



# Eltham & District Winemakers Guild

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*Fellowship through home winemaking*

*Share, Learn, Enjoy!*

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# Result Book

*Fellowship through home winemaking: Share, Learn, Enjoy!*



**Make your Own Wine.  
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- **Have you recently started making wine at home but would like to learn more?**
- **Have you been making your own wine for a while but would like to meet up with other winemakers to share experiences?**

**If you answered yes to either of these questions, then the Eltham & District Winemakers Guild could be just what you are looking for!**

**The Eltham & District Winemakers Guild can introduce you to:**

*Fellowship through home winemaking: Share, Learn, Enjoy!*

- **A welcoming group of winemakers of all traditions and levels of experience, many with a long tradition of artisan Grape and Country winemaking.**
- **Great learning, sharing and mentoring experiences to improve your winemaking skills.**
- **Fun and educational monthly meetings covering grape and country winemaking and wine appraisal.**
- **Monthly competitions leading to Australia's largest home winemaking show with judging by professionals.**
- **Social events including winery weekends somewhere in Victoria.**
- **Learning how to improve your palate through our unique method of appraisal.**
- **Monthly meetings at the Eltham Living and Learning Centre starting at 7:45 PM. Visitors welcome. (Check out our web site!)**

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## The Judges

### **Loïc Le Calvez (Chief Judge)**

#### **Robin Querre**

*Robin was head winemaker at Tisdall wines in Victoria for 6 years until 2010. Then gained international experience across the world's premium winemaking regions until 2015. Now based in the Yarra Valley. Robin graduated in Oenology in Bordeaux and obtained a Master in vineyard and winery management at Enita of Bordeaux.*

#### **Warwick Billings**

Warwick likes ferment things. Studied wine at Adelaide University and beer at Ballarat University, worked for larger Australian wine companies, completing many vintages overseas predominantly in France and Spain. Home is the Adelaide Hills where he works for a contract winemaking company, as well as his own enterprises, LOBO Cider and a small wine brand – Wowique.

#### **Ken King**

Life Member & Past President of EDWG, proprietor and winemaker in the Yarra Valley, Ken has been winemaking since 1985 working mainly with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Ken is also a contract winemaker for several boutique vineyards and is been on a winemaking mentor to many. He has won many awards as a professional and amateur winemaker.

#### **Chris Meyers**

Chris is a highly regarded amateur winemaker and life member of the Frankston Amateur Winemakers Guild. He was their winemaker of the year for 12 years running and has major trophies from most amateur shows. Chris has judged amateur wine shows for over 20 years.

**Loïc** was the Winemaker and then COO of Taltarni in Victoria & Clover Hill in Tasmania for 14 years. He has since founded Wine Truth in 2016 as a Consultant Winemaker as well as Wine Education & Services provider to individuals and professionals. An experienced wine show judge, who has developed his skills through the AWRI's Advanced Wine Assessment Course and WSET programs.

#### **Luke Campbell**

Luke is head sommelier at *Vinified*, Australia's most exclusive members club is known for his passion, outstanding knowledge and infectious enthusiasm for wine. Hunter Valley born and raised, Luke has immersed himself in the wine industry over the past 2 decades. WSET qualified, he brings a wealth of consumer understanding to the judging panel.

#### **Daniel Airoidi**

Daniel founded Airoidi Fine Wines in April 2012, after a 15-year career in the hospitality industry in France, Ireland and Australia. Airoidi Fine Wines imports wines suitable to the Australian palate, and represents small Australian producers. Graduated at the Paris Wine School with the WSET Level 3, currently completing WSET Level 4 Diploma.

#### **Chris Ramsay**

A past member of EDWG and regular award winner over many Eltham Wine Shows, Chris is now co-owner and assistant winemaker at Yarra Valley Winery, Kings of Kangaroo Ground.

#### **Sarah Andrew**

Sarah is the owner of a wine distribution company, Selador Wines. She represents wines from Australia and New Zealand. Recently from London handling corporate accounts with an international portfolio, she also is a certified Sommelier and has a Diploma Wine WSET (London).

#### **Wayne Hewitt**

Wayne is a professional winemaker for Rebello Wines, a winery on the Mornington Peninsula associated with Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm. He has judged at the Hobart (Australian) Fruit Wine Show, Cairns Fruit Wine Show as well as the Victorian Wines show.

#### **Zenon Kolacz**

Zenon has been the Guild's Advocate for alternative and less known varieties for many years. As a highly experienced associate judge the committee deemed Zenon's skills to be of such a high standard that he has been promoted to full judge

#### **Ben Mullen**

Ben, Winemaker at Clyde Park Vineyard in Bannockburn, Geelong, completed studies in Viticulture and Oenology at the University of Adelaide. Extensively and diversely experienced winemaker at premium wineries in Australia, France and New Zealand. Completed the AWRI in 2017.

#### **Chris Collier**

Chris Collier is a technical consultant with Grapeworks, specialising in sparkling wine production. He swears fluently at machinery in Italian and French.

#### **Geoff Anson**

Geoff is from Barwon Ridge Wines in Geelong. A former EDWG member of 20 years standing and a highly awarded winemaker. Geoff is ideally placed to appreciate the positive aspects of amateur winemaking. He has a vast experience in White Wine and Pinot Noir

## Major Awards

Award	Sponsor	Prize	CertificateName	Description
Best Grape Winemaker		Trophy	David Hart	
Best Woman Winemaker		Trophy	Julie Game	
Eltham Guild Winemaker OF The Year (WOTY)	Domaine Chandon	Winery Tour, Meet the Winemaker, Private Tasting Trophy	David Hart	
Hillside/Bayside Trophy		Trophy	David Hart	
The Harry Gillham Trophy for Best Country Winemaker		Trophy	David Hart	

## Country & Grape

Award	Sponsor	Prize	CertificateName	Description
Best Liqueur			Anne Shea	LIQ2 Fig Leaves and Gin 2016

## Country Wines

Award	Sponsor	Prize	CertificateName	Description
Best Berry Wine	Artisans Botega	\$50 Voucher	David Wood	CBE13 Blueberry and Raspberry 2016
Best Herb Grain Flower or Vegetable			Danny Cappellani	CVE8 Minty Sage 2016
Best Other Fruit Wine	HomeMarket	\$50 Voucher	Henri Syzanski	CFR11 Guava 2014
Best Stone Fruit Wine			Libby Hazimichalis	CS15 Apricot S 2016

## Major Awards

Award	Sponsor	Prize	CertificateName	Description
Bill Christophersen Trophy for Best Previous Shiraz Wine	HomeMarket	\$50 Voucher Trophy	Ross McDonald	RSP36 Moana Shiraz 2016
Jo Ilian Trophy	Artisans Botega	\$50 Voucher Trophy	Trevor Roberts	MGA1 Metheglyn 2011

## Mead

Award	Sponsor	Prize	CertificateName	Description
Best Berry Mead	HomeMarket	\$50 Voucher	David Hart	MBA10 Blackberry Mead 2017
Best Joss Ancient Orange Mead			Anne Shea	MJA1 Honey Orange and spices 2016
Best Metheglyn			Trevor Roberts	MGA1 Metheglyn 2011
Best Other Mead			Ian Tomlin	MOA5 Sack Mead Grey Box Coffee
Best Other Melonel			David Hart	MMA6 Banana Mead 2017
Best Sparkling Mead			John Winkels	MSA4 Apple and Honey B 2017
Best Traditional Mead			Hannah Lucas	MTA11 Traditional Warrandyte Wildflower 2017
The Mead Cup		Trophy	Trevor Roberts	MGA1 Metheglyn 2011

## Red & White Grape

Award	Sponsor	Prize	CertificateName	Description
Best Fortified Red or White Grape Wine any vintage			Harridge Family	GFA6 Fortified Shiraz 2016
Best Sparkling Red or White Grape Wine any vintage			Richard Webb	GSP6 Sparkling Pinot/Chardonnay Brut 2015

## Red Grape

Award	Sponsor	Prize	CertificateName	Description
Best Cabernet Sauv Cabernet Franc current vintage	HomeMarket	\$50 Voucher	Peter Emness	RCC5 Cabernet Sauvignon Coolart 2017
Best Cabernet Sauv Cabernet Franc previous vintage	HomeMarket	\$50 Voucher	RICHMOORE WINES	RCP17 Cabernet Sauvignon 2015
Best Less Common Red Variety current vintage	HomeMarket	\$50 Voucher	David Hart	RLC21 Petite Syrah 2017
Best Less Common Red Variety previous vintage	HomeMarket	\$50 Voucher	David Hart	RLP14 Petite Syrah 2015
Best Merlot current vintage			Paul Finn	RMCS Merlot 2 2017
Best Merlot previous vintage	HomeMarket	\$50 Voucher	Trevor Drysdale	RMP20 Merlot 2016
Best Other Red Blend current vintage			Carlo Ceravolo	RBC13 Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 14% 2017
Best Other Red Blend previous vintage	HomeMarket	\$50 Voucher	Danny Cappellani	RBP7 Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2006
Best Pinot Noir current vintage			Russell and Petra Savage	RPC7 Pinot Noir 2017
Best Rose any type current vintage			Michael Gallo	RRA7 Rose 2017
Best Shiraz current vintage	HomeMarket	\$50 Voucher	Carlo Ceravolo	RSC33 Shiraz 14% 2017

## White Grape

Award	Sponsor	Prize	CertificateName	Description
Best Chardonnay Pinot Gris current vintage			David Hart	WCC13 Chardonnay S 2017
Best Chardonnay Pinot Gris previous vintage			Terry Norwood	WCP5 Chardonnay 100% new oak 2016
Best Less Common White Varieties any vintage			Ross McDonald	WLA6 Moana Chann Blanc 2017
Best Riesling, Traminer current vintage			Chateau Thornbury	WAC4 Pinot Gris 2017
Best Riesling, Traminer previous vintage			Bill Henderson	WAP5 Riesling 2015
Best Sauvignon Blanc any vintage			Emilio Russo	WSA8 Sauvignon Blanc 2017

**CBE****Country Berry Wine****18 Entries**

Judge:

**Some wines showed advanced age for their actual age, bright fruit is attractive. Should 'older' country wines have their own class ?**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
CBE	1	David Hart	Elderberry	2014	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Spicy, port notes, a bit developed, tannins under control, complex	
CBE	2	David Hart	Blackberry	2016	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Good colour depth, some browning . Lovely blackberry fruit - quite tannic finish- slightly over extracted?	Bronze
CBE	3	David Wood	Raspberry and Blood Plum	2016						WITHDRAWN
CBE	4	Ray Davis	Blackberry	2017	3.0	4.5	7.0	14.5	Subdued aroma, lacking exuberant blackberry character. Tannins in balance, but lacks fruit weight.	
CBE	5	Libby Hatzimichalis	Strawberry M	2016	2.5	6.0	7.5	16.0	Dull colour, beautiful strawberry fragrance. Attractive slightly drying finish	Bronze
CBE	6	Pam Mamers	Raspberry	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Aromatic, attractive . Good acid balance , drying tannins on finish	
CBE	7	Peter Enness	Mulberry	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Attractive deep red colour, nice aromas, quite tart, with greenish tannins, unpleasant	
CBE	8	Noel	Blueberry	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Slight Aldehyde on nose	
CBE	9	Bill Bussau	Raspberry	2016	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Cough medicine raspberry cordial- attractive medium weight balanced finish	Bronze
CBE	10	David Hart	Mulberry	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Attractive colour, lack of fruit definition	
CBE	11	David Hart	Raspberry	2016	2.5	6.0	6.5	15.0	Intense fruit nose, attractive. Colour has brown tints, quite tart palate, some green characters	
CBE	12	Noel	Raspberry	2016	2.5	5.0	7.5	15.0	Quite brown hues, lacks primary fruit definition. Palate balance quite good.	
CBE	13	David Wood	Blueberry and Raspberry	2016	3.0	6.5	8.5	18.0	Nice jubey cough medicine fruits. Medium weight attractive	Silver
CBE	14	Bill Henderson	Raspberry	2016	3.0	4.0	8.0	15.0	Some oxidation character marring fruit purity. Quite good intensity and weight , balance good.	
CBE	15	Richard Webb	Lillypilly 2016 2017 dry	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Quite dull colour, attractive non descript flavours , wine like and balance lacks defining character	
CBE	16	David Wood	Raspberry and Rhubarb	2016						WITHDRAWN
CBE	17	Danny Cappellani	Raspberry	2016	3.0	6.0	7.5	16.5	Attractive lighter fruits. Medium weight, well made.	Bronze

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
CBE	18		Withdrawn							WITHDRAWN

**CFA****Fortified Country Wine - Any Vintage****3 Entries**Judge: **Chris Myers****Small class. Reasonable results. Be careful with spirits used. Sweetness and acid OK.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
CFA	1	Ray Davis	Banana Fortified	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Clear. Nice greasy banana nose. Alcohol not very evident. Wine lingers on palate for some time.	Bronze
CFA	2	Naomi Bortolin	Boronia Wine	2016	3.0	5.5	8.5	17.0	Clear. Dominant spirit nose. Boronia perfume absent. Flower more evident in mouth. Very pleasant.	Silver
CFA	3	Henri Styzinski	Cumquat	2014	2.0	4.5	7.5	14.0	Heavy sediment. Unpleasant spirit nose. Taste of sediment. Cumquat good, but spoiled by spirit.	

**CFR****Country Other Fruit Wine****19 Entries**Judge: **Chris Myers****A very strong class with some wonderful well crafted wines. Good use of fruit and balance evident.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
CFR	1	Noel	Feijoa	2015	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Bouquet characteristic about right strength. Good feijoa flavour.	Silver
CFR	2	David Wood	Passionfruit and Pineapple	2016	3.0	7.0	8.5	18.5	Beautiful combination of passion and pineapple. A very refreshing wine. Beautiful.	Gold
CFR	3	Henri Styzinski	Banana	2016	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Light banana nose. Lovely ripe taste.	Silver
CFR	4	David Hart	Kumquat	2016	3.0	7.0	8.0	18.0	Good Kumquat nose. A little pithy. Mouth gripping.	Silver
CFR	5	Danny Cappellani	Lychee Passion Fruit	2016	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	lacking passion fruit in the nose, Passion Fruit lacking.	Bronze
CFR	6	Vinko	Blood Orange Dry	2010	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	Lovely subtle orange nose. Lovely sharp orange.	Gold
CFR	7	Henri Styzinski	Feijoa 5	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Oxidised.	
CFR	8	Alex Carter	Mango Apple Frizzante	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Malo taste.	
CFR	9	Libby Hatzimichalis	Rhubarb M	2015	2.0	5.0	8.0	15.0	Spritz. Sugar on nose. Little rhubarb acid. A fizzy drink	
CFR	10	Glen Fortune	Lemon	2016	3.0	5.5	6.0	14.5	Strong lemon nose. Not clean, pithy.	
CFR	11	Henri Styzinski	Guava	2014	2.5	7.0	9.5	19.0	Beautiful fruity nose. A glorious wine. Sediment.	Gold
CFR	12	Noel	Guava	2016	3.0	4.5	6.0	13.5	Nose lacking. Oxidised. Dirty taste.	
CFR	13	Henri Styzinski	Feijoa batch 3	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Oxidised.	
CFR	14	David Hart	Fig	2016	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	Beautiful fig nose - rich glorious fig taste.	Gold
CFR	15	Henri Styzinski	Apple	2017	3.0	5.5	5.0	13.5	Typical apple nose. Typical apple taste.	
CFR	16	Vinko	Mandarin Chocolate	2013	2.0	6.0	7.5	15.5	Chocolate nose a little to harsh - mandarin lacking.	Bronze
CFR	17	Noel	Raspberry Plum Blend 2015 2016	2015	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Good combination. Very pleasant.	Silver



Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
CFR	18	David Wood	Raspberry and Rhubarb	2016	3.0	5.5	6.5	15.0	Nose lacks raspberry. Needs sweetening.	
CFR	19	David Wood	Raspberry and Blood Plum	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Fruit neutralises nose. Bitter.	

**CRC****Country Raspberry - Current Vintage****4 Entries**

Judge: **Look to sweetness. A little sweetening will bring out much more fruit flavour.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
CRC	1	Malcolm Roberts	Raspberry	2017	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Teeth gripping. Needs sweetening.	
CRC	2	Phoenix Rising	Raspberry D	2017	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Sulphur. Needs sweetening.	Bronze
CRC	3	Phoenix Rising	Raspberry T	2017	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	A little more harsh than the others.	Bronze
CRC	4	Daniel A'Beckett	Raspberry	2017	2.5	6.0	6.5	15.0	Sulphur. Needs sweetening.	

**CST****Country Stone Fruit Wine****8 Entries**

Judge:

**A good class showing good technique and attention to detail.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
CST	1	Harridge Family	Angelina Plum	2017	3.0	6.5	8.0	17.5	Elegant plum nose, great colour. Good plum astringency with sugar balance. A great food wine	Silver
CST	2	David Hart	Prune	2014	3.0	6.0	7.5	16.5	Earthy dark fruit on nose. Palate has slightly developed character needed a drier finish. Good pure character.	Bronze
CST	3	Henri Styzinski	Deril Plum Wild Yeast	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Clean aroma, juicy if a little cloying. Great length. Sugar balance a small issue.	Bronze
CST	4	David Hart	Morello Cherry	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Classic stinky sour cherry nose. Good colour. Perhaps a little too green and stinky. Bitter on the finish.	
CST	5	Libby Hatzimichalis	Apricot S	2016	2.5	6.5	9.0	18.0	Elegant lifted nose. Clean and fresh. Palate is also clean with good balance. More fruit intensity would have helped. Bitter on finish.	Silver
CST	6	Harridge Family	Apricot	2017	3.0	6.5	7.5	17.0	Elegant lifted nose. Clean and fresh. Palate is also clean with good balance. More fruit intensity would have helped. Bitter finish.	Silver
CST	7	Noel	Plum	2015	3.0	4.5	6.5	14.0	Developed nose, with some sulphides .Clean plum not apparent. Off notes continue to palate. Almost plastic.	
CST	8	Noel	Cherry	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Stinky cherry aroma. Good level of fruit and great colour. A difficult style. Need more mid palate grip.	Bronze

**CVE****Country Herb, Grain, Flower or Vegetable Wine****12 Entries**Judge: **Chris Myers****An interesting and good standard class. Be careful with the main ingredients used - some are too strong or too weak.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
CVE	1	Bryan Anderson	Dandelion Wine	2016	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Very little dandelion character on nose. Some dandy character - not too strong.	Bronze
CVE	2	Danny Cappellani	Folly wine Vine Leaves	2016	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Pleasant green nose. Slightly citric. Refreshing and balanced.	Bronze
CVE	3	David Hart	Rose	2017	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Pleasant light rose smell. A little bitter. Choose rose variety carefully.	
CVE	4	Vinko	Fennel Dry	2011	3.0	4.5	6.5	14.0	Burnt smokey nose. A little sharp. Burnt strong taste. Not altogether unpleasant. Has fun with your gums!	
CVE	5	David Hart	Mint	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Infected	
CVE	6	David Hart	Rosemary	2017	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Strong rosemary nose - head filling. A little over powering on taste. Needs a leg of lamb!	Bronze
CVE	7	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Beetroot	2017	2.5	6.0	7.5	16.0	Some sediment. Good earthy beetroot smell. A light beetroot wine.	Bronze
CVE	8	Danny Cappellani	Minty Sage	2016	3.0	6.5	8.0	17.5	Lovely nose of mint and sage - refreshing balanced.	Silver
CVE	9	David Hart	Sage	2017	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Light sage, citric smell. A little bitter. Not a lot of character but balanced.	Bronze
CVE	10	Ray Davis	Rhubarb	2017	3.0	4.5	7.0	14.5	Little bouquet. Little character.	
CVE	11	Libby Hatzimichalis	Kaffir Lime Leaf M	2016	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Strong bouquet of leaf green. Strong taste. Maybe a few too many leaves - balanced.	Bronze
CVE	12	Peter Enness	Elderflower Dried	0217	3.0	4.0	8.0	15.0	No elderflower nose. Only use petals. Too much green. Little character. Good back palate, lingers.	

**GFA****Fortified Grape Wine, Red or White Any Vintage****7 Entries**Judge: **Robin Querre****Strong class. Tannins and fruit balanced with sweetness and alcohol.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
GFA	1	David Hart	Fortified Pinot	2016	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Clear expression. Palate on the sweet side. A bit light.	Bronze
GFA	2	David Hart	Fortified Petite Syrah	2017	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Dark fruit. Concentration slightly alcoholic. phenols heavy on finish.	Bronze
GFA	3	Robert Fedrigo	Port RG	2006	3.0	6.5	7.5	17.0	Lovely fruitiness. Great concentration. Alcohol a little burning.	Silver
GFA	4	Rino Ballerini	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	2016	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Pleasant but green character. Lack of concentration. A little phenolic.	
GFA	5	Harridge Family	Fortified Cabernet Sauvignon	2016	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	Dull nose - peppery. Sharp palate - drying. VA is too high and is responsible for lowering overall quality.	
GFA	6	Harridge Family	Fortified Shiraz	2016	3.0	6.6	9.0	18.6	Great aromatic intensity. Good balance and concentration.	Gold
GFA	7	Danny Cappellani	Reserve Port	2012	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Complex and balanced or aromatic and palate a bit light on intensity and short.	Silver

**GSP****Sparkling Grape Wine Any Vintage****6 Entries**Judge: **Robin Querre****Diverse class - Some lovely wines . Focus on phenolic quality to improve finish**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
GSP	1	Nicholas Pane	Cabernet Sauvignon Blanc Yarra V	2017	2.0	5.0	6.0	13.0	Clear aromatic but too phenolic. Finish on bitterness that requires removing. Colour not appealing	
GSP	2	Richard Webb	Sparkling Pinot Noir Brut	2017	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Attractive colour, nice aromatics with touch of nuts/lees. Buttery notes enhanced on the palate	Bronze
GSP	3	Vinko	Shiraz Fortified	2012	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Rich, savory, short, light -out of class (not scored)	
GSP	4	David Hart	Shiraz		3.0	5.0	5.5	13.5	Nose aromatic and fine but heavy character with bitter phenolics. Gentle pressing /fining would help	
GSP	5	Richard Webb	Sparkling Pinot/Chardonnay	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	High sulphur on nose, crisp and fresh on palate. Short but clean	
GSP	6	Richard Webb	Sparkling Pinot/Chardonnay Brut	2015	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Good aromatic with complexity. Nice balance	Silver

**GVA****Sweet Grape Any Variety (not fortified) Any Vintage****2 Entries**Judge: **Robin Querre****Good aromatics. Phenolics structures to clean.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
GVA	1	Peter Treneski	Moscato / Chardonnay	2017	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Clean nose-aromatic. Drying and a little phenolic on palate. Lack of freshness.	
GVA	2	Vinko	Shiraz Sweet	2016	3.0	6.0	5.5	14.5	Fruity- mulberry nose. Phenolic with residual bitterness. Balance to improve.	

**HYB****Hybrid Class****4 Entries**

Judge:

**A class always interesting and different. A chance for real experimentation.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
HYB	1	David Hart	Cabernet Sauvignon/Blackberry	2017	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Addition of blackberry has enhanced aroma. But also tannins. Balance challenged at finish.	Bronze
HYB	2	Vinko	Hybrid Class	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Raspberry and shiraz??? Aroma carries through to the palate. A little too thin.	
HYB	3	Danny Cappellani	Muscat Orange	2012	3.0	6.5	8.0	17.5	Attractive orange and muscatel on nose. Citrus fruit sweetness enhances muscat. A good combination.	Silver
HYB	4	Tim Donegan	Shiraz Cherry Ratafia		3.0	5.5	7.5	16.0	Unpleasant cooked aroma dominates aroma. Pleasant sweetness carries nondescript fruit, showing coffee on finish.	Bronze

**LIQ****Liqueur Wines****15 Entries**Judge: **Warwick Billings****Good class - no real zingers but good standard quality. Watch carefully the spirits used.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
LIQ	1	Terry Norwood	Green Walnut Sweet	2016	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Spirit on nose. A little harsh on taste but reasonable.	Silver
LIQ	2	Anne Shea	Fig Leaves and Gin	2016	3.0	5.5	9.0	17.5	Faint fig leaf nose. Good leaf components.	Silver
LIQ	3	Angelina Dimasi	Limoncello 2	2017	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Nice strong lemon nose. Good lasting citric flavours.	Silver
LIQ	4	Pam Mamers	Cumquaat	2017	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Faint cumquat nose. Sugar dominant.	Bronze
LIQ	5	Pam Mamers	Limoncello	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Very little citric nose let down by after flavours.	
LIQ	6	Angelina Dimasi	Limoncello 3 in Grappa	2017	2.5	5.0	7.0	14.5	Slightly disinfectant smell lasts in the mouth.	
LIQ	7	David Hart	Green Walnut		3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Good walnut and spirit combination. A little harsh.	Silver
LIQ	8	Terry Norwood	Raspberry Sweet	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Good strong raspberry nose. A little acid. Could be sweeter.	Bronze
LIQ	9	Terry Norwood	Lime - Cello Sweet	2017	3.0	6.5	8.0	17.5	Lovely fresh citric nose. Good combinations - well made.	Silver
LIQ	10	David Hart	Chocolate		3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Strong chocolate nose. A little too chocolatey. Be aware of spirit - lacking.	Bronze
LIQ	11	Angelina Dimasi	Limoncello 1	2017	2.5	5.5	7.5	15.5	Skin flavours. Intense and zesty.	Bronze
LIQ	12	Terry Norwood	Limoncello Sweet	2017	3.0	4.0	7.0	14.0	Very little citric nose. Harsh.	
LIQ	13	Pam Mamers	Blackberry	2017	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Good fruit nose a little jammy. Good bramble flavour, good sugar balance.	Silver
LIQ	14	Terry Norwood	Blackberry Sweet	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Fruity - sugar on nose. Needs more spirit.	Bronze
LIQ	15	Matthew F Drew	Limoncello	2017	2.5	5.5	7.0	15.0	Reasonable nose. Mouthfilling but crude.	

**MBA****Berry Melomel - Any Vintage****15 Entries**Judge: **Wayne Hewitt****It is difficult to balance fruit and honey while maintaining balance. Melomels are a difficult class. High scorer showed classical balance and attention to detail.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
MBA	1	Bryan Anderson	Raspberries Wildflower Honey	2014	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Clean fresh and sweet honey. Good savoury balance, perhaps a little acidic on finish. Good length.	Silver
MBA	2	Danny Cappellani	Passion Fruit	2017	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Pronounced fruit with subdued honey. Some SO2 present. Fruit and honey present on palate, but needs more acid to define.	Bronze
MBA	3	David Hart	Raspberry Mead	2017	3.0	5.0	6.5	14.5	Flat and reductive nose. Austere fruit lacks honey on palate, some off character on finish.	
MBA	4	Hamish Lucas	Blueberry Orange Blossom	2017						WITHDRAWN
MBA	5	David Attenborough	Blackberry Melomel Dry	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Honey and fruit present on both nose and palate. A fraction dry, needing more fruit to balance strong honey flavour.	
MBA	6	Danny Cappellani	Elderberry	2017	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Closed, bright fruit, elegant honey. Initial sweetness gives way to a good clean honey palate. More fruit would have improved.	Silver
MBA	7	David Pope	Blackberry	2015	3.0	5.5	6.5	15.0	Dark, herbaceous nose. Restrained. Sweetness dominates palate, masking fruit.	
MBA	8	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Shiraz Pymnt	2017	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Dark berry, spice and oak dominate. Palate is flat, needing more fruit and honey definition.	Bronze
MBA	9	Bryan Anderson	Raspberries Wildflower Honey	2016	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Elegant honey and raspberry nose. Fruit expression on palate needs more definition - increase sweetness. Honey too far in background.	Bronze
MBA	10	David Hart	Blackberry Mead	2017	3.0	7.0	8.0	18.0	Lovely fruit on nose. Honey boosts aroma. Fruit sweetness dominates honey, keeping out of higher medal. Good balance and grip.	Silver
MBA	11	Harridge Family	Mixed Berry Melomel	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Generalised berry nose, no apparent honey. Thin fruit and mouthfeel. Acidic finish. Touch of sweetness would have benefitted.	
MBA	12	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Pymnt E	2015	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Burnt oak nose. Some dark honey notes. Dark fruit. Smooth palate, but without definition. Lacks tannin. Reasonably acid on finish.	Bronze
MBA	13	Anne Shea	Blueberries	2017	3.0	6.0	7.5	16.5	Good blueberry aroma. Subdued honey. Palate is clean and refreshing, but lacks definition and balance. Finishes short.	Bronze
MBA	14	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Pymnt C	2015	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Dark fruits and oak, with little honey on nose. Sweet honey (back sweetened?) dominates palate. Could be a better liqueur style.	Bronze
MBA	15	David Hart	Shiraz Mead	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Fermenting.	

<b>MGA</b>	<b>Mead Metheglyn (Spiced) Any Vintage</b>	<b>6 Entries</b>
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Judge: **Warwick Billings****Top mead showed classic spiced combination with good balance.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
MGA	1	Trevor Roberts	Metheglyn	2011	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	Attractive spices - good sweet balance.	Gold
MGA	2	Hamish Lucas	Orange Blossom Metheglyn Orange Blossom	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		WITHDRAWN
MGA	3	Harridge Family	Metheglyn	2017	3.0	5.5	7.5	16.0	Attractive spices, slightly drying on finish.	Bronze
MGA	4	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Spiced Mead	2017	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	complex nose, slightly herbal / plastic notes, could be blossom?	
MGA	5	Graham Scott	Sir Michael of York Mead	2017	2.5	5.5	7.0	15.0	Attractive long nose, spices not so evident. Odd finish.	
MGA	6	Harridge Family	Chai Metheglyn	2016	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Wild herbal nose. Attractive spicey palate and reasonable balance, perhaps a bit punchey.	Silver

<b>MJA</b>	<b>Country Joes Ancient Orange - Any Vintage</b>	<b>7 Entries</b>
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Judge: **Wayne Hewitt****A much improved class compared to last year. Finishing the wines has been a big step up. Fruit intensity is down in some.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
MJA	1	Anne Shea	Honey Orange and spices	2016	3.0	6.5	8.0	17.5	Bright colour, clean aromatic nose. Vanilla spice and citrus. Creamy citrus palate, well integrated spices. Long length.	Silver
MJA	2	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Joes Ancient Orange B	2015	3.0	5.5	7.5	16.0	Bright golden appearance. Nose dominated by peel. Palate is thicker, without sufficient flavour definition. Subtle spice and fruit on finish.	Bronze
MJA	3	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Joes Ancient Orange B	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Bright golden colour. Nose is not fresh. Flavour and astringency well handled. Alcohol could be a little low.	
MJA	4	Anne Shea	Honey Orange and spices	2017	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Bright golden appearance. Clean spice and fruit. Astringency is most appealing. Sweetness is good, but more fruit needed to balance overall.	
MJA	5	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Joes Ancient Orange W	2015	3.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	Herbaceous nose with little fruit or spice. Palate has pronounced acid, but astringency balanced sweetness works well. A little low in alcohol.	Bronze
MJA	6	Graham Scott	Joes Ancient Orange Mead	2017	3.0	4.5	6.0	13.5	Dark gold and clear. Complex nose shows some development. Dull palate needed more freshness. Watch out for oxidation.	
MJA	7	Danny Cappellani	Joes Ancient Orange	2016	3.0	5.5	6.5	15.0	Fresh zesty and elegant nose. Very light palate, needing more flavour definition.	



**MMA****Other Melomel - Any Vintage****16 Entries**Judge: **Wayne Hewitt****Melomels showcase fruit and honey. Fruit has dominated this class. Fruit has major handling faults. Top scores show sound techniques.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
MMA	1	David Hart	Fig Mead	2017	3.0	5.5	7.5	16.0	Good fig colour and subtle fig, earthy nose. Honey in the background. Dull fruit on the palate, honey and acid in good balance on this drier style.	Bronze
MMA	2	Jean-Pierre de Mezieres	Plum and Bush Honey Mead	2016	3.0	5.5	8.5	17.0	Sweet confectionery nose, showing some fruit and honey. Palate is clean, reasonable tannin / acid balance. Liked the honey, fruit intensity lacking.	Silver
MMA	3	Harridge Family	Fruit Salad Melomel S	2017	3.0	5.5	8.0	16.5	Pineapple / passionfruit dominates nose. Struggling to find honey. Flavours and back palate definitely tropical, acid dominant. Choose a more floral honey?	Bronze
MMA	4	Bryan Anderson	Dried Fruit Wildflower Honey	2015	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Dark and spicy nose, honey filling in the background. Rich, punchy mid palate, showing complexity. A little hot.	Silver
MMA	5	Hamish Lucas	Strawberry	2014	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Clever mead. Difficult fruit. Good aroma on strawberry and honey. But really needs a little sweetness. A good, but difficult to make fruit wine.	Bronze
MMA	6	David Hart	Banana Mead	2017	3.0	6.5	8.5	18.0	Lifted banana notes, underlying honey. Sweet honey / fruit palate. Good and balance with fruit honey layering the finish	Silver
MMA	7	Harridge Family	Clementine Melomel	2015	3.0	6.5	8.0	17.5	Elegant citrus nose with light honey aroma. Good clean citrus palate, honey around the edges. Dominant bitterness on finish.	Silver
MMA	8	Stephen Stepic	Mead Feijoa	2017	3.0	6.0	5.0	14.0	Lovely complex nose. Palate displays some development. Lacks fruit and honey.	
MMA	9	Hamish Lucas	Strawberry	2011	3.0	5.5	7.5	16.0	Dark, older strawberry / honey nose. Aged characters continue through to acids on mid palate. Difficult style.	Bronze
MMA	10	Jean-Pierre de Mezieres	Lychee and Bush Honey Mead	2016	3.0	4.5	6.5	14.0	Oxidised notes on nose hides lychee. Honey does show. Thin fruit and lack of structure affects palate and length.	
MMA	11	David Pope	Orange/Mango	2015	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	All 3 components obvious on lifted nose. Fruit intensity has dropped with age, but still in balance with good length	Silver
MMA	12	Henri Styzinski	Mead Pineapple	2017	3.0	4.0	7.0	14.0	Nose is pineapple, but lacks freshness. Some ferment character? Palate too thin and lacking in fruit.	
MMA	13	Henri Styzinski	Mead Hops	2016	3.0	4.0	6.0	13.0	Aroma and palate have been compromised by oxidation / aldehyde. Little varietal character.	
MMA	14	Hamish Lucas	Strawberry	2014	3.0	7.0	7.5	17.5	Beautiful old, jammy complex sweet aroma. Age has affected palate. Fruit intensity has dulled down. Has been a good wine.	Silver
MMA	15	David Hart	Kumquat Mead	2017	3.0	6.0	7.5	16.5	Herbal and citrus nose, good honey presence. Palate shows more astringency than fruit. Honey appears in back palate.	Bronze
MMA	16	David Hart	Rosemary Mead	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Deep herbal and honey nose. Some SO2 evident. Balance of sweetness and honey present. But herbs separate not harmonious.	Bronze

## MOA

## Other Mead - Any Vintage

11 Entries

Judge: Warwick Billings

A class of varying character. Excellent variety but still searching for balance across the whole class.

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
MOA	1	Ian Tomlin	Sack Mead Grey Box Lemon Myrtle		3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Infusion of Myrtle gives a nice herbaceous / citrus. Floral. Some harshness and confection on palate. Good attempt at balance. Give it time.	Silver
MOA	2	Ian Tomlin	Sack Mead Grey Box Aniseed Myrtle		3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Despite dominance of Aniseed, palate shows balance and depth. Time will bring components together.	Silver
MOA	3	Anne Shea	Honey and Rose Petals	2016	3.0	6.0	7.5	16.5	Citrusy and rose petal nose. Balance of honey and flowers is good on palate. Finish is thin. A good effort.	Bronze
MOA	4	Hamish Lucas	Spiced Pear Melomel Warrandyte Wildflower	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Pencil shavings and caramel on the nose. Complex. Good traditional pear. Tannin. Try gelatine next time.	Bronze
MOA	5	Ian Tomlin	Sack Mead Grey Box Coffee		3.0	6.0	9.0	18.0	Golden yellow, good coffee and honey. Strong honey and coffee - in balance. Good length and sweetness.	Silver
MOA	6	Hamish Lucas	Bochet Orange Blossom	2017						WITHDRAWN
MOA	7	David Attenborough	Bochet	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Burnt caramel, leather, toffee on nose. Style requires more residual sugar.	
MOA	8	Bryan Anderson	Coffee Bochet	2015	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Attractive coffee burnt honey aroma. Flavour carries through well to palate, but needs to be sweeter for the style.	Bronze
MOA	9	John Winkels	Bochet Caramelised Red Gum honey	2017	2.5	6.0	6.5	15.0	Wine not clean, particulates. Aroma attractive and shows potential. Unfortunately too dry.	
MOA	10	Ian Tomlin	Sack Mead Yellow Box Pepperberry		3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Spicy nose, marred by aldehydic notes. Strong spice or honey on the palate. Drying finish.	Bronze
MOA	11	Henri Styzinski	Mead Batch 2	2013	3.0	6.0	7.5	16.5	Almost a traditional mead? Some pleasant honey aromas. Drying on the palate with good length.	Bronze

**MSA****Sparkling Mead - Any Vintage****5 Entries**Judge: **Warwick Billings****Light and full styles contrasted. Top mead showed nice fruit character completing honey base.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
MSA	1	John Winkels	Apple and Honey A	2017	3.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	Good colour - attractive. Honeyed nose. Balanced palate. Slight bitter length.	Bronze
MSA	2	Ian Tomlin	Traditional Mead Sparkling Grey Box		2.5	5.0	7.0	14.5	Very light colour, delicate, balanced but light.	
MSA	3	Ian Tomlin	Strawberry Melomel Sparkling Grey Box		3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Definite strawberry. Attractive. Slight bitter length; a bit thin.	Bronze
MSA	4	John Winkels	Apple and Honey B	2017	3.0	6.0	9.0	18.0	Apple character visible, attractive. Honey builds on palate.	Silver
MSA	5	Bryan Anderson	Sparkling Apple Cyser	2017	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Seems spiced as well? Quite dry, interesting.	Bronze

**MTA****Traditional Mead - Any Vintage****12 Entries**Judge: **Warwick Billings****Interesting range of meads showing varied characters. Top mean a delightful drink.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
MTA	1	David Hart	Orange Blossom Mead	2017	3.0	4.0	8.0	15.0	Lifted, not quite clean. Nice honey in background. Quite a dry finish.	
MTA	2	Bryan Anderson	Wildflower Traditional	2014	3.0	4.5	8.0	15.5	Slightly waxey nose. Clean, a little simple.	Bronze
MTA	3	Hamish Lucas	Traditional Orange Blossom	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT PRESENT.	WITHDRAWN
MTA	4	Yashmin Beaumont	Mead Traditional Honey	2014	3.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	Spicy, complex honey. Clean length, quite dry.	Bronze
MTA	5	Vinko	Mead	2010	3.0	4.5	8.0	15.5	Unusual note, slightly formic. Lactic, but attractive. At this level, sweet 'cooked' palate.	Bronze
MTA	6	Henri Styzinski	Mead	2012	2.0	4.5	7.5	14.0	Slightly hazed, burnt caramel honey notes.	
MTA	7	David Hart	Clover Mead	2017	3.0	4.5	7.5	15.0	Slight spritz. Ok, 'alcohol' lift.	
MTA	8	David Hart	Mead	2009	3.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	'Toffee honey'. Clean palate. Fair length, good balance.	Bronze
MTA	9	Henri Styzinski	Mead	2016	3.0	4.5	7.5	15.0	Soapy aromatic, quite attractive, thin palate. Lacks balance.	
MTA	10	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Traditional Mead	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Bacterial length, mousey. Not judged.	
MTA	11	Hamish Lucas	Traditional Warrandyte Wildflower	2017	3.0	5.5	9.0	17.5	Floral, attractive. Pretty.	Silver
MTA	12	Bryan Anderson	Blackberry Orange Blossom	2016	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Simple, thin length. Quite well balanced.	Bronze

**PGA****Professional Class - Grape Wine Any Type, Any Vintage****11 Entries**Judge: **Warwick Billings****Diverse class, some interesting bigger reds. care with wood selection and use.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
PGA	1	Emilian	Pinot Noir	2017	2.5	5.5	7.0	15.0	Some haziness, lack of obvious pinot -ness	
PGA	2	Emilian	Cabernet Sauvignon Rose'	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Good pale colour. Attractive fruit on nose. Grip on finish	
PGA	3	Emilian	Pinot Noir	2016	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	good colour, some fruit. Some pinot character. Smokey wool.	Bronze
PGA	4	Emilian	Sauvignon Blanc	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	lack fruit definition. Some nice simple tropical notes. Palate a bit flat.	
PGA	5	Figtree Studio	Cabernet Sauvignon	2012	3.0	5.5	8.0	16.5	Good colour, some development. Good tannin, big wine. Perhaps lacking definitive cabernet-ness.	Bronze
PGA	6	Figtree Studio	Shiraz	2015	3.0	5.5	7.5	16.0	good colour, tarry fruit, chocolatey oak, big wine	Bronze
PGA	7	Figtree Studio	Shiraz	2015	3.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	God colour, fruit oak note	Bronze
PGA	8	Tom Sciliano	Merlot	2014	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Good colour, dense wine, question pinot definition.	Bronze
PGA	9	Tom Sciliano	Cabernet Sauvignon	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Good colour and density. Chocolate/smokey. toasty wood, powerful, quite tannic. Needs time to develop.	
PGA	10	Tom Sciliano	Shiraz	2016	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Deep red, Nice structure.complex layers of wood, long palate	Bronze
PGA	11	Tom Sciliano	Pinot Noir	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Very dark for pinot? Quite dry red in character.	

**PMA****Professional Class - Mead - Any Type, Any Vintage****10 Entries**Judge: **Wayne Hewitt****Wide, wide range of styles - fascinating to see where commercial meads are heading, some classics.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
PMA	1	Stone Dog Meadery	Traditional Mead Scotch Thistle Honey	2016	2.5	5.0	7.5	15.0	Light haze OK, higher note on nose detracting, palate quite good balance.	
PMA	2	Thistle Meadery	Turkish Delight Mead Honey Roses Chocolate	2017	3.0	6.5	8.5	18.0	Dark colour, rose water and chocolate nose, complex and attractive. Sweet but balanced in keeping with nose.	Silver
PMA	3	Thistle Meadery	Spiced Mead Honey Cinnamon Cloves	2017	3.0	5.5	8.0	16.5	Light spice, spices restrained, balanced sweetness.	Bronze
PMA	4	MountainView Meadery	Beekeepers Special	2016	3.0	6.5	9.5	19.0	Lifted aromatic long pretty and attractive, follows through to palate, good length.	Gold
PMA	5	MountainView Meadery	Leatherwood	2016	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Pretty, lifted, attractive. Slightly cloying on length.	Silver
PMA	6	Stone Dog Meadery	Burnt Honey Mead Orange Blossom Honey	2017	3.0	5.5	6.5	15.0	Some honey, then caramelly notes. Quite dry finish.	
PMA	7	Stone Dog Meadery	Barrel Aged Imperial Stout Braggot Orange Blossom	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Discordant higher note on nose. Nice complex palate with drying bitter attractive	
PMA	8	Hunter Honey Wines - Dale Arrowsmith	Traditional Mead Semi Sweet	2017	2.5	5.5	7.5	15.5	Waxy nose, slight haze OK. Quite dry finish,	Bronze
PMA	9	MountainView Meadery	Raspberry Honey	2016	3.0	4.0	6.5	13.5	Odd higher alcohol lift - if fortified question spirit used. Hot palate.	
PMA	10	Thistle Meadery	Viking Blood Mead Honey Hibiscus Black Pepper Hops	2017	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Subdued but attractive nose. VA / acid bite on finish detracts.	

**RBC****Red Blended Wine - Current Vintage****16 Entries**Judge: **Chris Ramsay****Great class to judge, most common fault is oxidation, top wine a great blend, well made wine.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RBC	1	Rino Ballerini	Chambourcin Cabernet Sauvignon 50 50	2017	3.0	5.5	7.5	16.0	Great colour. Dark fruit on nose slightly overripe. Good fruit weight but short.	Bronze
RBC	2	John Utano	Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz	2017	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Minty notes on nose. Soft palate good balance and length.	Silver
RBC	3	Stephen Walker	Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz	2017	3.0	5.5	6.5	15.0	Fresh lifted berry on nose. Lacks fruit on palate - underripe fruit?	
RBC	4	Ray Davis	Grenache Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 40% 40% 20%	2017	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Subdued fruit but nice red berry. Fresh lively palate - good balance.	Silver
RBC	5	Djuro Katta	Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon A	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Nose is musty - masks fruit. Flat palate - oxidised.	
RBC	6	Phill Blight	Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Nice perfumed nose, blackberry and plum. Good fruit flavour - but short on finish.	Bronze
RBC	7	Trevor Roberts	Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Red berry fruits, slight plastic aroma. Flat palate - oxidised.	
RBC	8	Panozzo Family	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	2017	3.0	4.5	6.5	14.0	Greeny nose - fruit underripe. Palate also greeny characters.	
RBC	9	Djuro Katta	Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon B	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Musty notes on nose - masks fruit. Flat palate - oxidised. Pity - underlying fruit seems good.	
RBC	10	Tarabilli Wines	Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Malbec	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Acetic aromas on nose. Palate same - ethyl acetate spoilage.	
RBC	11	Michael Gallo	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	2017	3.0	5.5	8.5	17.0	Subdued nose but good fruit. Well balanced palate - great fruit weight.	Silver
RBC	12	Vinko	Shiraz Mataro	2017	3.0	5.0	6.5	14.5	Lifted nose but slightly oxidised. Fruit a bit stewy - overripe?	
RBC	13	Carlo Ceravolo	Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 14%	2017	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	Great nose rich fruit blackcurrant and cassis notes. Lovely fruit great balance and length.	Gold
RBC	14	Terry Norwood	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	2017	3.0	4.5	7.0	14.5	Lacks fruit on nose. Light palate lacks fruit.	
RBC	15	Phill Blight	Cabernet Malbec	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Good fruit weight slight mustiness. Nice fruit slightly oxidised.	
RBC	16	Tom Petrongolo	Shiraz Merlot 70 30	2017	3.0	5.5	6.0	14.5	Dark berries floral nose. Stewed fruit very oaky lacks freshness	

**RBP****Red Blended Wine - Previous Vintage****24 Entries**

Judge: Daniel Airoidi

**An interesting bracket of blends. There was only a few stand-outs in an otherwise fault-ridden flight. Those varietals are very subtle and need perfect ripeness to shine, especially cabernet and merlot. There was also some evidence of lack of hygiene.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RBP	1	DaMcDiPa Wine Cooperative	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Heathcote	2016	3.0	5.5	7.5	16.0	Black currant, leafy, liquorice and sweet spices. Palate is slightly sprizzy. Good varietal showing. Alcohol slightly warming.	Bronze
RBP	2	Danny Cappellani	Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon	2016	3.0	6.5	7.5	17.0	Black and white peppercorn, stewed cherries and raspberries. Acidity is very high and out of balance. Nice tannins though.	Silver
RBP	3	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot A	2016	3.0	6.5	8.0	17.5	Cassis fruit, ripe blackberries, spiced cherries, leafy, cabernet notes and plummy. Great mouthfeel, tennins and balanced acidity, finishing with notes of eucalyptus.	Silver
RBP	4	Robert Fedrigo	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Petite Verdot RF	2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. oxidised.	
RBP	5	Tarabilli Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Malbec	2016	2.0	5.0	7.5	14.5	Poached plum, cumin seeds, pepper, red fruit. Palate is very simple and hollow - finishes short.	
RBP	6	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	2014	2.0	6.5	8.5	17.0	Colour shows signs of browning already. Nose is very pleasant, good varietal showing here with pepper, spice, cassis fruit, plum - lovely mouthfeel.	Silver
RBP	7	Danny Cappellani	Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon	2006	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	Bright colour for its age. The nose gives lovely tertiary notes of dried fruit, tobacco leaf and smoke. Nice acidity, drying tannins, long length.	Gold
RBP	8	Paul Finn	Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon	2016	3.0	4.5	5.5	13.0	Lack of SO2 resulted in this wine being oxide. Palate is nice but hollow as a result.	
RBP	9	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot B	2015	3.0	6.5	8.0	17.5	Lovely aromas of cassis, plum, cherries, sweet spices and light eucalyptus. Mouthfeel is delicious, great balance between acidity and tannins. Lingering finish.	Silver
RBP	10	Paul Finn	Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon	2012	2.5	4.5	6.0	13.0	There is a confectionary smell about this wine. Stewed strawberries and plums. Palate is out of balance, hollow mid palate and short finish.	
RBP	11	Rino Ballerini	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Shiraz	2016	3.0	4.5	6.5	14.0	Dark black hints, slightly tarry, palate is ripe, almost sweet, acidity balances out OK. Nice tannins.	
RBP	12	Nicholas Pane	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	2015	3.0	4.5	5.5	13.0	Nose is very shy, faint spicy notes, Red fruit. Palate is out of balance.	
RBP	13	David Pope	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	2006	3.0	4.5	5.5	13.0	The colour is great despite the age. Unfortunately the nose is stripped of aromas. The palate is OK. There is still some fruit.	
RBP	14	John Utano	Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz	2016	3.0	5.0	6.5	14.5	Bright colour, nose is muted but gives some nice fruity and oaky aromas with a bit of swirling of the glass. Balanced palate. Nice wine.	
RBP	15	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot B	2016	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Great nose showing nice varietal characters. Leafy blackcurrant plum, eucalyptus, spices. Palate is nice. But alcohol is slightly warming.	Bronze
RBP	16	Robert Fedrigo	Sangiovese Barbera DS	2016	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Lovely nose of dried herbs, red cherries and berries. Palate is vibrant, high acidity and tannins which are true varietal characteristics. Nice	Bronze
RBP	17	Stephen Walker	Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz	2015	3.0	4.5	5.5	13.0	Nose is lacking expression, baked fruit, spices. Palate lacks balance. Acidity way too high.	



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RBP	18	Alex Carter	Cabernet Sauvignon Trebiano 50 50	2016	3.0	5.5	6.0	14.5	What an interesting nose! It screams cabernet but then some floral notes lifts this wine in a different direction.	
RBP	19	Joseph Grech	Shiraz / Merlot	2015	2.0	5.0	6.0	13.0	This wine looks, smells and tastes faulty. Overall lacks ripeness demonstrated by the level of pyrazim (very green).	
RBP	20	Carlo Ceravolo	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 13.5%	2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. The nose is dominated by white peppercorn, but also plenty of Brett. Faulty.	
RBP	21	Phil Kemm Anthony Kemm Robin Hick	Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 60 40	2008	3.0	6.0	7.5	16.5	Lovely nose showing lots of primary fruit despite the age. There is some nice tobacco notes too. Palate is well balanced. A good wine.	Bronze
RBP	22	Robert Fedrigo	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot RW	2016	3.0	4.5	5.5	13.0	Nose is showing a lack of ripeness, with green pyrazim notes, As a result, tannins are green and out of balance.	
RBP	23	Phil Kemm Anthony Kemm Robin Hick	Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 60 40	2007	3.0	5.5	8.5	17.0	Black and white pepper, baked fruit, tobacco and mocha. Great palate. Balanced, good tannins profile. Lengthy and classy.	Silver
RBP	24	Joseph Grech	Shiraz / Merlot	2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Oxidised.	

**RCC****Red Cabernet Sauvignon or Cab Franc - Current Vintage****30 Entries**

Judge: Luke Campbell: (1-15)  
Zenon Kolacz (16-29)

**Entries 1-15: Very attractive - good attempts at Cabernet. Overall very clean. Entries 16-30: Fantastic colours achieved with this class. Majority of wine acceptable in terms of fruit and balance, but only a couple worthy of high praise. Many appear to have not fully gone through MLF. Two bronze and two silver medals awarded.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RCC	1	Stephen Walker	Cabernet Franc	2017	3.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	Bold and balanced. Clean. Good herbaceousness. Some sulphur.	Bronze
RCC	2	Vinko	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	2.0	4.0	7.0	13.0	Oaky, over ripe and too spicy.	
RCC	3	Glen Fortune	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	Less exposure to oxygen. Volatile acidity. Watch the cleanliness of vessels.	Bronze
RCC	4	Dale Farmer	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Thin - fruit didn't carry the wine. Good weight, excess alcohol. Wanted more depth.	Bronze
RCC	5	Peter Enness	Cabernet Sauvignon Coolart	2017	3.0	7.0	9.0	19.0	Bright ruby fruit. Clean and good structure. Could have pressed more, i.e. could have done with more tannin and extraction to be even better. Gold wine.	Gold
RCC	6	Paul Finn	Cabernet Sauvignon 2	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	VA spiritus, bad handling. Middle of the road fruit.	
RCC	7	Phill Blight	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Unbalanced fruit. Good nose, savoury. Palate short.	
RCC	8	Danny Cappellani	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	6.0	9.5	18.5	Too much tannin, tartaric. Sweet/sweaty fruit. Really varietal. Great depth and great structure.	Gold
RCC	9	Nicholas Pane	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	7.0	5.0	15.0	Purple - good fruit. Acid and tannin lacks extraction. Something not quite right - not varietal.	
RCC	10	Harridge Family	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	5.5	8.5	17.0	Alcohol dominates nose. Palate better than nose. Good fruit.	Silver
RCC	11	Bill Williams	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Juicy fruit, good balance, great drive with tannins. Blackberry - briar - forest. Solid silver.	Silver
RCC	12	Terry Norwood	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Smooth, good structure. Thin and lacking fruit. Take more care with the fruit.	Bronze
RCC	13	John Utano	Cabernet Sauvignon Briars	2017	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Good fruit and balance. Nice tannin structure. Great bones. Needs more oomph, tannin / oak.	Silver
RCC	14	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Cabernet Sauvignon HV	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Balanced, vibrant red fruit.	Bronze
RCC	15	Matthew F Drew	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Soft, flat. Dried out.	
RCC	16	Carlo Ceravolo	Cabernet Sauvignon 13.8%	2017	3.0	4.0	7.0	14.0	Good colour. Nose is largely nondescript. Hint of crushed stalk. No primary fruit on nose or palate. Very bland.	
RCC	17	David Hart	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Good colour. Nose displays black currant / berry character. A touch green. Berry character on palate, soft, lacks a little acid. Short length.	Bronze

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RCC	18	Paul Finn	Cabernet Sauvignon 1	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Good colour. No major faults on nose, but no fruit evident. Some oak, but generally flat. No primary fruit on palate. Some green apple. Not through MLF??	
RCC	19	Andrew Weston	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Colour good. Hints of berry and oak on nose. Reasonable balance. Excessive tannins. Very drying, possible Bretanomyces. Not gone through MLF. Needs some balance.	
RCC	20	Howard Devlin	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Good colour. Dusty oak character initially dominates nose, but gives way to subtle black currant with swirling. Medium length palate, tannins and acids quite good.	Silver
RCC	21	Emilio Russo	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Deep dark ruby colour. Nose is somewhat closed. Little fruit character. Lots of acid and tannins extending to back of palate. Black currant and green apple.	
RCC	22	Neagle/Cappellani	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Good colour. Initial pleasant oak. Fruit comes through on swirling. Palate very acidic. Drying tannins on mid palate. Unbalanced.	
RCC	23	Dave Bulluss Madred Wines	Cabernet Sauvignon Piper View	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Good colour. Deep. Nose appears to be closed with little primary fruit. Palate lacking acid. Very bland flavours. Somewhat oxidised.	
RCC	24	Paul Esposito	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	5.5	7.5	16.0	Bright, deep colour. Tar and cigars on nose. Very slight. Not unpleasant. Palate lacking flavour and depth, but drinkable. Mid palate tannins.	Bronze
RCC	25	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Cabernet Sauvignon DP	2017	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Good colour. Initial oakiness gives way to soft black currant on nose. Soft acids and tannins appear to be in good balance. Should develop well.	Silver
RCC	26	Julie Game	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Good colour. Initial oak and mint disappears on swirling. Green character emerges on nose. Palate has strong Brett character (bandaid), which detracts from the tasting.	
RCC	27	Beige Pureau	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Good colour. However nose dominated by unripe, infected green characters.	
RCC	28	Rino Ballerini	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Good colour, but overpowering VA (aldehydes) on nose.	
RCC	29	Stephen Walker	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	3.0	5.5	6.0	14.5	Vibrant red colour. Nose displays blackberry, leaf and some stalkiness, but not unpleasant. Could do with some oak. Palate lacks depth and balance. Short, flat, lacks acid.	
RCC	30	Peter Stepic	Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Great colour, but strong volatile acidity (aldehydes) on nose. Not prepared to taste.	

**RCP****Red Cabernet Sauvignon or Cab Franc - Previous Vintage****45 Entries**

Judge: Duncan Moody (1-24)  
Chris Ramsay (25-40)

**Entries 1-24: Great class to judge. Generally high standard but VA and cleanliness issues were main problems to address. Wines which stood out were varietal, savoury still had freshness and well judged tannins. Entries 25-45: Great class - fabulous to see how cabernet ages so gracefully - top wines retained their fruit and showed elegance and length.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RCP	1	Neagle/Cappellani	Cabernet Sauvignon	2015	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	Nice tertiary aromas. Structure all there, even some primary fruit. Can go on for another 6-12 months.	Gold
RCP	2	David Hart	Cabernet Sauvignon	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Aldehyde on nose. Structure good, but not too fruity.	
RCP	3	Trevor Roberts	Cab Sauvignon	2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	WITHDRAWN	WITHDRAWN
RCP	4	David Hart	Cabernet Sauvignon	2013	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Aldehyde. Tomato leaf. Compote fruit. Dark spice. Cork taint? Bitterness, nice tannins.	
RCP	5	David Mayfield	Cabernet Sauvignon Yarra Valley	2015	3.0	5.0	5.5	13.5	Cola nose. VA? Varnish tones.	
RCP	6	David Hart	Cabernet Sauvignon B	2010	3.0	7.0	7.5	17.5	Cassis herbaceousness. Black currant drops. Mint and eucalyptus. A little VA and slightly dirty. Fruit spice, primary fruit.	Silver
RCP	7	Bill Henderson	Cabernet Sauvignon	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	VA? Dirty. Vegemite. No fruit. over oaked.	
RCP	8	David Pope	Cabernet Sauvignon	2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Bretty.	
RCP	9	David Pope	Cabernet Sauvignon	2016	3.0	6.5	8.0	17.5	Compote fruit. Nice and bright. Good structure. Residual sugar should be fermented out.	Silver
RCP	10	John Utano	Cabernet Sauvignon Briars	2015	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Musk green pepper. Good, well structured. Some fruit left. Good concentration mulberries.	Silver
RCP	11	Danny Cappellani	Cabernet Sauvignon	2006	3.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	Toast forest floor nose. Good example for 11 year old. Fruit has dropped off and little oxidation creeping in. Structure good. A little past its best. A little Brett.	Bronze
RCP	12	Rino Ballerini	Cabernet Sauvignon	2016	3.0	5.5	6.5	15.0	Chocolate. Too much oak. Slightly dirty. Acid too high. Nice spice. Bright fruit.	
RCP	13	Peter Enness	Cabernet Sauvignon Heathcote	2015	3.0	5.5	6.0	14.5	Cassis, varnish Slight fault? VA. Poor quality oak chips Green oak.	
RCP	14	Howard Devlin	Cabernet Sauvignon	2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Bubblegum. Fresh, a little cassis and wood. cork taint (TCA).	
RCP	15	Paul Esposito	Cabernet Sauvignon	2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Looks advanced. Palate hard. Tannin and acid disjointed.	
RCP	16	David Mayfield	Cabernet Sauvignon Yarra Valley	2013	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Nose autumn leaves. Structure fine, maybe a little overlooked? Good development.	Bronze
RCP	17	RICHMOORE WINES	Cabernet Sauvignon	2015	3.0	7.0	9.0	19.0	Cassis. Black fruit, violets, olive freshness, savoury. Structure OK. Good mid palate fruit. Good length.	Gold

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RCP	18	Matthew F Drew	Cabernet Sauvignon	2014	3.0	4.5	8.5	16.0	Vegetal pea shoots on nose. Good structure and fruit.	Bronze
RCP	19	Mount Lilydale Mercy College	Cabernet Sauvignon	2016	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Nose too advanced for '16. Burnt. Textural tannins. Dark cassis fruit looking more advanced than '16.	Bronze
RCP	20	John Utano	Cabernet Sauvignon Briars	2013	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Very hard astringent. Bretty?	
RCP	21	Neagle/Cappellani	Cabernet Sauvignon	2016	3.0	6.5	7.5	17.0	Black fruits brambles. tomato leaf. Palate over oaked. Alcohol a bit high. Some tannins a bit harsh. Fruit left pure and clean.	Silver
RCP	22	Michael Gallo	Cabernet Sauvignon	2015	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Muted nose. Astringent and sour. Too much sulphur but has fruit freshness.	
RCP	23	Frank Geremia	Cabernet Sauvignon	2015	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	A little VA. Kirsch pear drops. Palate - cheap staves.	
RCP	24	Stephen Stepic	Cabernet Sauvignon	2015	3.0	4.5	7.5	15.0	Nose a bit burnt. Structure good. Tannins fine. Residual sugar should be fermented out. Too much sulphur.	
RCP	25	Stephen Walker	Cabernet Sauvignon	2015	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Berry slight confectionery nose. Fruit driven wine, good length.	Bronze
RCP	26	David Hart	Cabernet Sauvignon H	2010	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Flat nose / palate oxidised.	
RCP	27	Trevor Roberts	Cab Sauvignon	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Raspberry with vanillin notes. Nice fruit but discordant.	
RCP	28	Mario Fantin / O' Callaghan	Cabernet Sauvignon	2013	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Oxidised. No fruit.	
RCP	29	John Utano	Cabernet Sauvignon Briars	2014	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Nice aged fruit on nose. Fruit driven palate. Good length.	Silver
RCP	30	Stephen Walker	Cabernet Franc	2015	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Dark fruits, cherry, oak. Sweet fruit on palate but nice balance and length.	Silver
RCP	31	David Mayfield	Cabernet Sauvignon Yarra Valley	2014	3.0	5.5	8.0	16.5	Rich colour - nearly inky. blackberry and cassis. Well made but fruit a bit ripe.	Bronze
RCP	32	Howard Devlin	Cabernet Sauvignon	2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Musty nose - oxidised.	
RCP	33	Matthew F Drew	Cabernet Sauvignon	2015	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Well made, just lacks varietal character.	
RCP	34	David Hart	Cabernet Sauvignon 2015/2016	2015	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Unique - two vintage blend! Good fruit, nice varietal characters.	Silver
RCP	35	Russell Washusen	Cabernet Sauvignon 1	2016	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Slight confectionary character. Palate lacks fruit weight. Quite short.	Bronze
RCP	36	John Utano	Cabernet Sauvignon Briars	2016	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	Lifted nose blackberry / blackcurrent. Lovely spiciness. Varietal palate great length.	Gold
RCP	37	Russell Washusen	Cabernet Sauvignon 2	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Subdued nose. Palate lacks fruit bit thin lacks mid palate.	

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RCP	38	David Hart	Cabernet Sauvignon	2014	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	Great nose - blackberry/cassis. Smooth , fruity palate - nice wine.	Gold
RCP	39	Robert Fedrigo	Cabernet Sauvignon RW	2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Oxidised - no fruit.	
RCP	40	Julie Game	Cabernet Sauvignon	2005	3.0	6.5	8.5	18.0	Nice fruit lovely aged characters. Smooth rich palate. Lovely aged Cab.	Silver
RCP	41	Peter Stepic	Cabernet Sauvignon	2016	3.0	4.5	7.5	15.0	Lacks fruit slightly oxidised. Good palate, just lacks freshness.	
RCP	42	Peter Stepic	Cabernet Sauvignon	2015	3.0	5.0	6.5	14.5	Blackberry on nose. Palate a bit flat, slightly oxidised?	
RCP	43	Peter Stepic	Cabernet Sauvignon	2014	3.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	Subdued nose but fruit beneath. Nice palate, balanced good length.	Bronze
RCP	44	Peter Stepic	Cabernet Sauvignon	2013	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Oxidised.	
RCP	45	Peter Stepic	Cabernet Sauvignon	2012	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Blackberry and briar. Rich fruit aged characters but nice balance.	Silver

**RLC****Red Less Common Varieties****30 Entries**

Judge: Daniel Airoidi

**A very interesting and eclectic line up. Some great showings with classic varietal expressions. Some showed great winemaking abilities while others perhaps, lacked restraint on the use of oak.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RLC	1	Daniel Emanuelli	Sangiovese XO French Oaked	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Lovely fruit, dried herbs. High acidity and the alcohol is a little burning.	
RLC	2	Frank Geremia	Sangiovese	2017	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Fruity and bright nose. Palate is stiff, showing remains of CO2. This is going to be delicious.	Bronze
RLC	3	Peter Enness	Tempranillo Balnarring	2017	3.0	6.0	5.0	14.0	Lovely nose. Unfortunately over-oaked and acidity is overly high.	
RLC	4	Phill Blight	Malbec	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Oxidised.	
RLC	5	Stephen Stepic	Grenache DJ	2017	2.0	4.0	7.0	13.0	Nose indicates that the fruit was picked too early. Palate is better than the nose, but still very green.	
RLC	6	Trevor Drysdale	Tempranillo	2017	3.0	6.0	9.0	18.0	Lovely plummy nose with ripe strawberries. Palate is a little hollow, but great tannins, structure and length.	Silver
RLC	7	Paul Finn	Malbec Lees	2017	1.0	6.0	6.0	13.0	Colour is browning, indicating problems with rot or oxidation. Nose is pretty enough, but palate is showing a lack of precision.	
RLC	8	Danny Cappellani	Nero D Avola	2017	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	Vibrant colour, lovely nose of berries, cola and dried herbs and bacon. Oak is well integrated giving this wine a lovely mouthfeel.	Gold
RLC	9	Mario Fantin / O' Callaghan	Nero D Avola P	2017	2.0	5.0	6.0	13.0	Too much oak and not enough acidity. Short finish and out of balance.	
RLC	10	Bruce Black	Sagrantino	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Good varietal showing here. Slightly baked aromas. Some medicinal flavours.	
RLC	11	Trevor Roberts	Malbec	2017	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Great varietal characters. Black berry, cherries, bacon. Good mouthfeel with balanced tannins and acidity. Great ripeness.	Silver
RLC	12	Paul Finn	Nero D'Avola	2017	2.0	5.0	6.0	13.0	Unfortunately, showing signs of oxidation. Good fruit on the nose, but palate is hollow and short.	
RLC	13	Glen Fortune	Grenache	2017	2.0	6.0	6.0	14.0	Brambly red fruit on the nose. Simple, but a nice drink.	
RLC	14	Rino Ballerini	Grenache	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Oxidised.	
RLC	15	Terry Norwood	Italian Heritage Blend	2017	2.5	4.5	7.0	14.0	Bright red fruit, lovely freshness on the palate. A delicious little wine.	
RLC	16	David Hart	Nero D'Avola	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Ripe red fruit, cured meat. Bright and cheerful, although it finishes short.	Bronze
RLC	17	Tim Donegan	Sangiovese	2017	3.0	6.5	7.0	16.5	A good varietal representation. Nose reminiscent of Tuscany. Red fruit, dried herbs. High acidity and tannins, but will integrate.	Bronze

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RLC	18	David Hart	Grenache	2017	3.0	6.5	8.0	17.5	Black cherries, bright fruit, plummy. Palate is silky. Lovely structure and finish.	Silver
RLC	19	Danny Cappellani	Graciano	2017	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Dried herbs, purple fruit, high acidity balanced by nice oak integration. Easy drinking.	Silver
RLC	20	Danny Cappellani	Sagrantino	2017	3.0	5.5	8.5	17.0	Bright fruit, slightly vegetal aromas. Palate is rich, lovely silky tannins and mild oak.	Silver
RLC	21	David Hart	Petite Syrah	2017	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	The wine of the bracket! White and black pepper, red fruits, dark cherries. Fantastic mouthfeel, good tannins and oak.	Gold
RLC	22	Ross McDonald	Moama Tempranillo	2017	3.0	5.5	6.5	15.0	Great fruit on the nose, but palate is out of balance with acidity too high.	
RLC	23	Rino Ballerini	Chambourcin	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Not prepared for a wine show.	
RLC	24	Matthew F Drew	Grenache	2017	2.5	4.5	6.0	13.0	Baked fruit, short finish. Medicinal and unpleasant smell.	
RLC	25	Robert Fedrigo	Sangiovese BL	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Oxidised.	
RLC	26	Phill Blight	Nero D'Avola	2017	3.0	6.0	7.5	16.5	Cherries, raspberries, cola. Nice acidity. Simple, but very good.	Bronze
RLC	27	Mario Fantin / O' Callaghan	Nero D Avola FR	2017	3.0	5.5	6.5	15.0	Too much oak! Good fruit and structure, but oak over-shadows everything.	
RLC	28	Bill Bussau	Malbec	2017	2.5	4.5	5.0	12.0	Not showing any varietal characteristics. Most likely to be unripe fruits.	
RLC	29	Stephen Stepic	Grenache	2017	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Cherries, strawberries, stewed though. Palate slightly ripe and balanced with good tannins.	Bronze
RLC	30	Bill Bussau	Nero D Avola	2017	3.0	6.5	7.0	16.5	Vibrant red fruits, strawberries, cherries, cola, some notes of bacon. Great mouthfeel and acidity.	Bronze



**RLP****Red Less Common Varieties - Previous Vintages****28 Entries**Judge: **Zennon Kolacz****A difficult class due to the variety of wine styles. Overall, the class was clean and devoid of fault.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RLP	1	Rino Ballerini	Sangiovese 2	2016	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Bright good colour. Broad.	Bronze
RLP	2	David Hart	Petite Syrah	2016	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Lovely colour. Great nose, could use acid. Good wine.	Bronze
RLP	3	Carlo Ceravolo	Sangiovese 13.5%	2016	2.0	6.0	6.0	14.0	Hot, some over-extraction. Very medicinal.	
RLP	4	Thornbury Wine Co	Sangiovese Heathcote	2016	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Very pleasant, well balanced. Clean, good use of fruit and oak.	Silver
RLP	5	Rino Ballerini	Sangiovese 1	2016	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Soft, supple sweet fruit. Good weight, mid-palate. Good herbaceousness.	Silver
RLP	6	Paul Finn	Sangiovese 1	2014	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Hot, medicinal, over-extracted. Simplify the handling. Some plum fruit.	
RLP	7	Paul Finn	Sangiovese 2	2014	3.0	7.0	8.0	18.0	Great weight, plum fruit. Good acids. Some crushed rose and tomato. Well balanced - solid effort. High silver.	Silver
RLP	8	Robert Fedrigo	Zinfandel RW	2016	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Bold with good fruit and weight. Too much sweet fruit. Good effort.	Bronze
RLP	9	Bill Henderson	Sagrantino	2016	3.0	7.0	7.0	17.0	Balanced, with red fruit spectrum. Some olive and gunsmoke. Palate better than nose.	Silver
RLP	10	David Hart	Tempranillo	2015	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	Hot alcohol nose. Charcoal palate - dense. Pick fruit earlier. Ferment less time. Awkward.	
RLP	11	Trevor Drysdale	Tempranillo	2015	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Blue fruit, cherry cola. Good fruit weight. Charcoal, balanced.	Bronze
RLP	12	John McCarthy	Mourverdre	2016	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Smoked meat. Over worked fruit. Angular. Take it easy on extraction.	
RLP	13	David Hart	Tempranillo	2014	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Perfumed, rose, crushed earth. Black chalk, good tannins. Excessive alcohol.	Bronze
RLP	14	David Hart	Petite Syrah	2015	3.0	7.0	9.0	19.0	Beautiful nose, cedar tobacco, vegetal. Red striped liquorice. Vibrant in nose and palate long, balanced.	Gold
RLP	15	Rino Ballerini	Sangiovese 3	2016	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Fragrant, earth. A little hot. Some excess alcohol. Acidic tomato.	Bronze
RLP	16	Daniel Emanuelli	Sangiovese French Oaked	2015	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Supple and juicy, well balanced, herbal edge with spice. Good fruit.	
RLP	17	Matthew F Drew	Sangiovese	2015	3.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	Tart cherry fruit, some over-ripe characters. Tomato, bayleaf and thyme.	Bronze

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RLP	18	Trevor Drysdale	Tempranillo	2016	3.0	6.0	9.0	18.0	Blueberry, gunsmoke, sweet nose. Good acid. Varietal. Well balanced.	Silver
RLP	19	Daniel Emanuelli	Montepulciano French Oaked	2016	2.0	6.0	8.0	16.0	Over extracted, over`worked. Back off. The fruit has some aroma.	Bronze
RLP	20	Paul Finn	Sagrantino	2016	3.0	7.0	8.0	18.0	Very masculine. Violet, chocolate, earth and spice. Very polished. Good use of acid and tannins. Great example of varietal.	Silver
RLP	21	Rino Ballerini	Chambourcin	2016	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Sour cherry. Blue fruits. Vibrant. Clean and green.	Bronze
RLP	22	Peter Enness	Tempranillo Balnarring	2016	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Tar and roses. Firm tannins. Hard palate with good acid. Please back off the tannin and extraction.	Silver
RLP	23	David Hart	Amarone Style Cabernet	2008	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Fruit falling away. Not holding. Drink now.	
RLP	24	Robert Fedrigo	Mourverdre RF	2016	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Light juicy fresh and vibrant.	
RLP	25	Mario Fantin / O' Callaghan	Sagrantino	2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Oxidised. Take more care in handling.	
RLP	26	Michael Gallo	Clinton	2016	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Lolly colour, ruby. Unusual palate, fragrant. Very encouraging. What's next?	Bronze
RLP	27	Craig Algie	Sangiovese	2016	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Serious grippy tannins. Long on palate. Alcohol outweighs fruit.	
RLP	28	David Hart	Tempranillo	2013	3.0	7.0	8.0	18.0	Beautiful, well balanced, varietal. Good fruit, long on the finish. Blueberries and cigar base.	Silver

**RMC****Red Merlot- Current Vintage****13 Entries**Judge: **Geoff Anson****A very strong and consistent class. Difficult to separate out the top three wines. A range of styles.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RMC	1	Frank Geremia	Merlot	2017	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Clean nose, sweet vanilla oak dominates. Short finish, oak dominates the palate. Watch the amount used.	Bronze
RMC	2	Matthew F Drew	Merlot	2017	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Clean nose, light fruit. Ripe fruit, soft tannins. Light acid.	Bronze
RMC	3	Paul Finn	Merlot 1	2017	3.0	5.5	7.5	16.0	Complex nose, slightly vegetative. Rich palate, good length.	Bronze
RMC	4	Michael	Merlot	2017	3.0	6.5	7.0	16.5	Sweet rich nose, clean. Rich palate, good length. Fruit balanced with good tannins. Slightly sour after-taste.	Bronze
RMC	5	Stephen Walker	Merlot	2017	3.0	5.5	6.5	15.0	Herbaceous nose, fruit subdued. Light palate, green tinges, clean.	
RMC	6	Robert Fedrigo	Merlot BL	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Biscuity nose, fruit hidden. Mousiness, Bretanomyces.	
RMC	7	Vinko	Merlot	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Ripe, plummy, rich. Plummy palate, short finish. Soft and low acid. Oak stands out.	Bronze
RMC	8	Paul Finn	Merlot 2	2017	3.0	6.5	9.5	19.0	Ripe nose. Spicy palate, rich, fine tannin.	Gold
RMC	9	David Pope	Merlot	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Mercaptans.	
RMC	10	William Loughlin	Merlot	2017	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Light nose, clean. Short palate, sweet, light acid.	Bronze
RMC	11	Terry Norwood	Merlot	2017	3.0	5.5	8.0	16.5	Ripe nose, clean. Sweet palate, long finish. Good acid and tannin.	Bronze
RMC	12	Sivigliano Maniago	Merlot Vat 1	2017	3.0	6.5	8.5	18.0	Rich complex nose. Ripe integrated palate medium weight, long length.	Silver
RMC	13	Sivigliano Maniago	Merlot Vat 2	2017	3.0	6.5	9.5	19.0	Rich complex nose, sweet. Ripe integrated palate, long length, rich.	Gold

**RMP****Red Merlot - Previous Vintages****24 Entries**Judge: **Adam Keith****Some good examples of a challenging variety. Overall good winemaking and some interesting wines.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RMP	1	Phil Kemm Anthony Kemm Robin Hick	Merlot	2005	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Good for 12 year old wine. A bit past it, but nice structure and weight.	Bronze
RMP	2	Harridge Family	Merlot	2016	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Fruity, bright. Hint of mint, nice tannin and length, over oaked.	Bronze
RMP	3	Terry Norwood	Merlot	2016	3.0	4.0	6.0	13.0	May be going through MLF in bottle, spritz. Drying and tannic.	
RMP	4	Phoenix Rising	Merlot B	2016	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Medicinal, sweet. Looks like a stuck ferment. Jubey fruit, but a bit short.	
RMP	5	Frank Geremia	Merlot	2015	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Sweet fruit, obvious oak, bright and fresh.	
RMP	6	Bill Williams	Merlot	2016	3.0	7.0	6.0	16.0	Jubey nose, hints of troubled ferment. Nice Balance.	Bronze
RMP	7	David Pope	Merlot	2015	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Clean fruit and ferment. A little heavy on the oak.	Bronze
RMP	8	David Pope	Merlot	2005	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Corked.	
RMP	9	Michael Gallo	Merlot	2015	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Nice fruit and winemaking. Good weight and length, perhaps too much oak and acid.	Silver
RMP	10	Robert Fedrigo	Merlot DS	2016	3.0	7.0	6.0	16.0	Rich. Full with weight and length. A bit too much acid.	Bronze
RMP	11	Phoenix Rising	Merlot A	2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	TCA, issue with chips /utensils. Don't use chlorine. (Not scored)	
RMP	12	Harridge Family	Merlot	2015	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Nice weight, fruit a little drying, but good balance and weight.	
RMP	13	David Pope	Merlot	2006	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Big nose, full jubey and rich. Good acid/weight and fruit sweetness.	Bronze
RMP	14	David Pope	Merlot	2016	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Sweet, almost stuck ferment. Lacks fruit.	
RMP	15	Trevor Drysdale	Merlot	2015	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Drying, over-ripe fruit. Lacks fruit character.	
RMP	16	David Pope	Merlot	2009	3.0	6.0	4.0	13.0	Fruity black currant. Looks like ripe fruit with water added.	
RMP	17	David Pope	Merlot	2010	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Holding together well, but lacks a bit of fruit and finish.	

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RMP	18	Glen Fortune	Merlot	2016	3.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	Big rich and full. A bit bitter on the finish.	Bronze
RMP	19	Stephen Walker	Merlot	2015	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	A touch oxidised.	
RMP	20	Trevor Drysdale	Merlot	2016	3.0	6.0	9.5	18.5	Good fruit and clean well balanced oak.	Gold
RMP	21	Daniel Emanuelli	Merlot French Oaked	2016	3.0	6.0	5.0	14.0	Too much french oak. Dry to palate.	
RMP	22	Rino Ballerini	Merlot	2016	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Jubey rich fruit. Nice tannin and finish. Well balanced wine.	Bronze
RMP	23	Frank Geremia	Merlot	2016	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Drying fruit a little heavy on the oak, but a good merlot.	Silver
RMP	24	William Loughlin	Merlot	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Nice fruit. Clean. Lacking some intensity.	

**RPC****Red Pinot Noir - Current Vintage****9 Entries**Judge: **Duncan Moody****A very strong class. Good acidity. Bright fruit at excellent ripeness levels, florals, earthiness and herbaceousness were all present in some wines. Diversity and balance. All wines were probably of a commercial quality.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RPC	1	David Hart	Pinot Noir	2017	2.5	6.5	8.0	17.0	Nose herbal. Basil, minty. Sour black cherries. Bay leaf. Bitterness of tannins, but balanced.	Silver
RPC	2	David Pope	Pinot Noir	2017	3.0	7.0	8.5	18.5	Nose - Black cherry. Palate - Fine acidity, linear, but long finish. Earthy for higher palate. Score may just need more time in bottle. Needs to open.	Gold
RPC	3	Terry Norwood	Pinot Noir Field Blend	2017	2.5	6.5	8.0	17.0	Nose - Kirsch. Fresh strawberries and raspberries. Palate - Finish not overly long. Fresh raspberries. Nice acidity. Would love more complexity.	Silver
RPC	4	Chateau Thornbury	Pinot Noir	2017	2.5	6.0	8.5	17.0	Nose - more subdued. Palate - Black cherry, sweet fruit. Palate - black cherry. Nice acidity. Balanced structure.	Silver
RPC	5	Terry Norwood	Pinot Noir Leongatha Cuttings	2017	2.5	6.5	9.5	18.5	Nose - Herbaceous, floral. Sour red, very pomegranate. Palate - black cherry. Sweet fruit nectarine, plum.	Gold
RPC	6	Danny Cappellani	Pinot Noir	2017	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Nose - Minty. Black liquorice. Cocoa. Peppery. Palate - A little earthy. Chalky tannins. Nice fruit on palate, for gold needs more structure.	Silver
RPC	7	Russell and Petrea Savige	Pinot Noir	2017	2.0	7.0	10.0	19.0	Nose - subtle musk, herbaceous, bubblegum, raspberry. Palate - black fruit. Garrigue. Organic earth. Long finish.	Gold
RPC	8	Terry Norwood	Pinot Noir Top Vineyard	2017	2.5	6.5	9.5	18.5	Nose - sour red cherry. Red liquorice. Perfume. Palate - herbal and red cherry. Purple flowers. Nice structure.	Gold
RPC	9	Dale Farmer	Pinot Noir	2017	3.0	5.0	10.0	18.0	Nose - pomegranate, Kirsch. Palate - Kirsch. Pear drops. Meaty. Chocolate. Long finish. For next level, a touch more complexity needed.	Silver

**RPP****Red Pinot Noir - Previous Vintages****28 Entries**

**Judge:** Geoff Anson (1-14) **Entries 1-14: A good class of well made wines. One outstanding Pinot Noir. Entries 15-28: Difficult class. Need to emphasise freshness and fruit expression.**  
Robin Querre (15-28)

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RPP	1	Terry Norwood	Pinot Noir D5V12	2015	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Pale, clear. Light, sweet varietal nose. Long length, fresh, clean fruit.	Silver
RPP	2	Matthew F Drew	Pinot Noir	2015	3.0	4.5	7.0	14.5	Dark hues. Nose non-varietal, lacks armoa, stemmy. Sweet palate, clean, but light flavours.	
RPP	3	David Hart	Pinot Noir	2016	3.0	4.5	8.0	15.5	Bright colour. Non varietal nose lacks armoa. Sweet palate, good fruit weight.	Bronze
RPP	4	Julie Game	Pinot Noir	2005	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Dark brown, good condition. Jammy nose, non pinot. Clean. Big dry red palate. Non varietal. Clean, but no pinot like.	
RPP	5	Heartbreak Grape	Pinot Noir Tuerong P	2016	3.0	5.5	8.0	16.5	Opaque colour. Lifted nose, opens slowly, clean. Light fruity palate, good length. Light acid.	Bronze
RPP	6	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Pinot Noir B	2015	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Rich colour, bright. Ripe pinot fruit, rich lifted nose. Some subtle development. Palate drying out. Fruit good, but oak dominant.	Bronze
RPP	7	Matthew F Drew	Pinot Noir	2014	3.0	5.5	6.5	15.0	Developed colour. Dry red nose, little pinot. Jammy palate, sweet (residual sugar?). Soft.	
RPP	8	Terry Norwood	Pinot Noir MV6 D5V12	2015	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Rich clean colour. Sparkles. Ripe pinot nose, clean. Ripe sweet palate, good length, weight and tannin balanced.	Silver
RPP	9	Richard Webb	Pinot Noir Dry	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Rich clean colour. Cherry nose, fruit dissipating. Ripe fruit, cherry, drying.	
RPP	10	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Pinot Noir A	2015	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Rich, clean. Ripe nose, clean. Complex palate, long.	Bronze
RPP	11	Bill Henderson	Pinot Noir WH	2016	3.0	5.0	6.5	14.5	Deep colour. Jammy nose, non pinot. Palate short, high acid, low fruit.	
RPP	12	David Pope	Pinot Noir	2015	3.0	5.5	8.0	16.5	Deep colour. Ripe nose, rich and complex. Big style, fruit ripe and well handled. Good oak. Sweet.	Bronze
RPP	13	Heartbreak Grape	Pinot Noir Red Hill South	2016	3.0	5.0	8.5	16.5	Medium colour. Sparkling. Lifted nose, clean, good fruit. Fresh palate, light, but long length.	Bronze
RPP	14	Terry Norwood	Pinot Noir Top Vineyard	2016	3.0	5.5	8.5	17.0	Medium colour. Sparkling. Ripe clean nose, good fruit. Rich palate, long length, good acid and tannins.	Silver
RPP	15	Terry Norwood	Pinot Noir	2013	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Clear and typical nose. Complexity. Good structure. Light astringency.	Bronze
RPP	16	Heartbreak Grape	Pinot Noir Arthurs Seat	2016	3.0	4.0	6.0	13.0	Dull - warm nose. Short and lack of volume.	
RPP	17	David Hart	Pinot Noir	2015	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Nice intensity but fruit aged already. Lack of vibrancy.	

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RPP	18	Mario Fantin / O' Callaghan	Pinot Noir	2015	3.0	4.0	6.0	13.0	Sweaty character. Lack of precision. Brett suspected.	
RPP	19	Russell and Petrea Savage	Pinot Noir	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Expressive. Warm character on fruit expression. Juicy on palate.	
RPP	20	Gary Campanella and Jid Cosma	Pinot Noir	2015	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Unclean nose. Lack of precision.	
RPP	21	Paul Delaney	Pinot Noir	2016	3.0	5.0	5.5	13.5	Cooked aromatic oxydative characters. Short and dry palate.	
RPP	22	Bill Henderson	Pinot Noir DC	2016	3.0	4.5	6.0	13.5	Oxidative, leathery character.	
RPP	23	Danny Cappellani	Pinot Noir	2014	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Gentle aromatic - leathery but pleasant. Balance fine on palate.	Bronze
RPP	24	David Pope	Pinot Noir	2016	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Rich, plummy nose. Juicy palate - Lack of freshness.	
RPP	25	Heartbreak Grape	Pinot Noir Tuerong F	2016	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Expressive and typical nose. Fresh and vibrant palate. Good length.	Silver
RPP	26	Terry Norwood	Pinot Noir Field Blend	2016	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Complex aromatic. Good typicity with heavy palate.	
RPP	27	Matthew F Drew	Pinot Noir	2016	2.0	5.0	6.0	13.0	Oxidative aromatic. neutral on palate, looking for fruit expression.	
RPP	28	David Pope	Pinot Noir	2004	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Nice structure but the fruit and typicity are gone.	



**RRA****Red Any Rose' - Any Vintage****17 Entries**

Adeline  
Judge: Zimmermann

**Surprised by level of sweetness. More faulty wines in the bracket compared to last year, and overall, darker colour than last year. Great fruit and floral intensity, but lacking finesse and length to give a gold medal to this category.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RRA	1	Vinko	Shiraz Rose'	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Faulty - Volatile Acidity, oxidised	
RRA	2	Libby Hatzimichalis	Muscat Rose' S	2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Out of Rose' category. Sweet and luscious dessert wine but not a Rose'.	
RRA	3	David Pope	Rose' Shiraz	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Faulty acidity . Fermentation happening in the bottle. Ethol acetic.	
RRA	4	Fantin / Loci / Taplin / Nelson	Shiraz Rose'	2017	1.0	5.0	7.0	13.0	Darkish colour. Menthol and blue fruit. A little bit too much tannin and acidity is too high with sour finish. Good fruit though.	
RRA	5	Bruce Black	Sagrantino Rose'	2017	1.0	5.0	7.0	13.0	Too dark colour. Slight Volatile Acidity in the nose. Too dark for colour of Rose' and not Rose' style at all. Nice spices, great mouthfeel.	
RRA	6	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Moscato Rose'	2016	2.0	6.0	6.5	14.5	Nose: fruity and floral, sour lollies. Palate: lean and rose petal. Sour mouthfeel and touch of Volatile Acidity,	
RRA	7	Michael Gallo	Rose'	2017	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Great Provence rose' colour. Nose too shy, but floral dry style of Rose'. Balance of acidity, fruits, intensity and long length.	Silver
RRA	8	David Hart	Rose'	2017	2.0	5.0	8.0	15.0	Strawberry rose'. Sweet style and medium length. Great, but too sweet. Great fruits and floral notes. Raspberry / strawberry.	
RRA	9	Julie Game	Rose'	2017	2.0	5.0	6.0	13.0	Dry and sour - touch oxidised. Lacking in fruit intensity and mouthfeel.	
RRA	10	Phill Blight	Cabernet Rose'	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Not a Rose' - red wine colour. Faulty - 'fermented grass' aroma.	
RRA	11	Harridge Family	Cabernet Rose'	2017	3.0	4.5	8.0	15.5	Perfect colour with touch of raspberry and floral notes. Touch of sweetness too.	Bronze
RRA	12	Ray Davis	Grenache Rose'	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Vegetal notes on the nose. Nice mouthfeel, but too sweet for a rose'.	
RRA	13	EUNONYHAREENYHA Wines	Raven Rose' Tempranillo	2017	3.0	4.0	6.0	13.0	Vegetal notes no the nose. Lovely fruit. Way too sweet - could be in dessert wine class.	
RRA	14	Danny Cappellani	Rose' Sargrantino Cabernet Sauvignon	2017	2.0	6.0	7.0	15.0	Pretty and floral nose with jasmine. Acidity not well integrated - added or picked too early?	
RRA	15	Stephen Stepic	Rose' Grenache	2017	1.0	6.0	6.0	13.0	Nice length, red fruit berry. Dry tannin and typical of its style.	
RRA	16	Mario and Isabella Fantin	Shiraz Rose HV	2017	1.0	5.0	7.0	13.0	Great volume and mouthfeel. Intense fruit berry and spices. Too much oak for rose' and too dark.	
RRA	17	Tim Donegan	Sangiovese Rose	2017	2.0	7.0	6.0	15.0	Best rose' of the bracket, fruit intensity with spices and floral tones. Too sweet for rose'. Amazing profile, but too sweet.	

**RSC****Red Shiraz- Current Vintage****46 Entries**

Judge: Ben Mullen (1-24)  
Adam Keith (25-46)

**Entries 1-24: Difficult year for under-ripeness which shows through the class. Faults are still a small percentage which can be managed, but overall interesting group of ones which were great to judge. Entries 25-46: Interesting , diverse bracket. Overall good use of oak, some issues with oxidation in bottling.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
RSC	1	Rino Ballerini	Shiraz	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Slight aldehyde. Follows through on palate. Very high acid.	
RSC	2	Fantin / Loci / Taplin / Nelson	Shiraz	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	High oak, covers fruit. Follows through palate.	
RSC	3	Trevor Roberts	Shiraz 2	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	WITHDRAWN	
RSC	4	Peter Treneski	Shiraz	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Savoury, spicely. Lacks fruit on palate but some nice texture.	
RSC	5	DaMcDiPa Wine Cooperative	Shiraz Bendigo	2017	3.0	7.0	8.5	18.5	Bright. Floral and lifted spice. Freshness on palate. Nice fruit weight.	Gold
RSC	6	Michael	Shiraz	2017	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Slightly dull nose, early pick and high acid.	
RSC	7	Alex Carter	Shiraz 73	2017	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Savoury, spice, some H2S. Nice tannin and texture on palate. Lacks length.	
RSC	8	Libby Hatzimichalis	Shiraz A	2017	3.0	7.0	6.0	16.0	Bright, some lift (Viognier?). High acid but lovely florals, spice and textural.	Bronze
RSC	9	Joe Dimasi	Shiraz Heathcote 13 BME	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Fresh and bright. Some florals and spice. Textural, spicely. Higher acid but fresh.	Bronze
RSC	10	Terry Norwood	Shiraz	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Slightly green and lacks fruit intensity. Lacks weight.	
RSC	11	Dave Bulluss Madred Wines	Shiraz Madred Heathcote Reserve	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED Aldehyde / VA	
RSC	12	Trevor Drysdale	Shiraz	2017	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Bright, floral and vibrant. Some nice tannin, spice and texture on palate.	Bronze
RSC	13	David Hart	Shiraz C	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Green stalky and lacks fruit weight. Chewy and lacks fruit and weight.	
RSC	14	Sangue di Cavallo	Shiraz	2017	3.0	7.0	7.0	17.0	Spice, blackberry and spice. Nice texture from good use of oak and fruit tannin.	Silver
RSC	15	Emilio Russo	Shiraz	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. VA / Aldehyde	
RSC	16	Paul Finn	Shiraz	2017	3.0	7.0	7.0	17.0	Lifted and textural. Dark Fruits. Great weight, spice and florals.	Silver
RSC	17	Diggers Road Winery	Shiraz	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Wet dog, just needs a clean up. Nice fruit and palate. Nice texture.	

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RSC	18	Libby Hatzimichalis	Shiraz B	2017	3.0	7.0	6.0	16.0	Floral, bright and textural. High acid (co-ferment?) which thins the weight out.	Bronze
RSC	19	Phil Kemm Anthony Kemm Robin Hick	Shiraz	2017	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Planky, chippy oak. Lacks fruit weight which can't carry oak. Slightly green.	
RSC	20	Dave Bulluss Madred Wines	Shiraz Madred Heathcote	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Oxidised.	
RSC	21	John McCarthy	Shiraz	2017	3.0	4.0	7.0	14.0	Slight aldehyde and high oak. Some nice tannin on palate but aldehyde does affect.	
RSC	22	John Utano	Shiraz M H	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	High octane oak, some nice fruit hidden. Acid and fruit balance good.	
RSC	23	Trevor Roberts	Shiraz 1	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Brett.	
RSC	24	Dave Bulluss Madred Wines	Shiraz Piper View	2017	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Savoury, chacuterie nose. Acid so high, lacks fruit and weight. PICK LATER.	
RSC	25	Daniel Emanuelli	Shiraz XO French Oaked	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Varnish oak. Some nice fruit but covered by oak. Lacks length and drive.	
RSC	26	Robert Fedrigo	Shiraz BL	2017	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	Oxydised palate. Highly acidic but lacking fruit.	
RSC	27	Michael Van Der Arend	Shiraz Oaked	2017	3.0	6.0	5.0	14.0	Oaky nose lacking freshness on palate.	
RSC	28	Phill Blight	Shiraz	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Fresh nose and palate. Good balance.	Bronze
RSC	29	Dale Farmer	Shiraz	2017	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Nice concentration of fruit. Good acidity but a little too heavy on the oak.	Bronze
RSC	30	Domeco Franzese Frank Franzese Frank Carri	Shiraz Heathcote	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Oxidised / cut hay nose, good acidity but lacking fruit.	
RSC	31	Harridge Family	Shiraz	2017	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Nice rich fruit and depth of flavour. Clean and well balanced.	Silver
RSC	32	Alex Carter	Shiraz 74	2017	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	Strange bacon oak, lacks acid and way too much oak.	
RSC	33	Carlo Ceravolo	Shiraz 14%	2017	3.0	7.0	8.5	18.5	Nice rich red fruits, bright with good acidity. Perhaps a little too much oak.	Gold
RSC	34	Stephen Walker	Shiraz No 2	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Oxidised cut hay lacking fruit and weight.	
RSC	35	Stephen Walker	Shiraz No 1	2017	3.0	4.0	7.0	14.0	Slightly oxidised lacking fruit and weight.	
RSC	36	Ross McDonald	Moama Shiraz	2017	3.0	4.0	6.0	13.0	Gamey attenuata. Ferment sweet.	
RSC	37	Stephen Stepic	Shiraz Free Run	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Fresh and bright with good concentration. A little aggressive on acid.	Bronze

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RSC	38	D J Milner	shiraz	2017	3.0	4.0	6.0	13.0	Oxidised, lacks fruit and acid.	
RSC	39	Stephen Stepic	Shiraz heathcote	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Slightly oxidised and too much oak and sour acidity.	
RSC	40	Peter Treneski	Shiraz Natural Ferment	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Strange! Lacking fruit and acid, interesting ferment characters.	
RSC	41	David Hart	Shiraz V	2017	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Bright fresh and good balance.	Silver
RSC	42	Nicholas Pane	Shiraz	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Raisins, slightly overripe. Soft, lacking freshness.	
RSC	43	Michael Van Der Arend	Shiraz	2017	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	Bright nose but soft, dull on palate. Consider acid use!	
RSC	44	Beige Pureau	Shiraz French Oak	2017	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Bright nose, good use of oak. Lacks some acid on finish.	Bronze
RSC	45	Paul Finn	Shiraz B	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	OK nose, fruit a little dull but rich. Lacking acid on finish.	
RSC	46	Sivigliano Maniago	Shiraz Vat 1	2016	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	Too much oak on nose masking wine.	

**RSP****Red Shiraz- Previous Vintages****73 Entries**

Judge: **Adeline Zimmermann (1-24)**  
**Sarah Andrew (25-48)**

**Luke Campbell (49-72)**

**A strong bracket with some outstanding shiraz. Top shiraz showed varietal definition, great use of oak and vibrancy. A few microbial issues plus VA. overlooking does not do any wine justice. A few with bottle development should be commended. A lot of overripe fruit. More attention to oak, less is more. Wine makers should indicate regions.**

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RSP	1	Phil Kemm Anthony Kemm Robin Hick	Shiraz	2013	3.0	4.0	7.5	14.5	Chocolate and cooked mulberry medium minus flavour intensity. Lacking of fruit, with acidity and tannins being the backbone of the wine but lovely finish and freshness.	
RSP	2	David Hart	Shiraz 2016/2017	2016	3.0	5.0	6.5	14.5	Medium intensity with purple hue. Nose cassis (musty), strawberry. Great palate but lacking of length and body.	
RSP	3	Harridge Family	Shiraz	2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Cooked red fruit strawberry but too oxidised.	
RSP	4	R Schelling and P Davey	Shiraz	2016	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Cooked strawberry. Dry with body and structure. Lovely dark fruit balancing oak barrel.	Bronze
RSP	5	Joe Dimasi	Shiraz Heathcore 15 BME	2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Oxidised.	
RSP	6	Pat Careri	Shiraz	2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Light colour - faulty. Rubber and plastic character.	
RSP	7	Bill Bussau	Shiraz	2016	3.0	5.5	8.0	16.5	Cassis - mulberry high notes of oak. Medium intensity. Great structure with balance of fruits, acidity and oak - cassis finish.	Bronze
RSP	8	Joe Fruci	Shiraz	2014	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Classic bright red fruit. Medium intensity. Musky undertones. Too much oak.	
RSP	9	David Pope	Shiraz	2008	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	Pronounced intensity oak fruit chocolate and flavour. Beautiful mouthfeel, balance of nice fruit, acidity with sandy tannins.	Gold
RSP	10	David Pope	Shiraz A	2015	3.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	Cassis and cooked fruits. Classic style showing dark fruits, cassis, tobacco and white pepper.	Bronze
RSP	11	Harridge Family	Shiraz	2016	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Primary crunchy fruit - bramble (carbo) but esther jumping more than fruits Rubbery flavour on the palate with short finish.	
RSP	12	Phil Kemm Anthony Kemm Robin Hick	Shiraz	2016	3.0	7.0	8.5	18.5	Carbo crunchy - bramble fruit. Intense floral with cassis notes. Graphite mineralogy. Harsh tannin though.	Gold
RSP	13	Phoenix Rising	Shiraz C	2016	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	Red fruit, spicier light notes - tobacco and secondary suits already. Lovely texture and mouthfeel.	Gold
RSP	14	David Pope	Shiraz B	2009	3.0	7.0	7.0	17.0	Medium plus intensity aromas of plum. Spice and cinnamon aroma with tobacco and lacking some length.	Silver
RSP	15	David Pope	Shiraz	2004						WITHDRAWN
RSP	16	John Utano	Shiraz Heathcote	2016	3.0	5.0	9.0	17.0	Bright purple colour, medium intensity. Slight cassis with touch of vanilla. Lighter style.	Silver
RSP	17	Matthew F Drew	Shiraz	2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. VA / oxidised	

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RSP	18	Fantin / Loci / Taplin / Nelson	Shiraz A	2015	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Great nose intensity, cassis and blackberry. Structure, balance of nice fruit, both red and blue fruit freshness and right acidity. Palate has length.	Silver
RSP	19	Rino Ballerini	Shiraz	2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Light ruby colour. ripe fruit, cochlea and dark fruit. Medium intensity with plastic undertones. Faulty - acidity too high VA?	
RSP	20	Fantin / Loci / Taplin / Nelson	Shiraz B	2016	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Medium intensity. Red fruit - brambles. Light, chewy.	Silver
RSP	21	Howard Devlin	Shiraz	2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Corked.	
RSP	22	Phoenix Rising	Shiraz B	2016	3.0	5.5	6.5	15.0	Cassis and bright blue fruits. Menthol flour and medicinal notes. Lacking body and volume at medium palate.	
RSP	23	Craig Algie	Shiraz	2016	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Crunchy red fruit, medium intensity aromas of blackberry and plum. RS left? Sweetness feeling on the palate.	
RSP	24	David Pope	Shiraz	2013	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	High intensity aromas of blackberry and cassis with vanilla and oak. Tobacco and cinnamon. Intensive flavours with great fleshy mouthfeel.	Gold
RSP	25	Bill Henderson	Shiraz	2016	3.0	6.5	7.0	16.5	Vibrant with mulberry and spice, liquorice and integrated tannins. Balance, length of intensity. Well made.	Bronze
RSP	26	Alex Carter	Shiraz 68	2016	3.0	6.5	6.0	15.5	Deep intensity in colour, herbal, whole bunch nose-prominent. Brooding palate and ripe concentrated fruit.	Bronze
RSP	27	Panozzo Family	Shiraz	2015	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Developing with bay leaf. Dried herbs. Duty on palate. finish falls way.	
RSP	28	Carlo Ceravolo	Shiraz 14.5%	2012	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Brett on nose. Did not take. Microbial issue.	
RSP	29	Edmond and Yvonne	Shiraz	2016	3.0	5.0	6.5	14.5	Savoury meaty and gamey brooding - shows early development. Harsh finish.	
RSP	30	Vinko	Shiraz Dry	2014	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Peppermint, spearmint on nose that follows through on palate. Astringent palate with a warm finish.	
RSP	31	Domeco Franzese Frank Franzese Frank Carri	Shiraz	2016	3.0	5.0	5.5	13.5	Vibrant youthful colour. Nose herbaceous (oregano and thyme). Lovely fruit hidden by too much 'bunchy' character. Disappointing.	
RSP	32	David Hart	Shiraz	2011	3.0	5.5	6.5	15.0	Resinous with high VA on nose carries to palate. Not in balance with astringent finish.	
RSP	33	Gary Campanella and Jid Cosma	Shiraz	2015	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Deep colour with dry herbs and concentrated fruit. Oak spice sits above fruit and finish is warm. Lacks balance but has plush fruit - address oak regime for higher score.	Bronze
RSP	34	David Pope	Shiraz	2016	3.0	7.0	7.0	17.0	Purple in glass, intense nose with berries plus Christmas spice and liquorice. Great integration of oak. Plush mouthfeel and long finish. Great effort.	Silver
RSP	35	Alex Carter	Shiraz 69	2016	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	Dense colour and nose with a brooding profile and herbal note. Very savoury and dry with dusty tannins. Fruit falls away on back palate - volatile.	
RSP	36	Ross McDonald	Moama Shiraz	2016	3.0	7.0	9.0	19.0	Bright and youthful in glass. Dark berries and mulberry with Christmas spice. Opulent palate and generous fruit texture and weight. Lovely tannins and long finish. Lovely!	Gold
RSP	37	Trevor Drysdale	Shiraz	2016	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Mulberry and spice with nice fruit profile. Lacks structural definition to drive the palate. Pleasant shiraz.	

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RSP	38	Robert Fedrigo	Shiraz DS	2016	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	Funky nose - cheesy / salami - reductive palate with metallic finish. Disappointing. Question microbial issue.	
RSP	39	Diggers Road Winery	Shiraz	2015	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	VA nose up front - dark berries with subtle spice. Dense fruit on palate with juicy profile. A warming finish.	
RSP	40	Dave Bulluss Madred Wines	Shiraz Madred Heathcote	2016	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	WITHDRAWN	
RSP	41	Michael Gallo	Shiraz	2016	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Bright colour with blue and red fruits plus oak spice and menthol on nose. Underwhelming palate with a short finish which is warm - acid quite high and dominant.	Bronze
RSP	42	RICHMOORE WINES	Shiraz	2016	3.0	6.0	7.5	16.5	Tightly wound nose. Herbal and savoury with red and dark berries. Juicy palate with pleasant tannins and drive on finish.	Bronze
RSP	43	My garage	Shiraz Heathcote	2015	3.0	5.0	6.5	14.5	Colour developed forage. Nose shows big herbal component - bunchy? Palate clipped - not in balance.	
RSP	44	David Pope	Shiraz B	2015	3.0	6.5	8.0	17.5	Clear and vibrant with purple colour. Nose shows ripe dark berries plus new oak. Spice (vanillin oak) velvet texture and engaging palate with lovely fruit and length. Well made (oak).	Silver
RSP	45	Tim Donegan	Shiraz Heathcote	2016	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Deep colour in glass with high herbaceous bay leaf nose. Tight and. reductive palate with clipped fruit with warm finish. Question the regime of bunch.	Bronze
RSP	46	Danny Cappellani	Shiraz	2015	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Brooding, developing with earthy notes and secondary characters - palate clipped. Short finish in drinking zone for now.	Bronze
RSP	47	Domeco Franzese Frank Franzese Frank Carri	Shiraz Heathcote	2015	3.0	5.0	5.5	13.5	Colour aged - high VA on nose. Palate shows sweet fruit and lacks structure to frame and drive the finish. Not in balance.	
RSP	48	Phil Kemm Anthony Kemm Robin Hick	Shiraz	2014	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Concentrated with cooked fruits and spice and leather notes. Very savoury with developing characters.	Bronze
RSP	49	David Mayfield	Shiraz Heathcote	2015	2.0	6.0	7.0	15.0	Party, balanced. Good fruit. Some gameness. Good effort.	
RSP	50	Mario Vita	Shiraz	2012	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Beetroot aromas, very extracted. Excessive tannins. Undergrowth, oxidised. Needs to be drunk. Treat fruit with more care.	
RSP	51	Howard Devlin	Shiraz	2015	3.0	7.0	7.5	17.5	Boot polish, heavy alcohol. Hot - outta whack. Some spices.	Silver
RSP	52	Nicholas Pane	Shiraz	2016	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Bright good spice, wooded herb. Very ripe. Drop the oak back. Heavy oak masks the fruit.	Bronze
RSP	53	Danny Cappellani	Shiraz	2006	3.0	5.0	8.0	16.0	Palate better than nose. Good use of oak. Holding well. Nice tannin. Over sulphide.	Bronze
RSP	54	Glen Fortune	Shiraz B	2016	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Dense varietal. Vanilla. Black and tannins. Great structure. Found and full, bay leaf.	Silver
RSP	55	Phil Kemm Anthony Kemm Robin Hick	Shiraz	2015	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	Not quite right. Stripped, stewed. Badly handled, flat.	
RSP	56	Phoenix Rising	Shiraz A	2016	3.0	7.0	8.0	18.0	Elegant, good vibrant fruit. Raspberry, earth. Concentrated fruit.	Silver
RSP	57	Stephen Walker	Shiraz	2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Not quite right. Volatile acid. Too much oxygen.	

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RSP	58	Dave Bulluss Madred Wines	Shiraz Piper View	2010	3.0	7.0	9.0	19.0	Coffee mocha, lovely nose. Black fruit good oak. Pepper and spice, very black.	Gold
RSP	59	Fantin / Loci / Taplin / Nelson	Shiraz A	2013	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Big and tannic, ugly alcohol. Earth OVER extracted. Needs more care handling. Reduce the tannin.	
RSP	60	Bill Williams	Shiraz	2016	3.0	7.0	7.0	17.0	Beautiful, balanced clean. Vibrant fruit and varietal characters. Spice / pepper / clove. Complex structure.	Silver
RSP	61	Glen Fortune	Shiraz	2016	3.0	7.0	9.0	19.0	Choc mint nose, meaty. Mixed pepper, mint. Very impressive wine. Maybe more oak?	Gold
RSP	62	Paul Finn	Shiraz	2016	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Simple - elegant, lollies nose. Savoury, balanced good use of oak. Bright fruit, good structure.	Silver
RSP	63	Tim Donegan	Shiraz	2015	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. V/A. Volatile. Need clean handling.	
RSP	64	My garage	Shiraz Heathcote	2016	3.0	7.0	7.0	17.0	Perfumed - black fruit. Sweet mid palate. Black Tannins, cinnamon and spice.	Silver
RSP	65	David Pope	Shiraz A	2009	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Soft, supple, great aromas. Oak and earth / palate is short. Fruit matches the palate. Very drinkable. Good effort.	Bronze
RSP	66	Fantin / Loci / Taplin / Nelson	Shiraz A	2016	3.0	5.0	9.0	17.0	Good variety characters. Well balanced, bay leaf. Subtle nose. Well integrated.	Silver
RSP	67	DaMcDiPa Wine Cooperative	Shiraz sunbury	2015	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Chalky tannins, good red fruit core, fine and fresh balanced and long finish.	Silver
RSP	68	Fantin / Loci / Taplin / Nelson	Shiraz B	2015	3.0	7.0	7.0	17.0	Vibrant, colours, savoury note. Supple mid palate, undergrowth. Long flavour aniseed.	Silver
RSP	69	Trevor Drysdale	Shiraz	2015	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Overripe over blown. Hot, overworked, very alcoholic. Pick earlier.	
RSP	70	John Utano	Shiraz Heathcote	2014	3.0	7.0	6.0	16.0	Port like - spiritus. Bold black fruit. Unbalanced. Palate better than nose. Over-oaked, fruit falls away.	Bronze
RSP	71	Gary Campanella and Jid Cosma	Shiraz	2016	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	Bonox, ugly aromas. Stewed fruit - over extracted. Burnt rubber.	
RSP	72	Sivigliano Maniago	Shiraz Vat 2	2016	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Vegetal aromatics, very tannic and over oak maybe. Back off oak. Good fruit overall.	Silver
RSP	73	Peter Stepic	Shiraz	2011	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	No aromas. But full palate. Red fruit core, 5 spice, cool mint note.	



**WAC****White Riesling , Traminer - Current Vintage****10 Entries**Judge: **Geoff Anson****Overall a very well made class that captured the delicate fruit flavours and retained the aromatics and freshness.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
WAC	1	Trevor Roberts	Riesling 2	2017	3.0	6.5	9.0	18.5	Bright, could have a bit more filtering. Clean, chalky nose. Fresh fruit, crisp acidity, long finish.	Gold
WAC	2	Djuro Katta	Riesling B	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Bright, clean, pale. Sparkling. Lease nose, complex, subdued fruit. Clean, ripe fruit, some acid would freshen the wine.	
WAC	3	Djuro Katta	Riesling A	2017	3.0	5.5	6.5	15.0	Clear, slightly dull. More filtering would help. Clean chalky nose. Sweet finish, but short.	
WAC	4	Chateau Thornbury	Pinot Gris	2017	3.0	6.5	9.5	19.0	Bright, clear, sparkling. Clean fruity nose. Varietal. Crips, good varietal flavour. Good length.	Gold
WAC	5	David Hart	Pinot Gris	2017	3.0	6.0	8.5	17.5	Bright, clear. light golden blush. Clean fruity nose. Ripe, fruit, good varietal flavour, long length.	Silver
WAC	6	Phoenix Rising	Pinot Gris A	2017	2.5	4.5	6.0	13.0	Gold yellow, slightly dull. Grapey rather than fruit aroma. Short finish, high acid and little fruit.	
WAC	7	Rino Ballerini	Pinot Gris	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Yellow hue, slightly cloudy. VA. Watch cleanliness and feeding ferment. NOT SCORED	
WAC	8	Trevor Roberts	Riesling 1	2017	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Clear, sparkling. Ripe, slightly chalky nose. Clean. Long length, clean palate, acid slightly unbalanced at present.	Silver
WAC	9	Ross McDonald	Moama Riesling	2017	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Pale clean. Could have some more filtering to brighten up. Clean nose but non varietal. Leasy palate, soft finish.	Bronze
WAC	10	Phoenix Rising	Pinot Gris B	2017	3.0	5.5	8.0	16.5	Bright, gold yellow. Clean nose, slightly closed. Light fruit on palate, long length that builds. Fresh acid.	Bronze

**WAP****White Riesling , Traminer - Previous Vintage****5 Entries**Judge: **Robin Querre****Good class overall. Try to keep more fruit expression. Manage phenolic extractions. Lower sweetness levels.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
WAP	1	Trevor Roberts	Riesling	2016	3.0	5.5	8.0	16.5	Nice aromatic balance. Good now, but starting to have early aging aromas. Nice attack, crunchy. Sweetness noticeable making the finish heavy on a good length otherwise.	Bronze
WAP	2	David Hart	Pinot Gris	2016	3.0	4.0	6.0	13.0	Aged character on nose. Balance towards phenolic on the palate. No fruit. Too extracted, leading to early aging and harshness.	
WAP	3	Danny Cappellani	Gewurztraminer	2015	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Lychee - very expressive. Light on the palate, but very clean to enjoy.	Bronze
WAP	4	Graham Scott	Riesling Foster	2013	3.0	4.5	6.0	13.5	Nutty - kerosene being dominant. Still freshness on the attack, but heavy palate. Short finish on the decline.	
WAP	5	Bill Henderson	Riesling	2015	3.0	5.0	9.0	17.0	Aged aromatic. Candle like. Kerosene dominating the palate. Nice acidity/sweetness. Good balance and intensity.	Silver

**WBC****White Other Blends - Current Vintage****2 Entries**Judge: **Robin Querre****Average. No fruit expression from grapes. Sweetness used to hide issues.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
WBC	1	Graham Scott	White Blend Foster	2017	3.0	4.0	6.0	13.0	Oxidative aromatic. Brown apple skin. Sweet palate. Without fruit/typicity /	
WBC	2	Joseph Grech	Blended Whites	2017	3.0	4.0	6.0	13.0	Reductive- sulphur nose. Harsh palate with sweetness. Sweetness should not cover problems.	

**WCC****White Chardonnay - Current Vintage****15 Entries**Judge: **Ben Mullen****Interesting class to judge. Some excellent examples of well handled wines. Oak dominant in some, as well as high SO2. But overall, well thought-out wines and with some small improvements will be even better. Great job by all.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
WCC	1	Bruce Black	Chardonnay	2017	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Bright, clean and fresh. Some harder phenolic. Spice oak.	
WCC	2	FAWG Chardonnay Focus Group	Chardonnay	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Looks slightly oxidised. Some nice fruit undertones just worked too hard.	
WCC	3	Paul Finn	Chardonnay	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Savoury tones, lacks fruit and varietal definition. Harder phenolics. A lot of oak.	
WCC	4	Terry Norwood	Chardonnay Blend	2017	3.0	5.0	8.5	16.5	OK dominant, well handled. Oak is nice on palate, well handled. Just needs to be pulled back.	Bronze
WCC	5	Terry Norwood	Chardonnay 1 y o Oak	2017	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Oak dominant. Some nice fruit on palate. Textural and good fruit length.	Bronze
WCC	6	Peter Treneski	Chardonnay	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Sweeter fruit profile. SO2. Round palate, but SO2 hitting palate is very high.	
WCC	7	David Hart	Chardonnay	2017	3.0	6.5	7.5	17.0	Citrus, spice. Textural palate. Great fruit weight. Well handled.	Silver
WCC	8	Daniel Emanuelli	Chardonnay Early Harvest UnOaked	2017	2.0	5.0	7.5	14.5	Slightly cloudy. Oxidative, lacks fruit. Hard phenolics.	
WCC	9	RICHMOORE WINES	Chardonnay	2017	3.0	6.5	8.0	17.5	Nice well handled oak, nice fruit. right, fresh, lively palate. Nice job.	Silver
WCC	10	Tim Donegan	Chardonnay Dixons Creek	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Aldehyde /VA	
WCC	11	Bill Williams	Chardonnay	2017	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	High SO2, nice citrus, spice. Textural, bright and good palate and fruit.	Silver
WCC	12	Paul Delaney	Chardonnay Light French oak	2017	2.0	5.0	7.0	14.0	Advanced colour. Shows ripe tropical notes. Sweet vanilla oak on palate. High acid not balanced.	
WCC	13	David Hart	Chardonnay S	2017	3.0	7.0	8.5	18.5	Bright, floral, textural citrus, stone front. Nice weight, well nurtured oak.	Gold
WCC	14	Chateau Thornbury	Chardonnay	2017	3.0	4.0	8.0	15.0	Slight medicinal nose. Textural spice.	
WCC	15	Terry Norwood	Chardonnay 100% new oak	2017	2.5	5.0	6.5	14.0	Oak, advanced. Some nice flavour but oak is dominant.	

**WCP****White Chardonnay Previous Vintage****13 Entries**

Judge: Sarah Andrew

**Very mixed class with a few wines overwhelmed by oak. Top wines showed lovely fruit, balance, length and judicious use of oak. Golds very well deserved. Top Gold shows poise, drive and length.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
WCP	1	David Mayfield	Chardonnay Yarra Valley	2016	3.0	6.5	7.0	16.5	Golden hue; high intensity on nose with high oak profile that shows vanillin spice. Palate is dry with stone and tropical fruit with a creamy texture and long finish.	Bronze
WCP	2	Terry Norwood	Chardonnay	2014	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	Clear and bright with saline, almost flor nose. Palate has a dairy profile (almost cheesy). Lacks varietal definition. Not in balance. Question condition.	
WCP	3	David Mayfield	Chardonnay Yarra Valley	2015	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	Golden in glass with hint of aldehyde/VA. Stone fruit and oak spice. Fruit presents as very ripe, bruised and oxidising. Question condition.	
WCP	4	Tim Donegan	Chardonnay Kangaroo Ground	2015	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Clear and bright with light intensity on nose. Palate is dry with melon and citrus fruit plus hint fruit sweetness and spice drive on finish. Cork.	Bronze
WCP	5	Terry Norwood	Chardonnay 100% new oak	2016	3.0	7.0	9.0	19.0	Golden hues in glass with vibrant and pronounced nose. Evidence of oak with spice - palate creamy and textural, lovely fruit and long finish. Beaut wine.	Gold
WCP	6	Peter Treneski	Chardonnay	2016	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Clear in glass with subtle nose, almost closed. Palate is underwhelming, lacking fruit drive and profile. Quite a neutral wine.	
WCP	7	Chateau Thornbury	Chardonnay	2016	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Pale with lemon hues; nose delicate citrus and stone fruit. Varietal fruit profile with pleasant acid drive and a long finish. Well made.	Bronze
WCP	8	Terry Norwood	Chardonnay	2015	3.0	7.0	8.5	18.5	Golden hues in glass with intense nose lead by oak spice. Fruit profile suggests melon and stone fruits. Palate is textural and creamy with a long finish.	Gold
WCP	9	Paul Finn	Chardonnay	2016	3.0	5.0	5.5	13.5	Lemon and golden hues in glass. Nose is very floral. Elderflower. Harsh phenolics on palate that compromise fruit. A sour finish. Question condition.	
WCP	10	DaMcDiPa Wine Cooperative	Chardonnay YV	2015	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Very pale in glass with reductive nose. Palate creamy, but lacks varietal definition. Oak regime a little too heavy for fruit profile.	Bronze
WCP	11	Joe Fruci	Chardonnay	2016	3.0	6.0	6.0	15.0	Bright in glass with slightly bruised apples on nose. Palate shows varietal definition, but lacks vibrancy. Possibly more acid would drive the palate.	
WCP	12	Terry Norwood	Chardonnay Older Oak	2016	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Golden hues with prominent high toast on nose - dominates palate also. Finish is short and dry with oak tannin. Not in balance.	Bronze
WCP	13	Paul Delaney	Chardonnay	2016	3.0	5.5	7.0	15.5	Clear and bright in glass with floral nose and herbaceous notes. A lean fruit profile and palate that lacks varietal definition.	Bronze

**WLA****White Less Common Varieties - Any Vintage****10 Entries**Judge: **Adam Keith****Hard class to compare with such diversity. Overall good, clean wines. Some lovely use of sweetness.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
WLA	1	David Hart	Viognier	2017	3.0	5.0	7.5	15.5	Fruity, Fresh nose. Slight bitter phenolics. Well made.	Bronze
WLA	2	Libby Hatzimichalis	White Shiraz	2017	3.0	7.0	7.0	17.0	Pretty red fruits, nice balance. Finish a little too tart. Class? Rose?	Silver
WLA	3	Danny Cappellani	Malvasia Istriana	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Neutral, but fresh nose. Quite phenolic palate. Well balanced, hints of sulphide.	
WLA	4	Bruce Black	Vermentino	2017	3.0	4.0	6.0	13.0	Bright and fresh, excessive SO2 on nose and palate.	
WLA	5	Danny Cappellani	Malvasia Istriana	2016	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Slightly oxidised colour and palate. Nice weight and balance.	
WLA	6	Ross McDonald	Moama Chenin Blanc	2017	3.0	7.0	7.5	17.5	Fruity, bright nose. Great balance and weight.	Silver
WLA	7	Joe Fruci	Moscato	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	Nice balance of sweetness and acidity, hints of attenuated long/stuck ferment.	
WLA	8	David Hart	Viognier C	2017	3.0	5.0	7.0	15.0	Nice fresh bright. Good acidity. Dry, but bitter, consider sweetness with viognier.	
WLA	9	Danny Cappellani	Moscato Giallo	2016	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Fruity sweet and clean, bright and fresh. Nice balance.	Bronze
WLA	10	Chateau Thornbury	Savagnin	2016	3.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	Ok nose, but shows too much oak on palate.	

**WSA****White Sauvignon Blanc - Any Vintage****11 Entries**

Judge: Sarah Andrew

**Pleasant class to judge with highest pointed wines showing youthful characters, varietal definition and balance. Take care with VA, aldehydes and those using cork, consider screw cap for aromatics.**

Class	JN	Certificate Name	Description	Vintage	App	Nose	Palate	Score	Judge's Comment	Medal
WSA	1	Richard Webb	Sauvignon Blanc Dry	2017	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Clear and bright. Youthful nose varietal; palate dry with some texture> could do with a little more acid< however lovely fruit profile and length.	Silver
WSA	2	David Hart	Sauvignon Blanc S	2017	3.0	6.5	8.0	17.5	Clear and bright, good intensity on nose with clear varietal definition. Herbaceous nose and palate, dry with nice acid line	Silver
WSA	3	David Hart	Sauvignon Blanc	2017	3.0	6.0	7.5	16.5	Bright in glass. medium nose which is savoury. Palate is dry and touch creamy with nice acids and long finish. Good effort.	Bronze
WSA	4	David Hart	Sauvignon Blanc plus	2017	3.0	6.0	7.5	16.5	Bright and pale in glass - herbaceous nose (varietal) lively mouthfeel with citrus and hint of tropical fruit. Slightly warm finish. Hint of residual sugar in check.	Bronze
WSA	5	Nicholas Pane	Sauvignon Blanc Yarra V	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NOT SCORED. Clear and youthful with varietal nose ( passion fruit and herby nose) sadly TCA grew in glass and overtook fruit profile.	
WSA	6	DaMcDiPa Wine Cooperative	Sauvignon Blanc YV	2017	3.0	5.0	6.0	14.0	NOT SCORED. Bright in glass - slightly volatile nose; florals and VA as opens in glass, palate shows clipped fruit, due to VA.	
WSA	7	Francesco Bevacqua	Sauvignon Blanc 13%	2017	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Golden hue, geranium. With aldehydic nose. Palate out of condition. Check VA (acidic acid) as destroys fruit profile.	
WSA	8	Emilio Russo	Sauvignon Blanc	2017	3.0	7.0	8.5	18.5	Fine bubbles, bright and youthful nose with passion fruit and herbaceous character. Simple palate but good fruit profiled long finish engaging. Great effort.	Gold
WSA	9	Bill Williams	Sauvignon Blanc	2017	3.0	6.0	8.0	17.0	Very pale in glass with youthful nose and intensity of aroma. Varietal definition, engaging acid and long finish. Well made.	Silver
WSA	10	Ross McDonald	Moama Sauvignon Blanc	2017	3.0	6.0	6.5	15.5	Very pale with youthful fruit - herbaceous and bell pepper. Palate very neutral - good do with more fruit intensity. Question: ripeness of fruit.	Bronze
WSA	11	Francesco Bevacqua	Sauvignon Blanc 13%	2016	3.0	6.0	7.0	16.0	Very pale lemon with youthful fruit and hint of spice. Subtle elder flower. Fruit profile quite lean on palate and finish is short and bitter.	Bronze

## WINE SHOW DIRECTORS' COMMENTS 2017 ELTHAM WINE SHOW

### *Welcome*

At 640 entries the 48<sup>th</sup> Eltham Wine Show remains the biggest amateur wine show in Australia. Welcome back and thanks to those of you who keep entering your wines in our Show year after year. Welcome to those who have entered our Wine Show for the first time this year. Our focus is make sure that your experience at our Show is a positive one. Welcome to those of you who are not winemakers but have come along to see what amateur winemaking is all about. Maybe you will 'catch the winemaking bug' and we will see you as an entrant next year!

### *Enjoy*

Our intention is to make your attendance a great experience; offering you wine tasting, wine/food related workshops and sponsor displays to explore. In addition, excellent catering has been provided by the Veneto Club. You have the option of purchasing light snacks at the Show itself or alternatively have a restaurant meal at the bistro downstairs. There is so much to see and do for everybody, so stay around for a while, take your time to enjoy it.

### *Explore & Learn*

Take the opportunity on show day to expand your knowledge of wines. Try tasting wines that you have never tasted before. If you are a grape winemaker, try some country wines. Taste the gold medal wines and learn what to aim for with your own winemaking. Amateur winemakers believe, and many professional judges agree, that our homemade wines are often as good as and in many cases better than professionally made wines. Don't take our word for this; make up your own mind by tasting the best wines available.

### *Our Judges*

The integrity of our wine show is foremost in the minds of everybody involved. Our panel of judges, under the leadership of Chief Judge Loic Le Calvez, is comprised of professionals in the winemaking field. These people have dedicated their valuable time on an honorary basis in order to give back something to the industry they are passionate about. We really appreciate and value their contribution.

### *Chat to Our Members*

Members of the Eltham and District Winemakers Guild will be wearing their name badges at the show. Please feel free to approach them for a chat, either to find out more information about wines or to provide some feedback about the show. We value feedback because we are continually trying to improve the Show and ensure we meet your expectations. Visit our stand at the Wine Show where you can find out more about the benefits of Guild membership and put your name down to receive our monthly newsletter via email. You may even be so excited about what you have seen at the Wine Show that you will fill in a membership application form on the spot when you see it only costs \$30 per annum!

### *Support Our Sponsors*

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### *Acknowledgments*

Our sincere gratitude also goes to the very dedicated Wine Show Committee who have worked for many long hours to ensure the success of the 2017 Eltham Wine Show. Thanks also to the loyal, hard-working ordinary member volunteers of the Eltham and District Wine Guild who have worked over this weekend.

Mario Fantin, President, Gary Campanella

# Classes

## GRAPE WINES: RED

GVA	Sweet Grape Any Variety (not fortified) Any Vintage
RBC	Red Blended Wine - Current Vintage
RBP	Red Blended Wine - Previous Vintage
RCC	Red Cabernet Sauvignon or Cab Franc - Current Vintage
RCP	Red Cabernet Sauvignon or Cab Franc - Previous Vintage
RLC	Red Less Common Varieties
RLP	Red Less Common Varieties - Previous Vintages
RMC	Red Merlot- Current Vintage
RMP	Red Merlot - Previous Vintages
RPC	Red Pinot Noir - Current Vintage
RPP	Red Pinot Noir - Previous Vintages
RRA	Red Any Rose' - Any Vintage
RSC	Red Shiraz- Current Vintage
RSP	Red Shiraz- Previous Vintages

## COUNTRY WINES

CBE	Country Berry Wine
CFA	Fortified Country Wine - Any Vintage
CFR	Country Other Fruit Wine
CRC	Country Raspberry - Current Vintage
CST	Country Stone Fruit Wine
CVE	Country Herb, Grain, Flower or Vegetable Wine

## COUNTRY & GRAPE Wines

HYB	Hybrid Class
LIQ	Liqueur Wines

## GRAPE WINES: RED & WHITE

GFA	Fortified Grape Wine, Red or White Any Vintage
GSP	Sparkling Grape Wine Any Vintage
PGA	Professional Class - Grape Wine Any Type, Any Vintage

## GRAPE WINES: WHITE

WAC	White Riesling , Traminer - Current Vintage
WAP	White Riesling , Traminer - Previous Vintage
WBC	White Other Blends - Current Vintage
WCC	White Chardonnay - Current Vintage
WCP	White Chardonnay Previous Vintage
WLA	White Less Common Varieties - Any Vintage
WSA	White Sauvignon Blanc - Any Vintage

## MEAD

MBA	Berry Melomel - Any Vintage
MGA	Mead Metheglyn (Spiced) Any Vintage
MJA	Country Joes Ancient Orange - Any Vintage
MMA	Other Melomel - Any Vintage
MOA	Other Mead - Any Vintage
MSA	Sparkling Mead - Any Vintage
MTA	Traditional Mead - Any Vintage
PMA	Professional Class - Mead - Any Type, Any Vintage