



## 2021 WINNERS ~ NSW SOMMELIER'S WINE LIST AWARDS

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May, the top winners in the 2021 NSW SOMMELIER'S WINE LIST AWARDS (run by NSW Wine with strategic partners Destination NSW, WINEDEPOT and the Restaurant and Catering Association) were announced at Government House Sydney at a ceremony hosted by the Governor of New South Wales Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC.

A fantastic range of wine lists were entered this year by sommeliers/beverage managers from across the state. After much diligent evaluation by judges Dane Richards (GM Australia for Gault&Millau), Ned Goodwin MW (wine educator and critic) and Mark Baulderstone (MD Riedel Spiegelau Nachtmann Australia), 38 finalists were crowned 2021 NSW Wine Stars (full list at end of release) and then this week, these were whittled down to the top 6 lists.

### And the winners are ...

2021 Best NSW Wine List in a Regional NSW venue – small

**David Lowe from The Zin House, Mudgee**

*This was a very strong category, with finalists from the Hunter, Orange, Mudgee, Shoalhaven and Southern Highlands - highlighting the quality of food and wine experiences out there in our wine regions. The winner receives a \$1000 prize package from DK Digital Systems, including invaluable advice on the right digital systems to take your business to the next level.*

2021 Best NSW Wine List in a Regional NSW venue – large

**Pete Cutcliffe from Bill's Fishhouse, Port Macquarie**

*The largest category of finalists, again highlighting the quality in regional NSW, and giving the judge a tough job. In the end, Bill's Fishhouse became our first back-to-back winner, collecting this award for the second time. They will receive a bespoke glass consultation, specifically tailored to their venue, and a \$2000 premium glass fit out from RIEDEL.*

2021 Best NSW Wine List in a Regional NSW accommodation venue

**Matt Underwood from The Newcastle Club, Newcastle**

*A new category to the Awards, created to showcase and reward those that work so hard in accommodation venues to provide a great service and also support local producers. Matt's list was described by the judge as "a very well-constructed list with strong depth in almost all areas". He receives an indulgent, immersion trip around the stunning wine region of Orange, including 2 nights accommodation at Rowlee's Guesthouse, dinner for 2 at Charred Kitchen and Bar and a range of expertly guided winery tours. He also received a great prize package from the Restaurant & Catering Association including free membership, a special report on the on-premise trade in Australia and 2 Free Tickets to the next NSW Awards For Excellence.*

2021 Best NSW Wine List in a Sydney venue

**Louella Mathews from bibo wine bar, Double Bay**

*Words judges used for this list were "superlative" and "a wonderful list, well thought out and structured"! Louella wins \$1000 worth of Australia's best wine logistics and technology solutions from WINEDEPOT.*

2021 Best NSW Wine List in a Sydney accommodation venue

**Matthew Brooke from TWR, Crown Sydney**

*The other new category to our Awards, highlighting the sommeliers and accommodation venues in Sydney that showcase our state's wines to a wide audience. Again there were some very strong finalists in this category but one stood out with nearly 100% of its wines by-the-glass coming from NSW, and these were backed up by a bottle list that the judges described as "bold and impressive"! Matthew wins a fantastic food and wine trip around the Canberra wine district region, including 2 nights accommodation at the East Hotel, dinner or lunch at Grazing Restaurant and some expertly guided winery tours, tailored to his interests.*

2021 NSW Wine President's Award for Outstanding Support of the NSW Wine Industry

**David Collins from Charred Kitchen & Bar, Orange**

*This is a special award presented at the discretion of the President of the NSW Wine Industry Association, Mark Bourne, and given to someone that has shown outstanding commitment to showcasing NSW wines. Mark commented, "David's list hosts 244 wines from all over NSW (840 wines in total), making it arguably the biggest list of NSW wines in the country"! David wins a trip around the birth-place of Australian wine, the Hunter Valley, including 2 nights accommodation at The White House (including Pooles Rock Wines), dinner for 2 at Hunters Quarter, and some premium winemaker experiences. He also receives automatic and free entry into the 2021 Australia's Wine List of the Year Awards.*

2021 NSW Sommelier's Wine List of the Year

**Matthew Brooke from TWR, Crown Sydney**

*Our overall winner not only claims the ultimate title of 'NSW Sommelier's Wine List of the Year' but is also on his way to Mudgee. Including 2 nights accommodation at Farmer's Quarters, a private picnic at Lowe Wines with food by The Zin House, dinner for 2 at Pipeclay Pumphouse and more exclusive winemaker experiences at some amazing wineries like Vinifera Wines and Robert Stein Winery. This winner will also receive free entry into the 2021 Australia's Wine List of the Year Awards.*

A massive congratulations to all the finalists and top winners, and a big thank you for supporting the wines of NSW.

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## 2021 #NSWWineStars

Atelier by Sofitel, Sydney  
Bangalay Dining, Shoalhaven Heads  
bibo wine bar, Sydney  
Birch Restaurant, Moss Vale  
Black Bar & Grill, The Star Sydney  
Charred Kitchen and Bar, Orange  
Eschalot Restaurant, Berrima  
Fix Wine Bar + Restaurant, Sydney  
International Convention Centre Sydney  
Lolli Redini Restaurant, Orange  
Muse Kitchen, Lorn  
O Bar and Dining, Sydney  
Pilu at Freshwater, Sydney  
Quay Restaurant, Sydney  
Sean's Bondi, Sydney  
Tattersalls Club, Sydney  
The Newcastle Club, Newcastle  
The Throsby, Wollongong  
TWR, Crown Sydney

Avalon Restaurant, Katoomba  
Bar Florian, Port Macquarie  
Bills Fishhouse and Bar, Port Macquarie  
Birdie Noshery & Drinking Est, Orange  
BOILERHOUSE at Q Station, Accor Sydney  
Esca, Pokolbin  
EXP Restaurant, Pokolbin  
Flying Fish, The Star Sydney  
Jackalberry, Hyatt Regency Sydney  
Muse Kitchen, Hunter Valley  
Nel Restaurant, Sydney  
One Penny Red, Sydney  
Public Dining Room, Sydney  
Redsalt Restaurant, Crown Plaza Pokolbin  
SOUTH on Albany, Berry  
The Gantry, Pier One Sydney  
The Robertson Hotel, Robertson  
The Zin House, Mudgee  
Wandin Kitchen, Lovedale

