



Graham Gregory Award Winners

2018

John Casella

John comes from a long line of Italian winemakers. The creator of the well-known Yellow Tail brand, John's philosophy is to showcase Australia's regions and winemaking expertise across the globe. Today, Casella Family Brands is Australia's largest family-owned wine company, exporting nearly 12 million cases of wine each year to over 50 countries.

2017

Stuart McGrath-Kerr

Stuart has worked in the wine industry since 1987 and started working with the NSW Wine Industry Association in 1997, being pivotal in making the Association what it is today, before retiring in 2017. Significant NSWIA achievements under Stuart's management include the development of the "NSW Wine" Brand, Sydney Cellar Door in Hyde Park, The NSW Wine Awards and the release of the Safework NSW Guide to Managing Risks in the NSW Wine Industry. For many years Stuart also conducted the NSW component of the Australia Regional Wine Grape Utilisation and Pricing Survey, part of the National Survey and he was also the Secretary Riverina Winemakers Association from 2000, running the Riverina wine show (1988 to 2016).

2016

Dr Richard Sheldrake

Richard has been heavily involved in promoting the NSW wine industry for over 20 years, supporting research and development in his former position as the Director General of the NSW Department of Primary Industries. Dr Sheldrake is highly respected by the wine industry and holds the same ethos, reputation and love of the industry as this award founder and former NSW Agriculture Director General, Graham Gregory.

2015

Bruce Tyrrell AM

Bruce graduated from the University of New England in 1973 with a Bachelor of Agricultural Economics. He has had a broad range of involvement in the wine industry, including Director of the Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Association and the Hunter Valley Research Foundation. In 2006, Bruce was recognised with an Order of Australia medal for his contribution to the Australian wine industry; improving grape quality, research, tourism and export opportunities. In 2009, he was named a Hunter Valley Living Legend at the Hunter Valley Wine Industry Awards.

2014

Bill Calabria AM

Bill has dedicated a major part of his life to the Riverina wine region. He has been a leader in transforming the image of the region and committed to educating people how to increase wine quality. In 2013, he was awarded an AM, a Member of the Order of Australia, for his significant service to the wine industry, and to the community of the Riverina.

2013

Chris Barnes AM

Chris is widely recognised by his peers as the driving force behind the formation of the NSW Wine Industry Association and a fearless advocate for the interests of winemakers and grape growers in NSW. He has worked tirelessly as an industry advocate during his 40-year involvement with the NSW wine industry, holding a range of industry positions including former president of the NSW Wine Industry Association from 1999 to 2005. He also served a record eight years as president of the Hunter Valley Vineyard Association and has represented the Hunter Valley wine industry on a number of State and Commonwealth committees. In 2003 Mr Barnes was named a Member (AM) of The Order of Australia for his services to the NSW wine industry.

2012

David Lowe

David has held various important wine industry positions, including President of the New South Wales wine Industry Association; Vice President of the Winemakers' Federation of Australia; member of the strategic NSW Ministers' Wine Advisory Council, and President of the Mudgee Wine Grape Growers Association.

2011

Brian Freeman

2010

R F Hilder

2009

D J (Doug) McWilliam

2008

E G Walhquist

2007

M Flannigan

2006

G R Scollary

2005

P Ryan

2004

R Turkington

2003

J Brayne

2002

I L Riggs

2001

B J McGuigan

2000

P L Shaw

1999

G R Johnston

1998

R H Roberts

1997

L P Evans

1996

K F Helm AM

1995

D A V (Deen) De Bortoli

1994

D R (Don) McWilliam

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M D Tyrrell

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R I Oatley

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G R Gregory