

# WINEWISE CHAMPIONSHIP



In 2010 WineWise conducted its first Championship. It was born from a belief that Australia should have a prestige event that truly showcased our. WineWise does not consider the normal wine show format suitable for a “best of the best” event, and takes a different approach. Only gold medal-winning wines from the shows listed below are eligible.

All eligible wines will be judged in ideal conditions in small groups of no more than six, and ranked in order of preference (as per show trophy tastings) by the judging panel which will comprise members of the regular WineWise crew (experienced show judges Lester Jesberg and Deb Pearce, together with Lex Howard and David Yeates) together with three other highly respected judges. We will make an announcement very shortly when we finalise the judging line-up.

The Championship judging will take place in Canberra on 27-30 March, 2017.

Unlike some wine shows of late, the Championship is not designed around making money. The entry fee of \$65.00 covers judges’ travel and accommodation expenses, venue hire, meals and the production of gold-plated medallions by the Australian Mint. We request only two bottles of each wine - not half a dozen for the purposes of on-selling most of them. Category winners are not asked for more wine for presentation dinners etc. The Championship is conducted to honour Australia’s best wines and provide information for our subscribers.

Last year's winners were:

<b>Best sparkling wine</b>	2009 Sittella Methode Traditionelle Pinot Noir Chardonnay
<b>Best 2014 or 2015 riesling</b>	2015 Peter Lehmann Portrait Eden Valley Dry Riesling
<b>Best riesling</b>	2009 Petaluma Project Company Adelaide Hills Riesling
<b>Best 2014 or 2015 semillon</b>	2015 Briar Ridge Dairy Hill Hunter Valley Semillon
<b>Best semillon</b>	2006 Tyrrell's Vat 1 Hunter Semillon
<b>Best chardonnay</b>	2014 Sittella Reserve Margaret River Chardonnay
<b>Best pre 2014 chardonnay</b>	2013 Tyrrell's Vat 47 Hunter Chardonnay
<b>Best sauvignon blanc or blend</b>	2015 Josef Chromy Fumé Blanc
<b>Best other white varietal or blend</b>	2014 Tellurian Heathcote Viognier
<b>Best sweet white</b>	2015 Josef Chromy Botrytis
<b>Best pinot noir</b>	2014 Home Hill Kelly's Reserve Pinot Noir
<b>Best pre 2014 pinot noir</b>	2013 Paringa Estate Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir
<b>Best shiraz</b>	2014 Santolin A & R Shiraz Viognier
<b>Best 2013 shiraz</b>	2013 Rosemount District McLaren Vale Shiraz
<b>Best pre 2013 shiraz</b>	2010 Saltram No.1 Barossa Shiraz
<b>Best cabernet sauvignon</b>	2013 De Bortoli Melba Reserve Yarra Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Best pre 2013 cabernet sauvignon</b>	2010 Saltram Mamre Brook Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Best Italian red varietal</b>	2014 Santolin Individual Vineyard Heathcote Nero d'Avola
<b>Best other red varietal</b>	2014 Bleasdale Second Innings Malbec
<b>Best cabernet sauvignon blend</b>	2013 Pepper Tree Strandlines Wrattenbully Cabernet Shiraz
<b>Best other red blend</b>	2014 Mandoon Estate Surveyor's Red

### **List of Qualifying Shows**

Adelaide Wine Show (Best dry white & best dry red only)

Adelaide Hills Wine Show

Australian Alternative Varieties Wine Show

Ballarat Wine Show

Barossa Wine Show

Blackwood Valley & WA Boutique Wine Show

Canberra Regional Wine Show  
Clare Valley Wine Show  
Geelong Wine Show  
Geographe  
Gippsland Wine Show  
Heathcote Wine Show  
Hilltops  
Hobart Wine Show (Best dry white & best dry red only)  
Hunter Valley Wine Show  
International Riesling Challenge  
International Sweet White Challenge  
Langhorne Creek Wine Show  
Limestone Coast Wine Show  
Macedon Ranges Wine Exhibition  
Margaret River Wine Show  
McLaren Vale Wine Show  
Melbourne Wine Awards (Jimmy Watson Trophy & François de  
Castella Trophy only)  
Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Wine Show  
Mudgee Wine Show  
National Cool Climate Wine Show  
National Wine Show  
New South Wales Wine Awards  
Orange Region Wine Show  
Perth Wine Show (Best dry white & best dry red only)  
Riverina Wine Show  
Riverland Wine Show  
Sydney Wine Show (Best dry white & best dry red only)  
Tasmanian Wine Show  
Tumbarumba  
Victorian Wines Show  
Wine Show of Western Australia  
Yarra Valley Wine Show