

2020 NSW WINE AWARDS RULES & REGULATIONS

Please read these carefully. If you have any questions email wineawards@nswwine.com.au for assistance.

This year the Awards are being conducted using the AWRI Showrunner on-line entry and judging program. All entries must be made on line via the portal. You will need to set up a Showrunner account in order to do this.

CLASSES

1. Sparkling Wine – White (including pink) any vintage including NV, any style, any sweetness including carbonated
2. Sparkling Wine – Red, any vintage including NV, any style, any sweetness including carbonated
3. Current Riesling (2018 – 2020)
4. Mature Riesling (2017 and older)
5. Current Semillon (2018 – 2020)
6. Mature Semillon (2017 and older)
7. Current Sauvignon Blanc (2018 – 2020)
8. Mature Sauvignon Blanc (2017 and older)
9. Current Pinot Gris/ Grigio (2018 – 2020)
10. Mature Pinot Gris/ Grigio (2017 and older)
11. Current Chardonnay (2018 – 2020)
12. Mature Chardonnay (2017 and older)
13. Current Other Single Varieties (2018 – 2020)
14. Mature Other Single Varieties (2017 and older)
15. Current White Blend (2018 – 2020)
16. Mature White Blend (2017 and older)
17. Current Light Red Including Rose (2018 – 2020)
18. Mature Light Red Including Rose (2017 and older)
19. Current Pinot Noir (2017 – 2020)
20. Mature Pinot Noir (2016 and older)
21. Current Shiraz (2017 – 2020)
22. Mature Shiraz (2016 and older)
23. Current Cabernet Sauvignon (2017 – 2020)
24. Mature Cabernet Sauvignon (2016 and older)
25. Current Other Red Single Varieties (2017 – 2020)
26. Mature Other Red Single Varieties (2016 and older)
27. Current Red Blend (2017 – 2020)
28. Mature Red Blend (2016 and older)
29. Sweet Wine (non-fortified) including Moscato
30. Innovators class NV
31. Fortified wines (any style and vintage)

AWARD/TROPHY CATEGORIES

1. Sparkling Wine – White (including pink) or Red, any vintage including NV, any style, any sweetness including carbonated
2. Riesling
3. Semillon
4. Sauvignon Blanc
5. Pinot Gris/ Grigio
6. Chardonnay
7. Other Single Varieties
8. White Blend
9. Light Red Including Rose
10. Pinot Noir
11. Shiraz
12. Cabernet Sauvignon
13. Other Red Single Varieties
14. Red Blends
15. Sweet Wine (non-fortified) including Moscato
16. Fortified wine
17. Best Organic Wine (selected from all categories)
18. Best Innovation wine
19. Chair of Judges Award
20. Best White Wine In Show
21. Best Red Wine In Show
22. NSW Wine of the Year (selected from category winners – Best Red, Best White, Best Sparkling, Best Sweet Wine & Best Fortified wine)

AWARD RECOGNITION

All wines entered will be eligible to receive Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Trophies for the award categories will only be presented if a wine first achieves gold medal standard. Trophy winners will be announced at a gala presentation to be held at a venue and time to be confirmed

JUDGING

Exhibits will be judged blind in accordance with Wine Show standards using the 100pt scale from 29th September to 1st October 2020. Judging will be led by Chairman, and experienced wine judge Dave Brookes, who is a freelance wine writer and a regular contributor to Australian Gourmet Traveller WINE & Wine Companion magazines.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. An exhibitor shall mean a Person, Partnership, Association, Co-operative, Company or Corporate Body, licensed to sell wine under its own registered trading marks and under which the exhibit will finally be sold and which in the opinion of the Awards organising committee:

- (i) Manufactures wine, or
- (ii) Grows grapes and has wine manufactured for him/her or it, for the purpose of sale by wholesale or by retail under the name or preferred business name of the Exhibitor, as stated in the application for entry.

B. All exhibited wines must originate from NSW according to the Australian Wine & Brandy Corporation Export Regulation Amendment 1993, the Australian Wine & Brandy Corporation Amendment Act 1993 (which includes G.I.C. & register of Protected Names) and LIP (1989).

Wines carrying non-NSW identifiers are not permitted. Wines designated South East Australia are permitted but must meet the minimum NSW content rule. Varietal wines must be at least 85% of the variety and from NSW grapes.

All exhibits shall conform to the respective Acts of the States & Commonwealth of Australia which govern the production of Australian Wines & Brandy, including but not limited to: the Customs & Excise Act; Health Act, Spirit Act and the Regulations relevant to such Acts.

C. Organic Award – wines considered for this award can be either certified organic/bio-dynamic or officially registered as under conversion. Organic/bio-dynamic certification number must be noted on entry form at the time of entry to be eligible.

D. Stock Volume:

(i) Recent Vintages: White Wines and Light Reds from 2018 to 2020, Full-bodied Red Wines from 2017-2020. Minimum of 900 litres at time of entry.

(ii) Older Vintages: White Wines from 2017 and older, Red Wines from 2016 and older. Minimum of 450 litres at time of entry.

(iii) Sweet White, Sparkling Wines: Minimum of 450 litres or equivalent at time of entry.

(iv) Innovation class wines: Minimum of 450 litres or equivalent at time of entry.

(v) Fortified wines. Minimum of 450 litres or equivalent at time of entry.

E. Commercial Entries – these must be:

- Bottled, fully dressed with commercial label & on sale in the Australian market at the time of judging. Wines bearing Export labels or wines not bearing commercial labels at judging will be judged as finished wines only.

F. Finished Wines/Wines not commercially available

- These are wines that have been bottled during a commercial bottling run with the seal/cork that the consumer will break to consume. They may or may not bear a commercial label.
- Where a finished wine is not commercially labelled, the exhibitor must list on the entry form the commercial brand under which it will be sold.

G. General Provisions

- Sparkling wines may be of any style, vintage or production method and can include carbonated and non-vintage wines. If multiple disgorgements, the disgorgement details of the wine entered must be noted
- Entry fee is \$99 per exhibit. Members of the NSWWIA will receive a rebated discount of \$11 per entry discounted from their membership fees in the year of the show only.
- Number of bottles per exhibit required: 4 bottles, regardless of bottle size.
- All wines must comply to the Australian Label Integrity Program as per The Wine Australia Act 2013
- Each blend of any specific wine can only be entered once in the show.
- The Committee or a representative of the Committee reserves the right to inspect the integrity of all exhibits and their stock volumes.
- All exhibits shall become the property of the NSWWIA.

H. Labels for all entries.

Once the closing date has occurred. Labels will be generated through the AWRI Showrunner system. These will be emailed out to all entrants as a pdf document. Labels will need to be applied to the back of all 4 wine samples, prior to them being couriered to the delivery address below.

I. Presentation of Awards and Trophies

Trophies and the NSW Wine of the Year will be presented at a gala presentation to be held on Friday 23rd October at the International Convention Centre Sydney. Contact info@nswwine.com.au for further information and bookings. Exhibitors agree to supply up to 12 bottles free of charge (these may be drawn from all Gold and Silver medal winners).

Public relations where required – one dozen bottles for media briefings.

J. Results Embargo; All finalists contacted for additional wine are committed to embargoed information until after the trophy presentation.

K. Entries; These must be made online at www.nswwine.com.au via the AWRI Showrunner portal.

Entries close Friday 21st August 2019.

L. Delivery of Exhibits - 4 bottles per entry regardless of bottle size, to be delivered by courier delivery only and must contain supplied show labels as per item H.

Delivery of show exhibits is strictly from Tuesday 1st September – Tuesday 15th September 2020. Exhibits should indicate the sender and number of boxes (if more than one) and be addressed to:

NSW Wine Awards

Warehouse 2

19 Drapers Rd, Braemar NSW 2575

[your winery name]

[box X of Y]

CONTACTS

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