

Championship Sparkling

This was an outstanding class, with almost nothing between the top four. The dedication to quality, from vineyard to bottle, of our better sparkling wine producers is clearly reflected in the results of this category. Twelve of the 21 entries were rated at gold medal level.

2015 Swift Vintage Brut A superb sparkling wine with a very fine mousse. It's delicate yet intense, with a delightfully bready complexity. All components are in tune on a harmonious palate. (\$70.00 rrp/\$59.50 for members) ★★★★★
<https://printhewines.com.au/shop/sparkling/swift-2015-vintage/>

2011 Pirie Late Disgorged Sparkling Subtle youthful green apple aromas are supported by brioche notes. A creamy, beautifully balanced sparkling wine that is remarkably unevolved. We hope there's another batch *en tirage*. (\$145.00) ★★★★★
<https://brownfamilywines.com.au/products/pirie-late-disgorged-2011>

NV Pirie Sparkling Fresh bready and complex, with attractive apple aromas. The mousse is very fine and the finish lingers long. Exceptional value for money. (\$35.00) ★★★★★
<https://brownfamilywines.com.au/products/pirie-sparkling-nv>

NV Centennial Vineyards Brut Traditionelle This wine from the Southern Highlands of New South Wales has an impressive record in Winewise competitions. This latest release is vibrant, with subtle autolysis characteristics. It's also creamy and textural. Very appealing price-wise. (\$39.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.centennial.net.au/wine/brut-traditionelle>

2017 Domaine Chandon Vintage Blanc de Blancs The nose is fresh, with a background breadiness and "yeasty" complexity. It's a dry, balanced and creamy wine with delightful delicacy. (\$48.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://www.chandon.com.au/product/Chandon-Vintage-Blanc-De-Blancs-2017>

2017 Radenti (Freycinet) Grand Vintage Sparkling Rosé This release is bursting with life, showing plenty of pinot muskiness together with considerable depth of flavour and a dry, long finish. (\$70.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://freycinetvineyard.com.au/products/copy-of-pre-release-radenti-grand-vintage-rose-2017-sparkling>

NV Kreglinger Brut Rosé Very pale pink colour. Quite bready, with excellent fruit and mousse. It's faintly sweet, but very well balanced. (\$40.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://www.kreglingerwineestates.com/product/Kreglinger-Brut-RoseNV>

NV Clover Hill Cuvée Foudre The nose is complex, showing stone fruit, toast and nuttiness. The abundant, fine mousse adds to the appeal of a long, fresh palate. (\$55.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://cloverhillwines.com.au/shop/clover-hill-foudre/>

2017 Domaine Chandon Brut Fresh, bready and mushroomy, with overtones of stone fruit and an enjoyably creamy palate. (\$48.00)
★★★★☆
<https://www.chandon.com.au/product/Vintage-Brut-2017>

2018 Grey-Smith Wines Mt Gambier Blanc de Blancs Very fresh, with a faintly green nuance together with hints of toasted bread and Gruyere. Fine and long. (\$50.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://grey-smith.com.au/wines/>

2019 Taltarni Vineyards Essence Blanc de Blancs Fresh and intense, with a very subtle breadiness. Creamy, long and full of life. (\$34.00)
★★★★☆
<https://taltarni.com.au/product/blanc-de-blancs/>

2016 Radenti Grand Vintage Sparkling Vibrant and restrained, with understated complexity. It still has more to deliver, even at eight years of age. (\$75.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://freycinetvineyard.com.au/products/radenti-grand-vintage-2016-sparkling>

NV Clover Hill Wines Multi Vintage Rosé ★★★★★

NV Brown Brothers Premium Cuvée ★★★★★

2017 Pipers Brook Vineyard Late Disgorged ★★★★★

2017 Zonzo Estate Chardonnay Pinot Noir ★★★★★

NV Clover Hill Exceptionnelle MV ★★★★★

2018 Firetail Sparkling Chardonnay ★★★★★

2017 Sittella Wines Grand Vintage Blanc de Blancs ★★★★★☆

2015 Henskens Rankin Vintage Brut ★★★★★☆

NV Sidewood Estate Sparkling ★★★★★☆

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