

2017 WINEWISE SMALL VIGNERON AWARDS

REGULATIONS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The Awards are limited to producers who crushed 250 tonnes or less for their own label in the 2017 vintage. Wholly or partially owned subsidiaries of producers crushing greater than 250 tonnes are not eligible for entry. There is no minimum stock requirement.
2. All classes are open to wine producers according to the conditions applicable to each class; similarly all classes are open to merchants and distributors.
3. **All entries must:**
 - a) Conform to the respective Acts of the States and the Commonwealth of Australia which govern the production of Australian wine including, but not limited to, the Customs and Excise Act and Regulations, the Spirit Act and Regulations, the Health Act and Regulations;
 - b) Be the produce of solely Australian grapes or blended from solely Australian grapes; and
 - c) In all single varietal classes, contain not less than 85% of wine of the specified variety.
 - d) Wines may be entered at <http://winewise.net.au/wwsva-entry-form/>
4. Winewise Magazine Pty Ltd reserves the right to combine classes if necessary and to split classes where entry numbers require.
5. Winewise Magazine Pty Ltd also reserves the right to accept or reject any entry, to question entrants on details of entries and to change entries to a more appropriate class.
6. Wines need not necessarily be bottled on the day of entry but must be commercially bottled before their dispatch for judging. Tank or barrel samples, if detected, will be disqualified.
7. Commercial labels are preferred, but not essential. However, every bottle entered must be clearly identified. The commercial name of an entry (including a future release) must be given for inclusion in the catalogue of results. The name of an entry is to conform exactly with any label on the bottle. Winewise Magazine Pty Ltd reserves the right to disqualify any entry not clearly identified.
8. There is no limit on the number of entries per class per entrant but the number of bottles required per entry is two (2) bottles which is also the maximum number allowed per entry.

OWNERSHIP

9. All entries become the property of Winewise Magazine Pty Ltd:
 - a) Wines will not be judged unless the entry fee is paid;
 - b) Entry Fee: \$75.00 per entry **plus** any applicable credit card surcharges as follows: Mastercard/Visa - \$2.00 per entry and American Express - \$3.50 per entry; and
 - c) Entry fees are not refundable.

ADVERTISING

10. No entrant shall advertise, or allow to be advertised, by any means whatsoever, and whether by broadcasting, television, pictorially or in writing, the fact that any entry has won an award in the Winewise Small Vigneron Awards unless such advertisement shows clearly: **2017 Winewise Small Vigneron Awards**.
11. Any form of advertisement must comply with The Winemakers' Federation Code of Practice for the display of awards.

CANCELLATION OF THE AWARDS FOR ANY REASON

12. An entrant agrees that if, at the sole discretion of the Directors of Winewise Magazine Pty Ltd or some other authorised officer, the Winewise Small Vigneron Awards are to be partially or fully cancelled for any reason whatsoever, the entrant shall not pursue Winewise Magazine Pty Ltd for the recoveries of lost income or damages. This complete bar to an action applies to all headings of law, whether it be common law, in contract or tort or pursuant to any State, Territorial, or Commonwealth statute law. It is acknowledged by the entrant that Winewise Magazine Pty Ltd has no duty to have the Awards in any particular year and that this Clause operates as a complete defence for Winewise Magazine Pty Ltd to any such action.

JUDGING - SYSTEM & POINTING

13. All entries are screened from the judges and the wines are not poured in their presence. Glasses are not topped up for the judges but, when required, a new glass is poured by the stewards at the stewards' table. The second glass is presented to the judge.
14. Judging will be by panels of three (3) or more judges who will judge all wines independently. The senior member of each panel of judges will tally the score and, after consultation, arrive at the final assessment of the wines. Judges will be screened at all times from the entries.
15. Entrants will be judged as follows: 5 Gold medal, 4 Silver medal, 3 Bronze medal, 2, 1, 0
16. Awards will be made by the judges on the following scale of points:
 - Gold Award - 14 points and over
 - Silver Award - 11 to 13 points
 - Bronze Award - 8 to 10 points
17. Only wines that win a Gold Award will be eligible for Trophy selection. Trophies will be awarded as follows:
 - Best Riesling
 - Best Semillon
 - Best Chardonnay
 - Best Sauvignon Blanc
 - Best Semillon or Sauvignon Blend
 - Best Other Dry White
 - Best Sweet White
 - Best Sparkling Wine
 - Best Pinot Noir
 - Best Shiraz
 - Best Cabernet Sauvignon
 - Best Tempranillo
 - Best Other Red Varietal
 - Best Bordeaux Blend
 - Best Other Red Blend
 - Best Fortified
 - Most Successful Exhibitor
 - Len Sorbello Memorial Trophy
18. The Most Successful Exhibitor Trophy will be awarded to the entrant who has achieved the highest aggregate score in their best three different classes.
19. Winewise Magazine Pty Ltd reserves the right to change the category of trophies or not to award a particular trophy.