

The Star Entertainment Group 37th Annual Queensland Wine Awards



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Welcome from the President

11 November 2021

Welcome to The Star Entertainment Group Queensland Wine Awards. This is the 37th year for the awards that recognise the wines, wineries, winemakers, viticulturalists and supporters that are building a reputation for quality in the Queensland wine industry. I especially welcome The Star Entertainment Group as our new major sponsor. There will be involvement between Queensland Wines and Star through 2022 including staff of Star participating in education and bursary wine activity and feature listing of Queensland wines at Star outlets (the new Treasury Brisbane and Star Gold Coast).

After a bumper year for many Queensland wineries, thanks to higher-than-normal domestic visitors to their cellar doors, the night has come for Queensland Wineries to celebrate the fruits of their labour. Established wine regions across Australia hold an annual wine competition with wines entered only from that region and judges brought in from outside the region. These wine shows are a highlight of the wine industry in Australia, and the results are keenly studied. Our regional wine show is the Queensland Wine Awards

Judging was held on the 11th of November, with 3 interstate judges flying in to sit on the panel this year. Chair of Judges was Andrew Locke - winemaker at Kirrihill Winery in the Clare Valley. The judges were Fran Austin - winemaker at Delamere Winery in Tasmania and Brooke Blair - winemaker at Peter Lehmann Wines Barossa Valley. Collectively the trio bring together over 80 years of winemaking expertise and judging to this year's awards.

Thanks to our volunteer stewards, helpers and the QWIA committee for all the work.

It's a great opportunity for Queensland Wineries to have this calibre of judging, and a great opportunity to see the depth and breadth of wines Queensland is producing. Please study and enjoy the results of the awards.

Regards

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President, Queensland Wine Industry Association



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Award Winners

Champion Wine of the Show

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Boireann – 2019 Mourvedre

Champion Mainstream Variety White Wine

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Moffatdale Ridge – 2021 Semillon

Champion Emerging Variety White Wine

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Ocean View Estates – 2021 Viognier

Champion Mainstream Variety Red Wine

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Balancing Heart Vineyard – 2019 Shiraz

Champion Emerging Variety Red Wine

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Boireann – 2019 Mourvedre

Champion Fortified or Sparkling Wine

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Golden Grove - N/V Muscat

Outstanding Wine of Provenance

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Hidden Creek – Shiraz

Champion Estate Grown Red

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Boireann – 2019 Mourvedre

Champion Estate Grown White

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Ocean View Estates – 2021 Viognier

Queensland Winery of the Year

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Queensland Winemaker of the Year

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Stewards Choice - Granite Belt

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Whiskey Gully – Sparkling 2018 Chardonnay / Colombard

Stewards Choice – South Burnett

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Clovely Estate 2021 Semillon

Stewards Choice – Greater Queensland

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Riversands Liqueur Muscat

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Results

White Wine, dry any vintage

Class 1 Verdelho, single variety

1	Hidden Creek	2021	Verdelho	91	Silver
2	Ocean View Estates	2021	Verdelho	86	Bronze
3	Hillsdale Estate	2021	Verdelho	87	Estate Bronze
4	Jester Hill Wines	2021	Verdelho	85	Estate Bronze
5	Kingsley Grove Estate	2021	Verdelho	84	Estate
6	Robert Channon Wines	2021	Verdelho	92	Estate Silver
7	Balancing Heart Vineyard	2021	Verdelho	84	
8	Lightning Tree Wines	2021	Verdelho	84	Estate
9	QCWT – Banca Ridge	2021	Verdelho	84	
10	Clovely Estate	2021	Verdelho	85	Estate Bronze
11	Symphony Hill Wines	2021	Verdelho	85	Estate Bronze
12	Moffatdale Ridge	2021	Verdelho	89	Estate Bronze
13	Morgan & Gill Wines	2018	Verdelho	83	

Judges Comments: A good set of wines showing a strength and depth of flavour across the heard. Top wines showed good balance and length.

Class 2

Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc -single variety

1	Dusty Hill Vineyard	2021	Semillon	85	Estate Bronze
2	Tobin Wines	2019	Semillon	84	Estate
3	Moffatdale Ridge	2021	Semillon	95	Estate Gold
4	Clovely Estate	2021	Semillon	87	Estate Bronze
5	4382 Terroir	2021	Semillon	83	

6	Tobin Wines	2016	Semillon	84	Estate
7	Riversands Wines	2021	Sauvignon Blanc	86	Estate Bronze
8	Girraween Estate	2021	Sauvignon Blanc	84	Estate
9	J Cross & D Walker	2021	Sauvignon Blanc	83	Estate

Judges Comments: Lovely class to judge with some strong wines showing good depth of flavour. Top wine showed class and elegance.

Class 3 Chardonnay

1	Riversands Wines	2018	Chardonnay	85	Estate Bronze
2	Clovely Estate	2021	Chardonnay	84	Estate
3	Ravens Croft Wines	2021	Chardonnay	87	Bronze
4	Balancing Heart Vineyard	2019	Chardonnay	91	Silver
5	Sirromet Wines	2019	Chardonnay	90	Estate Silver
6	Golden Grove Estate	2021	Chardonnay	84	Estate
7	Riversands Wines	2019	Chardonnay	86	Estate Bronze
8	Robert Channon Wines	2019	Reserve Chardonnay	83	Estate

Judges Comments: Some lovely Chardonnays of varying styles. Good fruit flavours with some interesting winemaking input that shows promise.

Class 4 Italian white varieties – single variety

1	Balancing Heart Vineyard	2021	Pinot Grigio	81	
2	Ridgemill Estate	2021	Pinot Grigio	82	
3	Sirromet Wines	2019	Pinot Grigio	83	Estate
4	Symphony Hill Wines	2021	Vermentino	90	Silver
5	Sirromet Wines	2020	Vermentino	89	Bronze
6	Golden Grove Estate	2021	Vermentino	90	Estate Silver
7	4382 Terroir	2021	Fiano	87	Bronze
	Robert Channon Wines	2021	Wild Ferment Pinot Gris		TFR to Class 5

Judges Comments: Vermentino shows up it's suitability to Queensland. Some lovely wines. Pinot Grigio a disappointment and showing some basic faults.

Class 5 Dry white varietal wine other than wines eligible for classes 1-4

1	Ocean View Estates	2021	Reserve Viognier	87	Estate Bronze
2	Ballandean Estate Wines	2021	Viognier	93	Estate Silver
3	Casley Mount Hutton Winery	2021	Viognier	86	Estate Bronze
4	Hidden Creek	2021	Viognier	84	
5	Nuova Scuola	2021	Viognier	83	Estate
6	Ridgemill Estate	2021	Viognier	84	
7	Balancing Heart Vineyard	2021	Viognier	84	
8	Ocean View Estates	2021	Viognier	95	Estate Gold
9	Balancing Heart Vineyard	2021	Pinot Gris	82	
10	Robert Channon Wines	2021	Wild Ferment Pinot Gris	84	Estate
11	Ballandean Estate Wines	2021	Malvasia	85	Estate Bronze
12	4382 Terroir	2021	Arinto	84	

13	Ridgemill Estate	2021	Riesling	83	
14	Casley Mount Hutton Winery	2021	Chenin Blanc	84	Estate
15	Jester Hill Wines	2019	Roussanne	84	Estate
16	QCWT – Banca Ridge	2021	Albarino	90	Estate Silver
	Nuova Scuola	2021	Maria Gomes/Verdelho		Tfr to Class 6

Judges Comments: A nice bracket of wines with some lovely examples of Viognier of different styles. Some other varieties showing promise just lacking intensity.

Class 6 Dry white blends such as Semillon–Sauvignon Blanc

1	Ballandean Estate Wines	2021	G.F.M (Giallo/Fiano/Malvasia)	89	Estate Bronze
2	Ridgemill Estate	2021	Semillon/Pinot Grigio/ Viognier/Riesling	83	
3	Rosalie House Wines	2021	Chardonnay/Viognier	82	Estate
4	Clovely Estate	2021	Semillon/Chardonnay	82	Estate
5	Nuova Scuola	2021	Maria Gomes/Verdelho	90	Estate Silver

Judges Comments: A small class with two standouts. Producers should be mindful of not overdoing winemaking artifact such as oak, acid adjustment and sulphide complexity. The best wines showed distinctive characters and drinkability.

Red Wine, dry any vintage

Class 7 Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, single varietal

1	Girraween Estate	2019	Cabernet Sauvignon	89	Estate Bronze
2	QCWT – Banca Ridge	2020	Cabernet Sauvignon	88	Bronze
3	Golden Grove Estate	2018	Cabernet Sauvignon	84	Estate
4	Jester Hill Wines	2016	Cabernet Sauvignon	84	Estate
5	Boireann Winery	2019	Cabernet Sauvignon	89	Estate Bronze
6	Ballandean Estate Wines	2018	Cabernet Sauvignon	83	Estate
7	Tobin Wines	2019	Merlot	85	Estate Bronze
8	Morgan & Gill Wines	2016	Merlot	82	

Judges Comments: Some nice wines but many were developed or green.

Class 8 Shiraz or Shiraz Viognier

1	Rosalie House Wines	2021	Shiraz	84	Estate
2	Jester Hill Wines	2018	Shiraz	86	Estate Bronze
3	Balancing Heart Vineyard	2019	Shiraz	95	Gold
4	O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyards	2020	Shiraz	85	Bronze
5	Girraween Estate	2019	Shiraz	87	Estate Bronze
6	Moffatdale Ridge	2019	Shiraz	85	Estate Bronze
7	Jester Hill Wines	2016	Shiraz	84	Estate
8	Sirromet Wines	2019	Shiraz	84	

9	Riversands Wines	2019	Shiraz	83	Estate
10	Just Red Wines	2021	Daily Red Shiraz	84	Estate
11	Boireann Winery	2019	Shiraz Viognier	89	Estate Bronze
12	Jester Hill Wines	2019	Shiraz/Roussanne 96:4	83	Estate
13	Hidden Creek	2021	Shiraz (Nouveau)	91	Estate Silver

Judges Comments: The Shiraz class shows consistent style but many wines just lacking some weight and depth. The highlights were good examples of smart wine making and innovation.

Class 9 Italian red varieties, single varietal

1	Sirromet Wines	2018	Nebbiolo	86	Estate Bronze
2	Golden Grove Estate	2021	Barbera	95	Estate Gold
3	Boireann Winery	2019	Barbera	96	Estate Gold
4	Sirromet Wines	2020	Montepulciano	92	Silver
5	Symphony Hill Wines	2019	Montepulciano	89	Bronze
6	4382 Terroir	2020	Aglianico	90	Silver
7	Bent Road Wine	2019	Sangiovese	84	
8	Ravens Croft Wines	2021	Sangiovese	88	Bronze
9	Golden Grove Estate	2021	Sangiovese	86	Estate Bronze
10	Symphony Hill Wines	2019	Graciano	89	Bronze
11	4382 Terroir	2020	Lagrein	84	

Judges Comments: Great to judge with many varieties showing great promise. Some wines showing a little too much oak, but many wines are showing some great varietal characters.

Class 10 Dry red varietal wine other than wines eligible for classes 7-9

1	Just Red Wines	2021	Tannat	95	Estate Gold
2	4382 Terroir	2020	Saperavi	87	Bronze
3	Dusty Hill Vineyard	2020	Saperavi	86	Estate Bronze
4	4382 Terroir	2020	Durif	85	Bronze
5	Ballandean Estate Wines	2018	Durif	87	Estate Bronze
6	Boireann Winery	2019	Mourvedre	96	Estate Gold
7	Hidden Creek	2020	Sagrantino	84	
8	Dusty Hill Vineyard	2020	Tempranillo	84	Estate
9	QCWT – Banca Ridge	2019	Tempranillo	87	Estate Bronze
10	Lightning Tree Wines	2020	Tempranillo	85	Estate Bronze
11	Nuova Scuola	2019	Tempranillo	84	Estate
12	Jester Hill Wines	2018	Petit Verdot	86	Estate Bronze
13	Hidden Creek	2020	Menica	90	Silver

Judges Comments: Lovely Class to judge with some excellent

Class 11 Dry Red Blends

1	Jester Hill Wines	2019	Cabernet/Merlot	90	Estate Silver
2	Just Red Wines	2021	CMT – Cabernet Sauvignon/ Merlot/Tannat	87	Estate Bronze

3	Robert Channon Wines	2021	Cabernet/ Shiraz	86	Estate Bronze
4	Jester Hill Wines	2016	"Triboulet" Blend Shiraz/Cabernet/ Petit Verdot	85	Estate Bronze
5	Hillsdale Estate	2020	Tempranillo, Merlot	83	Estate
6	Boireann Winery	2019	Merlot/Cab Sav/Petit Verdot/Cab Franc	84	Estate
7	Sirromet Wines	2019	Cabernet Sauvignon/ Shiraz	92	Estate Silver
8	Ravens Croft Wines	2021	Pinotage	89	Estate Bronze
9	Robert Channon Wines	2021	Pinot/Shiraz	84	Estate
10	Jester Hill Wines	2017	"Triboulet" Blend Shiraz/Petit Verdot	84	Estate
11	Ridgemill Estate	2021	Shiraz/Grenache	89	Bronze

Judges Comments: Lovely class with good strike rate and some lovely drinking wines.

Rose or Light Red Style Wines

Class 12

Rose or light red, Early Release red, Dry or slightly off – dry styles (<10g/L r.s.)

1	Clovely Estate	2021	Nebbiolo Rose	87	Estate Bronze
2	Hidden Creek	2020	Lagrein (Novello)	85	Bronze
3	Morgan & Gill Wines	2018	Rose (Sangiovese)	82	
4	Robert Channon Wines	2021	Rose (Pinot Noir)	85	Estate Bronze
5	Dusty Hill Vineyard	2021	Rose	85	Estate Bronze
6	4382 Terroir	2020	Aglianico Rosato	86	Bronze
7	Hidden Creek	2021	Shiraz (Nouveau)	Tfr to Class 8	Estate
8	Ocean View Estates	2021	Ruby Cabernet – Rack Dried	83	Estate
9	Ridgemill Estate	2021	Shiraz Grenache	Tfr Class 11	
10	O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyards	2021	Shiraz	85	Bronze
11	Sarabah	2021	Rose (Merlot)	83	Estate
12	QCWT – Banca Ridge	2021	Rose	90	Estate Silver
13	Hidden Creek	2020	Mencia	Tfr Class 10	Estate
14	Sirromet Wines	2020	Rose Sauvignon Blanc/ Cabernet Sauvignon	82	

Judges Comments: Always a diverse class with various style, ages and varieties. Producers should be mindful of tannin extraction and freshness and be careful that acid adjustment in pursuit of freshness isn't over done. The best wines were polished with good depth of flavour, but lacking complexity for higher awards.

Fruity, Semi Sweet and Medium Sweet Style Wines

Class 13

White – fruity, semi sweet and medium sweet styles including Moscato

1	Kingsley Grove Estate	2021	Semillon (Sweet Berry White)	84	Estate Bronze
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Judges Comments: A sound wine, simple juicy and fresh. Judges are looking for more depth for a medal.

Class 14

Rose or Red – fruity, semi sweet and medium sweet styles

1	Hillsdale Estate	2021	Rose – Vermentino, Chambourcin	85	Estate Bronze
2	Riversands Wines	2021	White Muscat	88	Estate Bronze

Judges Comments: Two sound examples of semi-sweet red styles. Simple and juicy, one elegant and the other rich and flavoursome.

Dessert Wines, Fortified Wines

Class 15

Dessert Wines – dessert styles, rich and luscious, >60g/L r.s

1	Sirromet Wines	2019	Viognier	86	Estate Bronze
2	QCWT – Banca Ridge	2020	Viognier	85	Bronze
3	Riversands Wines	N/V	Golden Liqueur Muscat	85	Estate Bronze
4	Clovely Estate	2019	Semillon	85	Estate Bronze
5	Riversands Wines	N/V	Red Liqueur Muscat	85	Estate Bronze

Judges Comments: A consistent group of wines with a diverse range of styles. Still looking for some freshness for higher points.

Class 16

Fortified wines – all styles

1	Hidden Creek	2001	Liqueur Muscat	84	
2	Kingsley Grove Estate	2014	Semillon (Silver Frog)	84	Estate
3	Dusty Hill Vineyard	N/V	Fortified Verdelho	90	Estate Silver
4	Golden Grove Estate	N/V	Muscat	94	Estate Silver
5	Riversands Wines	2018	Shiraz/Ruby Cabernet	84	Estate
6	Dusty Hill Vineyard	N/V	Liqueur Muscat	84	Estate

Judges Comments: Two good wines showing balance and flavour, some wines lacked freshness and were out of balance with VA and alcohol.

Sparkling Wines

Class 17

Sparkling Wines – Red or White

1	Hillsdale Estate	2021	Kristalwyn – Vermentino Crystal	85	Estate Bronze
2	Sirromet Wines	2018	Chardonnay	84	Estate
3	O'Reillys Canungra Valley Vineyard	2020	Semillon	83	
4	Sirromet Wines	2016	Chardonnay/Pinot Noir	89	Estate Bronze
5	Kingsley Grove Estate	2021	Semillon (Tickle)	82	Estate
6	Riversands Wines	2021	Chardonnay/Vermentino	88	Estate Bronze
7	Whiskey Gully Wines	2018	Chardonnay/Colombard	89	Estate Bronze
8	Hillsdale Estate	2021	Rose – Vermentino/ Chambourcin	85	Estate Bronze
9	Riversands Wines	2021	Black Muscat	86	Estate Bronze
10	Kingsley Grove Estate	2021	Shiraz/Cabernet/Semillon (Tickle)	83	Estate

Judges Comments: A very diverse range of sparklings with some solid winemaking. The two top medals could have gone further in points with more freshness. They are commended for complexity and elegance. Producers should watch for sulphide development and sugar balance to improve further.

Museum, Provenance and Alternative Styles Classes

Class 18

Museum Class – Red (2016 or earlier) or White (2018 or earlier)

1	Ridgemill Estate	2016	Cabernet Sauvignon	90	Estate Silver
2	Jester Hill Wines	2012	Cabernet Sauvignon	83	Estate
3	Sirromet Wines	2016	Cabernet Sauvignon	83	Estate
4	Bent Road Wine	2016	Tempranillo	83	
5	Ocean View Estates	2014	Ruby Cabernet – Rack Dried	81	Estate
6	Ridgemill Estate	2017	Semillon	87	Bronze
7	Sirromet Wines	2017	Chardonnay	89	Estate Bronze
8	Bent Road Wine	2005	Marsanne	95	Estate Gold

Judges Comments: Some good wines holding their freshness. Top wine showed excellent development for it's age.

Class 19

Provenance Class. Requires the submission of at least (3) vintages of any wine of the same variety

Winery	Wine	Wine 1	Wine 2	Wine 3	
Ridgemill	Riesling	2017	2019	2021	
Hidden Creek	Chardonnay	2007	2012	2018	
Clovely Estate	Semillon	2003	2014	2021	
Tobin Wines	Semillon	2016	2017	2018	
Ocean View Estates	Ruby Cabernet	2014	2017	2019	
Moffatdale Ridge	Shiraz	2016	2018	2020	
Hidden Creek	Shiraz	2009	2012	2017	Top of Class
Casley Mount Hutton Winery	Cabernet Sauvignon	2004	2005	2006	
Hidden Creek	Tempranillo	2009	2012	2018	

Class 20

Alternative Styles / Special Interest Wines

1	Bent Road Wine	2020	Saperavi	84	
2	Clovely Estate	2019	Shiraz	83	Estate
3	4382 Terroir	2021	Syrah	85	Estate Bronze
4	Bent Road Wine	NV	Marsanne	83	
5	Clovely Estate	2019	Semillon	87	Estate Bronze
6	Ocean View Estates	2017	Ruby Cabernet	85	Estate Bronze
7	Bent Road Wine	2019	Viognier/Marsanne/Roussanne	82	
8	Hidden Creek	2021	Graciano/Verdelho/ Vermentino – Pet Nat	85	Bronze

Judges Comments: A very interesting class

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