



## **An Old Paddock produces the Best New Wine of the Year Announcing the '2018 NSW Wine of the Year'**

The **2018 NSW Wine Awards** top trophy results will be announced at an exclusive Awards Presentation at Government House Sydney on Friday 19th October. 16 Trophies and Awards will be presented to the state's best wines, including the ultimate Trophy - the 'NSW Governor's 2018 Best in Show' - being presented by the Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd).

Chair of Judges Dave Brookes says, "The trophy winning wines from the 2018 NSW Wine Awards shine a light on the wine styles in which NSW excels and the quality of recent vintages in the state." And here they are ...

Australia Post Trophy for Best Riesling ~ Nick O'Leary 2018 White Rocks Riesling (Canberra)  
Charles Sturt University Trophy for Best Sauvignon Blanc ~ Trentham Estate 2018 Sauvignon Blanc (Murray Darling)  
NSW DPI Trophy for Best Semillon ~ McGuigan 2013 Bin 9000 Semillon (Hunter Valley)  
Ultra Labels Trophy for Best Chardonnay ~ Two Rivers Wines 2017 Yarra Road Chardonnay (Hunter Valley)  
Australia Post Trophy for Best Light Red ~ De Luliis Wines 2018 Sangiovese Merlot (Hunter Valley)  
Finlaysons Trophy for Best Shiraz ~ Mount Pleasant Wines 2017 Old Paddock & Old Hill Shiraz (Hunter Valley)  
Riedel Trophy for Best Cabernet Sauvignon ~ Moppity Vineyards 2016 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon (Hilltops)  
MultiColor Trophy for Best Other Red Varieties ~ Tamburlaine Wines 2017 Orange Reserve Malbec (Orange)  
Nexia Australia Trophy for Best Red Blend ~ Sweetwater Estate 2017 Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon (Hunter Valley)  
NSW DPI Award for Best Organic Wine ~ Tamburlaine Wines 2017 Orange Reserve Malbec (Orange)  
Chair of Judges Award for Best Southern Highlands Wine ~ Tertini 2018 Pinot Gris (Southern Highlands)  
**CiSRA Trophy for Best Sparkling Wine** ~ Printhie Wines NV Swift Cuvee Chardonnay Pinot Noir (Orange)  
**NSWWIA Trophy for Best Sweet Wine** ~ De Bortoli Wines Noble One 2016 Semillon (Riverina)  
**Orora Trophy for Best Dry White** ~ Nick O'Leary 2018 White Rocks Riesling (Canberra)  
**CCL Trophy for Best Dry Red** ~ Mount Pleasant Wines 2017 Old Paddock & Old Hill Shiraz (Hunter Valley)  
**NSW Governor's Trophy for Best in Show** ~ Mount Pleasant Wines 2017 Old Paddock & Old Hill Shiraz (Hunter Valley)

Commenting on some of the winning wines, Dave Brookes says, "As in previous years the Semillon categories were very strong and the McGuigan 2013 Bin 9000 Semillon grabbed the Best Semillon Trophy by showing all the toasty complexity and pure drinkability that we all love from mature Hunter Valley Semillon."

"The 2017 Two Rivers Yarra Road Chardonnay also really impressed with its purity of fruit and mealy/struck match complexity and the sparkling wine from Printhie Wines showed great complexity and plenty of energy and vitality, providing wonderful drinking. The Nick O'Leary 2018 White Rocks Riesling picked up the Best Riesling and overall Best Dry White in the show by showing scintillating fruit purity and focus with great drive and velocity across the palate."

"To the reds and De Luliis Wines picked up the Trophy for Best Light Red with their joyfully drinkable and gorgeously aromatic rose and the 2016 Moppity Vineyards Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon and 2017 Sweetwater Estate Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon picked up the trophies for Best Cabernet Sauvignon and Best Red Blend for their pure fruit, varietal trueness and winemaking craftsmanship. A revelation this year was the alternative varieties category which was hotly contested with a raft of gold medals. This year's winner of the Best Other Red Varietal, also picking up the Best Organic Wine in Show trophy in the process, was the 2017 Tamburlaine Orange Reserve Malbec, whose vibrant, crunchy fruit wowed the judges."

"Finally, the Best Dry Red Wine in show and ultimate title of 2018 NSW Wine of the Year was awarded to the magnificent 2017 Mount Pleasant Wines Old Paddock & Old Hill Shiraz, a wine of impeccable pedigree, purity and balance and one that highlights what the Hunter Valley does best – medium bodied, savoury red wines that are approachable and delicious in their youth yet have everything that is needed for a noble life in the cellar with spectacular results."