dressed wines can be entered into all sections of the show. However only entries fully dressed and commercially available for sale at the time of judging will be eligible for trophies. Only commercially dressed wines will be eligible for medals. Non commercially dressed wines will only be given a point score.
21. ‘Commercially available’ is defined as wines for sale via general distribution through the retail market (including wine clubs) in Australia and/or overseas as well as wines only available for sale at cellar doors or cellar door mail order.
22. Points for aggregate trophies will be allocated on the following scale: Gold 5 points, Silver 3 points, Bronze 1 point. Points will only be awarded to commercially dressed wines.
23. In the event one or more exhibitors achieve equal aggregate points for a trophy, the trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most gold medals. If this number is equal, the trophy will be awarded based on a count-back of silver medals.
24. Awards may be withheld in any class where exhibits are considered unworthy.
25. Medals may only be claimed or advertised under the name in which the wine was entered.
26. Judges will assess each class without collaboration and on receipt of all results for a particular class the panel Chairman shall have the points totaled, checked and determine the awards.
27. Judges will not have access to exhibits apart from the glass of each placed in front of them by the stewards.
28. Judges and Associate Judges shall not at any time prior to the announcement of awards have any access or knowledge as to the identity of the exhibits.
29. The decision of the Society and Judges shall be final.
30. No protest will be entertained unless made in writing within seven days of the announcement of the awards.
31. All results from this year’s wine show will be published in the results catalogue, released to the media and displayed on www.riverlandwineshow.com.au/wineshow
32. Exhibitors are expected to comply with the Australian Grape and Wine Incorporated Code of Practice for the display of awards. See page 18 and 19.

Australian Grape & Wine Code of Practice for the Display of Awards

The Code applies to all Australian Wine producers for wine produced or sold in Australia or for export.

1. Producers will only use medals, stickers, symbols or other devices on a wine container or on any promotional material that are intended to indicate that the product has been granted an award if the award has been gained at an open, objective and independent wine competition.
2. Awards received by an individual wine will bear the name of the show and the year of award. The class number or class description is recommended but not mandatory.
3. Awards can only be applied on the brand and blend under which the wine was entered. Wine award portability is not allowed.
4. Awards received by a class of wines (e.g. "Winemaker of the Year", "Most Successful Exhibitor") shall not be used to suggest the individual wine has received any particular distinction. These awards will not be presented on the consumer package of an award or non-award wine in the form of a medal.
5. The use of gold, silver and bronze discs or a combination of one or more of these colours with a black disc to promote anniversaries, events, sponsorship and the like is not acceptable. Stickers and symbols or other devices should be sufficiently differentiated from show medals in terms of shape and/or colour to ensure no confusion.
6. It is recognised that there are a number of circumstances in which metallic discs can be used which clearly do not convey the impression that the wine has won an award. These are restricted to:
 - The presence of disc shaped stickers embedded within brand crests and /or architecture; and
 - Circular metallic devices which are decorative and clearly not medals; and
 - It is recognised that identification stickers attached to a bottle for wine not intended for resale, such as supplied to airlines, may fall outside the control of the producer.
7. Compliance by a producer (including by subsidiaries or by associated companies) with this Code of Practice is a condition for entry to Australian wine shows. Lack of compliance could result in the producer/exhibitor being disqualified from entering wines into specific shows.

Explanatory notes:

1. In general, the Code of Practice for the Display of Awards is supported by industry. Small amendments have been made to the code to help interpretation and clarify the intent.
2. It is now intended to extend its scope internationally and obtain support from international wine shows for its contents. It is also intended to enter into discussion with the key retail chains to adopt the Code.
3. Although the Code is primarily aimed at consumer packaging and labelling, the intent of the code is that all promotional material used to describe or present a wine should also comply.
4. The Code recognises that the presence of metallic discs embedded within brand crests and/or architecture should not be interpreted as medals. The use of disc shaped stickers to communicate volumetric detail and wine critic review ratings etc. is permitted as long as the discs are not gold, silver or bronze in colour. However, the key test is whether the presentation is likely to mislead or deceive a consumer. For the absence of doubt, the use of bottle ornaments that can be misinterpreted as a wine show award are not recommended.
5. The code recognises that awards are a reference point on wine quality for consumers, and that the consumer is not going to understand why a wine that was listed in the results catalogue as an award winner never becomes commercially available. Consequently, the code does not recognise wine award portability.
6. A contact point has been established within Australian Grape and Wine at info@agw.org.au. This point is to clarify aspects of the code and to liaise with companies that may have inadvertently breached the Code. Failure to comply will result in notification to the Wine Shows.
7. The Wine Industry Display of Awards Code of Practice has been reviewed by the Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology (ASVO) Wine Show Technical Advisory Committee in consideration of the ASVO Wine Show Best Practice Recommendations.



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General Exhibition Notes

Trueness to style will be at the discretion of the judging panel.

Each entry shall consist of four (4) 750ml bottles or equivalent, unless otherwise specified.

Each exhibit shall require a minimum stock of 675 litres, unless otherwise specified.

All Entries in sections 1- 4 shall be 85% or greater from the Lower Murray, Riverland, Swan Hill, Murray Darling, Riverina and/or Rutherglen Inland Regions.

Best Single Vineyard Riverland Wine Trophy

To be eligible for the above trophy, wines must be 95% or greater from the Riverland Region GI and from a single vineyard. To be considered for award, please specify details relevant when prompted when entering with ShowRunner.

Most Successful Riverland Exhibitor Trophy

To be eligible for the above trophy, wines must be 85% or greater from the Riverland Region GI. To be considered for award, please specify details relevant when prompted when entering with ShowRunner.

Best Sustainable Wine Trophy

Open to all Sustainable Winegrowing Australia certified wines. Provision of a current Certified Member certificate should be available on request by the committee for auditing purposes and certifiers authentication trust mark must be visible on the wine label at the time of judging. To be considered for this award please specify details when prompted by ShowRunner.

Best Organic/Biodynamic Wine Trophy

Open to Organically or Biodynamically Certified wines produced within shows eligible regions. Appropriate certification bodies include, but not limited to, Southern Cross Certified and Australian Certified Organic (ACO). Current certification for entered wine should be available upon request by the committee for auditing purposes and certifiers authentication trust mark must be visible on the wine label at the time of judging. To be considered for this award please specify details relevant when prompted when entering with *ShowRunner*.

Best Alternative Wine Trophy

Wines or blends made primarily from the varieties muscat gordo, white & brown frontignac (and their synonyms), pinot gris/grigio, prosecco, chardonnay, semillon, sauvignon blanc, cabernet sauvignon, pinot noir, merlot, shiraz, syrah, riesling, colombar, grenache, verdelho or durif are NOT eligible. However, the above varieties might be a minor (totaling less than 15%) component in a blended wine. To be considered for the above award please indicate at time of entry by marking the relevant check-box when prompted by ShowRunner.

- Consideration of entries for these awards will be at the discretion of the Chief of Judges.

Section 1 - Still Wine - Any Vintage

Class 1	Sauvignon Blanc
Class 2	Pinot Gris / Grigio
Class 3	Chardonnay
Class 4	Other Italian White Single Varietals
Class 5	Other White Single Varietals
Class 6	White Blends
Class 7	Moscato
Class 8	Sweet White
Class 9	Rosé
Class 10	Early Drinking Reds
Class 11	Merlot
Class 12	Shiraz
Class 13	Shiraz Blends
Class 14	Cabernet Sauvignon
Class 15	Cabernet Sauvignon Blends
Class 16	Durif
Class 17	Other Italian Red Single Varietals
Class 18	Other Red Single Varietals
Class 19	Other Red Blends
Class 20	Sweet Red

Section 2 - Sparkling Wine - Any Vintage

Open to wines made by Transfer, Charmat, Methode Traditionelle and Carbonated methods
Excluding Moscato

Class 21	Sparkling or Carbonated Wine
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Section 3 - Fortified Wine

450L Minimum Stock

Each entry shall consist of 2 x 750ml bottles or equivalent

Class 22	Fortified Apera
Class 23	Fortified White
Class 24	Fortified Red
Class 25	Fortified Red Vintage

Section 4 - Bulk Class - Any Vintage

24,000L Minimum Stock at time of sampling
Exhibits will attract point score but will NOT be eligible for medals or award
Exhibits do not need to be commercially dressed

Class 26 Bulk White Wine

Class 27 Bulk Red Class

Section 5 - Brandy

Each entry shall require minimum Stock 500 LAL at time of entering
Each entry shall consist of two (2) 750ml bottles or equivalent

Class 28 Brandy

Section 6 - Special Class - Any Vintage - Any Region

Open to winemakers of the Riverland GI Region
Entering winery must be situated within the Riverland GI region
Minimum 675L stock at time of entering

Class 29 Special White and Sparkling

Class 30 Special Red and Rosé

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Riverland Wine Centre TrophyBest Sparkling Wine

Hill Smith Family Estates Trophy.....Best Sauvignon Blanc

Laffort TrophyBest Pinot Gris or Grigio

AMSAT Oak Alternatives TrophyBest Chardonnay

Enartis TrophyBest Other White or Blend

Judo Bank TrophyBest Sweet Wine

A&G Engineering Trophy.....Best Rosé Wine

Novonesis TrophyBest Shiraz

Austwine TrophyBest Other Single Varietal Red

Oenotan TrophyBest Red Blend

Muir's TrophyBest Young Red
(Vintage 2025 or Younger)

Ricca Terra Trophy.....Best Alternative Wine in Show

Wine Movement TrophyBest Organic/Biodynamic Wine in Show

Riverland Wine TrophyBest Sustainable Wine in Show

HAHN Transport TrophyBest Fortified Wine

BOOTH Trophy.....Best Brandy

Riverland Wine TrophyBest Single Vineyard Riverland Wine

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ABBREVIATIONS:

G	Gold	95 - 100 points
S	Silver	90 - 94 points
B	Bronze	85 - 89 points

Entry Number	EXHIBITOR	COMMERCIAL NAME OF WINE	POINTS	AWARD
CLASS 1 - Sauvignon Blanc				
1	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label 2026 Sauvignon Blanc	88	B
2	Freestone Estate	Freestone Estate 2026 Sauvignon Blanc		
3	Wacky Grape	Paper Mache 2026 Sauvignon Blanc	90	S
4	Berton Vineyards Pty Ltd	Berton Head over Heels 2026 Sauvignon Blanc	95	G
5	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Deen De Bortoli 2026 Sauvignon Blanc		
6	Gill Estate	Gill Estate 2026 Rivah Sauvignon Blanc	96	G
7	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	88 and Vine 2026 Sauvignon Blanc	85	B
8	Angove Family Winemakers	Long Row 2025 Sauvignon Blanc	92	S
9	Hill-Smith Family Estates	Oxford Landing Estates 2025 Sauvignon Blanc		
10	Meditrina Beverages	Gossips 2025 Sauvignon Blanc	87	B
11	Meditrina Beverages	W Meditrina Reserve 2025 Sauvignon Blanc	87	B
12	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	Byron Bay 2025 Sauvignon Blanc		
CLASS 2 - Pinot Gris / Grigio				
1	The Wine Group	Fisheye NV Pinot Gris		
2	Freestone Estate	Freestone Estate 2026 Pinot Gris	85	B
3	Somewhen	Somewhen 2026 Pinot Grigio	96	G
4	Angove Family Winemakers	Angove Organic 2026 Pinot Grigio		
5	WITHDRAWN			
6	Dee Vine Estate	THE DROVER 2026 PINOT GRIGIO		
7	Gill Estate	Gill Estate 2026 Rivah Pinot Grigio	93	S
8	Meditrina Beverages	W Meditrina Reserve 2025 Pinot Grigio	86	B
9	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2026 Pinot Gris	90	S
10	Hill-Smith Family Estates	Oxford Landing Estates 2025 Pinot Grigio	87	B
CLASS 3 - Chardonnay				
1	The Wine Group	Fisheye NV Chardonnay		
2	Freestone Estate	Freestone Estate 2026 Chardonnay		
3	Gill Estate	Gill Estate 2026 Gentle Giant Chardonnay	90	S
4	WITHDRAWN			
5	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label 2026 Chardonnay	85	B
6	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	DBWS 2026 Chardonnay	90	S
7	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Sacred Hill 2026 Chardonnay	96	G
8	Spook Hill Wines - SA	Within The Pale 2026 Chardonnay		
9	Angove Family Winemakers	Long Row 2025 Chardonnay	95	G
10	Byrne Vineyards Pty Ltd	Sidney Wilcox Chardonnay 2025	85	B
11	The Wine Group	Roam Wild 2025 Chardonnay		

Entry Number	EXHIBITOR	COMMERCIAL NAME OF WINE	POINTS	AWARD
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12	Angove Family Winemakers	Angove Organic 2025 Chardonnay		
13	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	Fox and the Grapes 2025 Chardonnay	86	B
14	Hill-Smith Family Estates	Oxford Landing Estates 2025 Chardonnay		
15	919 Wines	919 Wines 2025 Special Release Chardonnay		
16	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	88 and Vine 2025 Chardonnay	93	S
17	Angove Family Winemakers	Angove 2025 Est1886 Chardonnay		
18	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Deen De Bortoli 2024 Chardonnay	90	S
19	One Lonely Barrel	One Lonely Barrel 2024 Chardonnay		

CLASS 4 - Other Italian White Single Varietals

1	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Rutherglen Estate 2026 Arneis	86	B
2	Freestone Estate	Freestone Farm 2026 Arneis		
3	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2025 Fiano		
4	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	One Line 2025 Fiano		
5	919 Wines	919 Wines 2025 Reserve Fiano	95	G
6	Berton Vineyards Pty Ltd	Berton Vineyard 2026 Alfresco Fiano	86	B
7	WITHDRAWN			
8	Freestone Estate	Freestone Estate 2026 Fiano		
9	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label 2026 Vermentino	87	B
10	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2026 Vermentino	86	B
11	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label 2025 Vermentino	92	S
12	Berton Vineyards Pty Ltd	Berton Vineyard Metal Label 2026 Vermentino	95	G
13	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate Kāti Ālo 2026 Vermentino	96	G
14	Berton Vineyards Pty Ltd	Berton Vineyard Alfresco 2026 Vermentino	91	S

CLASS 5 - Other White Single Varietals

1	Angove Family Winemakers	Little Birdie 2025 Organic Riesling	86	B
2	Byrne Vineyards Pty Ltd	Thomson Stony Row 2025 Riesling		
3	Angove Family Winemakers	Angove 2026 Bin 749 Riesling	87	B
4	Hill-Smith Family Estates	Hill-Smith Family Estates 2026 - Winesmiths Riesling Riesling	92	S
5	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label 2026 Riesling		
6	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2026 Soldiers' Land Riesling	87	B
7	Mallee Estate	Kāti Ālo 2025 Assyrtiko	96	G
8	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label 2025 Assyrtiko		
9	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label 2026 Assyrtiko	90	S
10	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate Kāti Ālo 2026 Assyrtiko	92	S
11	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate Kati Allo 2024 Albarino	95	G
12	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label 2025 Albarino		

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13	Mallee Estate	Kāti Ālo 2025 Albarino	89	B
14	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label 2026 Albarino	86	B
15	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate Kāti Ālo 2026 Albarino		
16	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate Kāti Ālo 2026 Moschaton Muscat Blanc		
17	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2026 Pecorino		
18	Berton Vineyards Pty Ltd	Berton Vineyard Metal Label 2026 Viognier	85	B

CLASS 6 - White Blends

1	919 Wines	919 Wines 2026 Latin Collection 'Cha Cha'		
2	Angove Family Winemakers	Chalk Hill Blue 2026 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc	88	B
3	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2025 Bronco Buster Vermentino Fiano	95	G
4	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Renaissance 2024 VRM	96	G

CLASS 7 - Moscato

1	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	De Bortoli Petit Moscato NV	92	S
2	DUXTON VINEYARDS	Pete's Pure 2026 Moscato		
3	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Sacred Hill 2026 Moscato	96	G
4	Watkins Wine Group	Fulltime Fantasy 2026 Marigold Organic Moscato		
5	Angove Family Winemakers	Long Row Moscato 2026		
6	Berton Vineyards Pty Ltd	Berton 2026 Sweet As Moscato	86	B
7	Hill-Smith Family Estates	Oxford Landing Estates 2025 Moscato	91	S
8	Dee Vine Estate	THE DROVER 2025 SWEET MOMENTS MOSCATO		
9	Meditrina Beverages	Gossips 2025 Moscato	90	S
10	WITHDRAWN			
11	Meditrina Beverages	Gossips 2025 Pink Moscato	90	S
12	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Emeri Pink Moscato NV	87	B

CLASS 8 - Sweet White

1	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Sacred Hill 2025 Traminer Riesling	86	B
2	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Noble One 2023		
3	Lillypilly Estate Wines - NSW	Lillypilly 2021 Noble Blend	95	G
4	Lillypilly Estate Wines - NSW	Lillypilly NV Noble B2419		
5	Berton Vineyards Pty Ltd	Berton Vineyard 2023 Reserve Botrytis Semillon	95	G
6	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Deen De Bortoli 2023 Botrytis Semillon	96	G

CLASS 9 - Rosé

1	DUXTON VINEYARDS	Pete's Pure 2026 Shiraz Rose	89	B
2	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2026 Colour of Calmness Nero D'Avola Negro Amaro	87	B

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3	Vinarchy	Jacob's Creek 2026 Classic Crisp Rosé	95	G
4	Hill-Smith Family Estates	Oxford Landing Estates 2026 Rosé	87	B
5	Vinarchy	Cupio 2026 Pinot Rosé		
6	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label Rosé 2026 Agiorgitiko		
7	Vinarchy	Jacob's Creek 2026 Le Petit Rosé	96	G
8	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	Fox and the Grapes Rose 2026 Grenache		
9	Corduroy Wines	Corduroy Wines 2026 Sangiovese Rose	93	S
10	Ricca Terra	22 Degree Halo Rose 2026		
11	Angove Family Winemakers	Little Birdie 2026 Organic Rose		
12	Gill Estate	Gill Estate 2026 Rivah Sangiovese Rose		
13	Berton Vineyards Pty Ltd	Berton Vineyard Metal Label 2026 Rose	90	S
14	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Sacred Hill 2025 Rose	86	B
15	Somewhen	Somewhen 2025 Grenache Rosé		
CLASS 10 - Early Drinking Reds				
1	WITHDRAWN			
2	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer 2026 Gamay Noir	90	S
3	WITHDRAWN			
4	WITHDRAWN			
5	Mallee Estate	Kāti Āllo 2025 Grenache	85	B
6	WITHDRAWN			
7	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	30 Mile 2026 Pinot Noir	90	S
8	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label 2026 Pinot Noir		
9	Freestone Estate	Freestone Estate 2025 Pinot Noir		
10	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2026 Sangiovese	91	S
11	Hill-Smith Family Estates	Hill-Smith Family Estates 2025 Y Series Sunset Red Shiraz	88	B
12	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label 2026 Tempranillo		
13	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label 2025 Tempranillo		
14	Kangarilla Road Winery	Silent Noise Wines 2026 Uva Di Troia	85	B
15	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate µ label 2026 Xinomavro		
CLASS 11- Merlot				
1	Angove Family Winemakers	Studio Series 2025 Merlot	85	B
2	Angove Family Winemakers	Angove Organic 2025 Merlot	90	S
3	Meditrina Beverages	Gossips 2024 Merlot		
4	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	DBFS 2025 Merlot	85	B
5	The Wine Group	Fisheye NV Merlot	87	B
6	One Lonely Barrel	One Lonely Barrel 2024 Basket Press Merlot		

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CLASS 12 - Shiraz				
1	Meditrina Beverages	W Meditrina Reserve 2025 Shiraz		
2	Hill-Smith Family Estates	Oxford Landing Estates 2025 Shiraz	95	G
3	Freestone Estate	Freestone Estate 2025 Shiraz	87	B
4	Lillypilly Estate Wines - NSW	Lillypilly 2025 Shiraz	85	B
5	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate P&E MARKEAS 2025 Shiraz		
6	Byrne Vineyards Pty Ltd	Sidney Wilcox 2024 Vine Dried Shiraz	96	G
7	Gill Estate	Gill Estate 2024 Above & Beyond Shiraz	87	B
8	Byrne Vineyards Pty Ltd	Byrne Family Australia Sustainably Grown Vine Dried Shiraz 2024	86	B
9	Berton Vineyards Pty Ltd	Berton 2024 Head Over Heels Shiraz	88	B
10	Meditrina Beverages	Gossips 2024 Shiraz	87	B
11	WITHDRAWN			
12	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2024 Soldiers' Land Shiraz		
13	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Renaissance 2023 Shiraz		
14	WITHDRAWN			
15	Spook Hill Wines - SA	Silent Partner 2023 Shiraz		
16	Dee Vine Estate	NERICON 2021 VINEYARD RESERVE "WINEMAKERS SERIES" SHIRAZ	85	B
17	One Lonely Barrel	One Lonely Barrel 2022 Basket Press Shiraz	85	B
CLASS 13 - Shiraz Blends				
1	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	Fox and the Grapes Organic 2025 Shiraz Merlot	91	S
2	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	Fox and the Grapes 2023 Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon	95	G
3	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	The Great Bonza 2023 Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon	88	B
4	One Lonely Barrel	One Lonely Barrel 2024 Basket Press Shiraz Cab. Sauv. Merlot	88	B
CLASS 14 - Cabernet Sauvignon				
1	The Wine Group	Roam Wild 2026 Cabernet Sauvignon	90	S
2	Gill Estate	Gill Estate 2026 Gentle Giant Cabernet Sauvignon	86	B
3	Meditrina Beverages	W Meditrina Reserve 2025 Cabernet Sauvignon		
4	Freestone Estate	Freestone Estate 2025 Cabernet Sauvignon	87	B
5	Lillypilly Estate Wines - NSW	Lillypilly 2025 Cabernet Sauvignon		
6	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	30 Mile 2024 Cabernet Sauvignon	95	G
7	Angove Family Winemakers	Angove Organic 2024 Cabernet Sauvignon	92	S
8	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	88 and Vine 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon	92	S
9	The Wine Group	Fisheye NV Cabernet Sauvignon		
10	One Lonely Barrel	One Lonely Barrel 2024 Basket Press Cabernet Sauvignon		

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CLASS 15 - Cabernet Sauvignon Blends

1	Hill-Smith Family Estates	Oxford Landing Estates 2025 Cabernet Sauvignon	95	G
2	WITHDRAWN			
3	Angove Family Winemakers	Chalk Hill Blue 2023 Shiraz Cabernet	86	B
4	Angove Family Winemakers	Chalk Hill Blue 2024 Cabernet Merlot		
5	One Lonely Barrel	One Lonely Barrel 2024 Basket Press Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot		

CLASS 16 - Durif

1	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer 2024 Durif	95	G
2	Berton Vineyards Pty Ltd	Berton Vineyard Metal Label 2024 Durif	87	B
3	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Deen De Bortoli 2023 Durif		
4	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	Quarisa Wines Caravan 2023 Petite Sirah	96	G
5	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Renaissance 2023 Durif		
6	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	Quarisa Wines Caravan 2023 Durif	95	G
7	Dee Vine Estate	NERICON 2021 VINEYARD RESERVE/ WINEMAKER SERIES DURIF		
8	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Renaissance 2021 Durif		

CLASS 17 - Other Italian Red Single Varietals

1	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2025 Aglianico	96	G
2	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate Kāti Ālo 2025 Montepulciano	87	B
3	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2025 Montepulciano	85	B
4	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate Kāti Ālo 2026 Montepulciano		
5	Freestone Estate	Freestone Farm 2025 Montepulciano		
6	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2025 Nero D'Avola	88	B
7	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	One Line 2024 Sangiovese	95	G

CLASS 18 - Other Red Single Varietals

1	WITHDRAWN			
2	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2025 Soldiers' Land Grenache	95	G
3	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	Q 2024 Malbec	90	S
4	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate Kāti Ālo 2026 Petit Verdot		
5	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate Kāti Ālo 2025 Petit Verdot	85	B
6	Gill Estate	Gill Estate 2024 Above & Beyond Pinot Noir	90	S
7	Angove Family Winemakers	Little Birdie 2026 Organic Pinot Noir	86	B
8	WITHDRAWN			
9	Mallee Estate	Kāti Ālo 2025 Saperavi		
10	The Wine Group	Fisheye NV Tempranillo	92	S
11	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	One Line 2024 Tempranillo	96	G

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12	919 Wines	919 Wines 2024 Reserve Touriga Nacional	85	B
13	919 Wines	919 Wines 2023 Reserve Touriga Nacional		
14	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate Kāti Ālo 2026 Xinomavro		

CLASS 19 - Other Red Blends

1	919 Wines	919 Wines 2025 Reserve Touriga Nacional Tempranillo	91	S
2	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2024 Bullets Before Cannonballs Lambrusco Maestri Sousao Tempranillo Lagrein	95	G
3	Byrne Vineyards Pty Ltd	Sidney Wilcox Grenache Shiraz 2024	88	B

CLASS 20 - Sweet Red

1	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Campfire Red NV		
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CLASS 21 - Sparkling or Carbonated Wine

1	Vinarchy	Yarra Burn NV Premium Cuvee	96	G
2	Angove Family Winemakers	Chalk Hill Blue NV Bubbles		
3	Hill-Smith Family Estates	Oxford Landing Estates NV Cuvee Chardonnay Pinot Noir		
4	Dee Vine Estate	ALLEGRA NV PROSECCO	85	B
5	The Wine Group	Cupcake NV Sparkling DALC Sauvignon Blanc		
6	Vinarchy	Yarra Burn NV Prosecco	93	S
7	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Sacred Hill NV Brut	87	B
8	Gill Estate	Gill Estate NV Billa Chardonnay Pinot Noir	86	B
9	Vinarchy	Grant Burge NV Petit Bubbles	95	G
10	Quarisa wines Pty Ltd	Q NV Sparkling	86	B
11	Angove Family Winemakers	Angove Prosecco NV	85	B
12	Gill Estate	Gill Estate NV Billa Prosecco	86	B
13	Ricca Terra	Ricca Terra 2025 Cinderella's Beads Prosecco	87	B
14	DUXTON VINEYARDS	Pete's Pure 2026 Prosecco	86	B

CLASS 22 - Fortified Apera

1	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer Seriously Fine		
2	919 Wines	919 Wines Pale Dry Apera	95	G
3	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer Seriously Nutty	90	S
4	WITHDRAWN			

CLASS 23 - Fortified White

1	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer Classic Rutherglen Topaque	89	B
2	919 Wines	919 Wines Classic Topaque	92	S
3	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer Grand Rutherglen Topaque	90	S

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4	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer Rare Rutherglen Topaque	92	S
5	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer Rutherglen Topaque	92	S
6	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer Rare Rutherglen Muscat	96	G
7	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer Rutherglen Muscat	88	B
8	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate Reserve 10 Year Old Muscat		
9	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer Classic Rutherglen Muscat	95	G
10	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Rutherglen Estate Muscat Aperitif		
11	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Rutherglen Estate Muscat Aperitif	87	B
12	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer Grand Rutherglen Muscat	95	G
13	919 Wines	919 Wines Classic Muscat	95	G
14	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	De Bortoli Show Liqueur Muscat	93	S
15	De Bortoli Wines Pty Limited	Black Noble Semillon	93	S
CLASS 24 - Fortified Red				
1	Mallee Estate	Mallee Estate Reserve 10 Year Old Tawny	95	G
2	919 Wines	919 Wines Classic Tawny	87	B
CLASS 25 - Fortified Red Vintage				
1	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer 2022 Christopher's VP		
2	WITHDRAWN			
3	Pfeiffer Wines	Pfeiffer 2024 Christopher's Reserve Ruby	93	S
CLASS 26 - Bulk White Wine				
1	Hill-Smith Family Estates	Hill-Smith Family Estates 2026 Vermentino		
CLASS 28 - Brandy				
1	Angove Family Winemakers	St Agnes XO 15YO	96	G
2	Angove Family Winemakers	St Agnes VSOP	88	B
3	Angove Family Winemakers	St Agnes Bartenders Cut	95	G
CLASS 29 - Special White and Sparkling				
1	Angove Family Winemakers	Family Crest 2025 Chardonnay	90	S
2	Angove Family Winemakers	Angove 2026 Family Crest Pinot Gris	92	S
3	Angove Family Winemakers	Angove 2025 Family Crest Fiano		
CLASS 30 - Special Red and Rosé				
1	Angove Family Winemakers	Wild Olive 2024 Shiraz		

Class	Class comment
Class 01	Strong class, with the best wines showing varietal purity and freshness.
Class 02	The bracket showed bright, well-balanced wines with good fruit lift, clean varietal character and strong acid structure. The awarded wines were seamless, demonstrating overall quality, freshness and varietal expression. Food: Garlic prawns, steamed fish and fresh garden vegetables.
Class 03	The best wine showed restraint and a good balance between vineyard and winemaking influences. Food: Tuna mornay.
Class 04	A number of wines in the bracket lacked precision and drive, with the balance between fruit, acidity and oak not fully integrated. The best wines showed excellent varietal balance, with lifted fruit, savoury elements and a very clean acid structure. The Gold Medal wines were very difficult to separate, with the top wines displaying freshness, complexity and excellent varietal expression, showcasing an Italian variety that this region does particularly well. Food: Sardines, pickled vegetables, anchovies and sourdough.
Class 05	A great range of varieties was represented across the class. The best wines showed purity, excellent fruit intensity and clear varietal expression. It was pleasing to see the winemakers' influence through lees work, adding complexity without relying on overly artificial additions. Some wines lacked direction and precision, but the top wines demonstrated freshness, balance and a strong sense of place. Food: Chillli crab, pasta puttanesca and olive focaccia.
Class 06	A stylish representation of the varietal mix, with a strong selection of well-made, solid wines. The best wines showed good balance, varietal character and overall harmony. Food: Cassoulet and anchovy pizza.
Class 07	A fun class to judge, with aromatically lifted wines. The best wines showed balance with sweetness. Food: Korean fried chicken.
Class 08	The best wines in this class showed great concentration, balanced acidity and precise power, with a clean, persistent finish. These wines demonstrated excellent structure and focus. Food: Oysters and crayfish.
Class 09	The older vintages lacked freshness, with some wines showing faults and signs of age. The best wines in the bracket were vibrant and fresh, displaying an attractive salmon, Provence-style colour and good overall balance. Food: Salt and pepper squid, grilled watermelon and grilled mushrooms.
Class 10	A fun class to judge, with plenty of good wines contributing to an up-and-coming class. The best examples showed brightness of fruit and energy in their structure. Food: Buffalo wings.
Class 11	A challenging bracket. The best wine showed structural balance. Food: Ratatouille.
Class 12	A varied class with differing styles. The wines that medalled had restrained fruit and balanced tannin and acid structure. Food: Rabbit pie.

