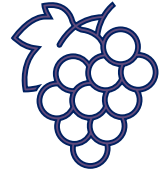




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CLASS 1-	Verdelho						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	Nuova Scuola Wines	1	2023	Verdelho	86	Bronze	1
2	Ridgemill Estate	1	2023	Verdelho	83		
3	Ridgemill Estate	1	2022	Verdelho	83		
4	Moffatdale Ridge Wines	1	2023	Moffatdale Ridge 2023 Verdelho	85	Bronze	1
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6	Banca Ridge	1	2022	Verdlho	82		
7	Tobin Wines	1	2023	Maisie Verdelho	83		
8	Symphony Hill Wines	1	2023	Reserve Verdelho	80		
9	Art Of Krupinski	1	2023	Verdelho - the Golden Gypsy	85	Bronze	1
10	Jester Hill Wines	1	2023	TouchstoneVerdelho 100%	84		
11	Kingsley Grove Estate	1	2023	Verdelho	82		
Comments: Class 1	Tough class. Best example showed freshness with defined fruit characteristics. Acid / phenotics balanced. A few too many generic "fruit salad style wines.						

Class 2 -	Viognier, Marsanne, Roussanne or blend						
	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	Nuova Scuola Wines	2	2023	Viognier	86	Bronze	1
2	George's Folly	2	2021	Sparkling Roussanne	83		
3	Berton Vineyards	2	2023	Metal Label Viognier	95	Gold	5
4	Sieber Wines	2	2023	Viogner	84		
5	Ballandean Wines	2	2023	Viognier	88	Bronze	1
6	Ridgemill Estate	2	2022	Viognier	82		
7	Hidden Creek Winery	2	2023	Viognier	84		
8	Hidden Creek Winery	2	2023	Viognier-Marsanne	84		
9	Banca Ridge	2	2022	Viognier	80		
10	Rosalie House Wines	2	2023	Viognier	82		
11	Jester Hill Wines	2	2022	Touchstone Roussanne 100%	83		
Comments: Class 2	Temprimental varietal. Mixed class. Better wines were lighter and fresher. One exceptional example showing beautiful stone fruit with balance and complexity of flavours and texture.						

CLASS 3-	Pinot Grigio & Pinot Gris						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	Berton Vineyards	3	2023	Metal Label Pinot Grigio	85	Bronze	1
2	Grampians Estate	3	2023	Pinot Gris	83		
3	Serafino Wines	3	2023	Serafino Bellissimo Pinot Grigio	90	Silver	3
4	Cooks Lot Wines	3	2022	Cooks Lot Allotment 666 Pinto Gris	82		
5	Balancing Heart Vineyard	3	2022	Pinot Grigio	80		
Comments: Class 3	Two medals. Silver medal was bright, varietal classic style with good concentration. Would like to see more focus on fruit freshness.						

Class 4	Other Mediterranean Whites						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	George's Folly	4	2023	George's Folly "So Vain Jane" Sauvignon Gris	83		
2	Berton Vineyards	4	2022	Alfresco Range Fiano	84		
3	Berton Vineyards	4	2022	Alfresco Range Vermentino	85	Bronze	1
4	Riversands Wines	4	2023	Sunset Vermentino	92	Silver	3
5	Ballandean Wines	4	2023	Malvasia	83		
6	Golden Grove Estate	4	2023	Vermentino	87	Bronze	1
7	Ridgemill Estate	4	2023	Albarino	84		
8	Serafino Wines	4	2023	Serafino Bellissimo Fiano	92	Silver	3
9	Jim Barry Wines	4	2023	Jim Barry Assyrtiko	95	Gold	5
10	Hillsdale Estate Pty Ltd	4	2023	Vermentino - South Burnett	83		
11	Symphony Hill Wines	4	2023	Fiano	84		
12	Symphony Hill Wines	4	2023	Albarino	85	Bronze	1
13	Symphony Hill Wines	4	2023	Vermentino	87	Bronze	1
14	Wedded To The Weather	4	2023	"Sea Breeze" - Picpoul	80		
15	City Winery	4	2021	Vermentino	80		
16	Balancing Heart Vineyard	4	2022	Vermentino	83		
17	Kingsley Grove Estate	4	2023	Arneis	90	Silver	3

18	Serenna Que Estate	4	2022	Garganega	88	Bronze	1
19	CeravoloEstate Wines	4	2022	Cortese	91	Silver	3
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Comments: Class 4	Nice class of some very nice wines. Best wines were fresh, varietal and balanced. Lesser wines lacked freshness, were a bit forward or over ripe. Gold medal wine stood out as fresh, fruit driven & pristine.						

CLASS 5-	Sangiovese, Barbera, Dolcetto, Nebbiolo and blends						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	Nuova Scuola Wines	5	2022	Sangiovese	95	Gold	5
2	Berton Vineyards	5	2021	Alfresco Range Barbera	88	Bronze	1
3	Tar & Roses	5	2022	Tar & Roses Sangiovese	88	Bronze	1
4	Golden Grove Estate	5	2022	Barbera	93	Silver	3
5	Reillys Wines	5	2018	Dry Land Sangiovese	88	Bronze	1
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7	Reillys Wines	5	2019	Moonvine Sangiovese Shiraz	82		
8	Serafino Wines	5	2023	Serafino Bellissimo Sangiovese	90	Silver	3
9	CeravoloEstate Wines	5	2022	Ceravolo Barbera AH	96	Gold	5
10	CeravoloEstate Wines	5	2021	Ceravolo Sangiovese AH	86	Bronze	1
11	Kingsley Grove Estate	5	2022	Sangiovese	82		
Comments: Class 5	Strong class. Top wines showed varietal character, balance, concentration & structure. Some very diverse styles which is pleasing . Both Golds showed excellent concentration and ripe tannins.						

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Comments: Class 6	Slightly disappointing. Some lack of balance between oak and fruit. Better examples had more fruit concentration, fruit delivered tannin and balance.			
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Claas 7 -	Grenache, Mourvedre, Durif and Blends						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	George's Folly	7	2020	Grenache Shiraz	85	Bronze	1
2	Berton Vineyards	7	2021	Metal Label Durif	87	Bronze	1
3	Grampians Estate	7	2022	Fields Crossing Grenache	86	Bronze	1
4	Grampians Estate	7	2021	Woolclassers GST	87	Bronze	1
5	Grampians Estate	7	2022	Woolclassers GST	91	Silver	3
6	Sieber Wines	7	2021	SIEBER GSM	86	Bronze	1
7	Golden Grove Estate	7	2021	Mourvedre	86	Bronze	1
8	Reillys Wines	7	2019	Old Bush Vine Grenache	82		
9	Serafino Wines	7	2021	Serafino Bellissimo Grenache	90	Silver	3
10	Symphony Hill Wines	7	2022	Reserve Grenache	88	Bronze	1
11	Symphony Hill Wines	7	2020	Reserve Durif	83		
12	City Winery	7	2022	GSM	78		
13	Reillys Wines	7	2018	Old Bush Vine Grenache	82		
14	Serafino Wines	7	2012	GSM	85	Bronze	1
Comments: Class 7	Fairly strong class of pleasing wines. A lot of commercial style wines just lacking that extra complexity for a gold medal.						

CLASS 8-	Other Mediterranean Reds						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Score	Award	Points
1	Riversands Wines	8	2022	Saperavi/Ruby Cav	83		
2	Ballandean Wines	8	2022	Small Batch Saperavi	85	Bronze	1
3	Golden Grove Estate	8	2022	Nero D'Avola	95	Gold	5
4	Ridgemill Estate	8	2021	Saperavi	85	Bronze	1
5	Reillys Wines	8	2020	Moonvine Sagrantino Sangiovese Shiraz	83		
6	Serafino Wines	8	2022	Serafino Bellissimo Montepulciano	87	Bronze	1
7	Symphony Hill Wines	8	2021	Reserve Sagrantino	84		
8	Symphony Hill Wines	8	2021	Reserve Montepulciano	83		
9	Wedded To The Weather	8	2023	"Zephyr" - Montepulciano	90	Silver	3
10	Wedded To The Weather	8	2023	"Philip" Lagrein	92	Silver	3
11	City Winery	8	2020	Sagrantino	79		
12	City Winery	8	2022	Nero D'Avola	83		
13	Balancing Heart Vineyard	8	2022	Saperavi	83		
14	Balancing Heart Vineyard	8	2022	Montepulciano	84		
15	Balancing Heart Vineyard	8	2022	Lagrein	84		
16	Balancing Heart Vineyard	8	2021	Sagrantino	83		

17	Serrena Que Estate Pty Ltd	8	2021	Mencia	84		
Comments: Class 8	Mixed class. Gold medal wine was beautifully balanced, lush and elegant. Wines that just missed out struggled with balance between fruit concentrtration, oak and extractiveness.						

CLASS 9	Rose						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	Berton Vineyards	9	2023	Metal Label Rose` - RS1.4g/l	90	Silver	3
2	Rokkwell	9	2023	Nebbiolo Rose`	84		
3	Golden Grove Estate	9	2023	Rose` Brose` Shiraz Sangiovese Grenache Vermentino	84		
4	Ridgemill Estate	9	2023	Sangiovese Rose`	82		
5	CeravoloEstate Wines	9	2022	Ceravolo Sangiovese Rose AH	83		
6	City Winery	9	2022	Rose`	87	Bronze	1
7	Balancing Heart Vineyard	9	2022	Rose` (Sagrantino) R/S:0.4	83		
8	Ballandean Wines	9	2023	Rose'	87	Bronze	1

Comments: Class 9	Diverse class. Nice to see Rose's being made to be Rose. Take care with phenolics and sugar. Best wines were very fresh and balanced.							

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Comments: Class 10	Sound commercial wines for the most part. Be careful with oak balance and ferment cleanliness. The better wines had freshness and fruit concentration.					

CLASS 11	Shiraz 2021 Vintage						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	George's Folly	11	2021	George's Folly "Pie In The Sky" Shiraz	87	Bronze	1
2	Grampians Estate	11	2021	Streeton Reserve Shiraz	90	Silver	3
3	Sieber Wines	11	2021	SIEBER Ernest Shiraz	86	Bronze	1
4	Moffatdale Ridge Wines	11	2021	Moffatdale Ridge 2021 Reserve Shiraz	81		
5	Big Fella Wines & Accommodation	11	2021	Big Fell's Shiraz	83		
6	Cooks Lot Wines	11	2021	Cooks Lot Allotment 1010 Shiraz	84		
7	Edwards Family Vintners	11	2021	Edwards & Sun - "Obscuratus" Shiraz	83		
8	Balancing Heart Vineyard	11	2021	Small Block Shiraz	84		
9	Jester Hill Wines	11	2021	Touchstone Shiraz	83		
Comments: Class 11	A liittle disappointing for Shiraz. A lot of developed oaky, very commercial styles. Three medals showed better use of oak, good fruit concentration and some complexity and points of difference.						

CLASS 12-	Shiraz 2020 Vintage and Older						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	Berton Vineyards	12	2020	Metal Label Limited Release Shiraz	86	Bronze	1
2	Grampians Estate	12	2020	Streeton Reserve Shiraz	78		
3	Grampians Estate	12	2019	Streeton Reserve Shiraz	83		
4	Reillys Wines	12	2019	Dry Land Shiraz	84		
5	Symphony Hill Wines	12	2020	Reserve Shiraz	84		
6	Edwards Family Vintners	12	2018	Edwards & Sun - Shiraz	83		
7	Jester Hill Wines	12	2018	Touchstone Shiraz 100%	83		
Comments: Class 12	Too many wines lacking freshness, fruit concentration and too much oak.						

CLASS 13	Shiraz Dominated Blends				Total Score	Award	Points
1	George's Folly	13	2021	Hares or Hounds Shiraz Roussanne	86	Bronze	1
2	Sieber Wines	13	2021	SIEBER Shiraz Grenache	84		
3	Sieber Wines	13	2021	SIEBER Shiraz Mataro	84		
4	Golden Grove Estate	13	2022	Shiraz Durif	90	Silver	3
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6	Hidden Creek Winery	13	2022	Shiraz-Viognier	84		
7	Jester Hill Wines	13	2019	Shiraz/Roussanne 96% - 4% (Roussanne)	87	Bronze	1
Comments: Class 13	Better blends showing balance and complexity and restrained oak.						
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CLASS 14	Sparkling						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	Nuova Scuola Wines	14	2023	Bollicine - "Sparkling Verdelho"	83		
2	George's Folly	14	NV	NV Sparling Rousanne	84		
3	Riversands Wines	14	2023	Sparkling Sisters Black Muscat	87	Bronze	1
4	Tar & Roses	14	NV	Tar & Roses Prosecco	85	Bronze	1
5	Symphony Hill Wines	14	2022	Prosecco Rose`	83		
6	Art Of Krupinski	14	2022	Sparkling Shiraz - The Bubbly Bear	84		
7	Balancing Heart Vineyard	14	2023	Sparkling Chardonnay	83		
8	Riversands Wines	14	2023	Sparkling Chardonnay	85	Bronze	1
Comments: Class 14	A little disappointing. Most wines overly sweet and lacking acid balance.						

CLASS 15	Fortified/Desert						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	Nuova Scuola Wines	15	NV	Fortitied Verdelho	83		
2	Riversands Wines	15	NV	Golden Liquer Muscat	85	Bronze	1
3	Cooks Lot Wines	15	NV	Cooks Lot 11 Year Grand Tawny (Shiraz)	82		
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Comments: Class 15	Mixed bag of unusual styles. Bronze medal wine has concentration of fruit. Be careful with fruit spirit balance.						

CLASS 16	Pet'Nat'						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	Wedded To The Weather	16	2022	"Squall" - Vermentino, Alfrocherio, Lagrein, Durif	82		
2	Wedded To The Weather	16	2022	"Cool Change" - Lagrein	83		
3	Wedded To The Weather	16	2023	"Thunder Clap" - Prieto Picado	82		
4	Wedded To The Weather	16	2023	"Jennifer" Alicante Bouchet	83		
5	Wedded To The Weather	16	2023	"Susan" Fernao Pires - 80% Montpulciano - 15% Lagrein - 5%	85	Bronze	1
6	City Winery	16	2022	Merlot Rose` Pet Nat	78		

Comments: Class 16	Pet Nat should be refreshing and bright. A few wines with microbial issues. Not the place for sweet reds with no home.		
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CLASS 17- Panel 1	Experimental						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	Ballandean Wines	17	2023	GFM (Moscato Giallo, Fiano, Malvasia)	83		
2	Golden Grove Estate	17	2022	Storm King Wine Co Vermentino	80		
3	Wedded To The Weather	17	2023	"Summer Haze" - Fernao Pires (Fernai Pires is a white from Portugal. Grown organically in the Riverland, S.A. Crushed, destemmed and fermented to dry on skins. Pressed to stainless steel and left on lees until bottling. Wild ferment. Unfiltered, unfined. 40ppm sulphur added at bottling.)	95	Gold	5

4	City Winery	17	2021	The Singularity (80% Pinot Gris x 20% Shiraz Rose` Blend)	83		
Comments: Class 17	Best wine shows amazing texture, aromatics, freshness and really a fantastic example of a clear minimal intervention wine. Well done.						

Class 18	Queensland Only White Class						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	Riversands Wines	18	2023	Beardmore's Dry Savignon Blanc	88	Bronze	1
2	Riversands Wines	18	2022	Anchorage Chardonnay	83		
3	Golden Grove Estate	18	2023	Semillon Sauvignon Blanc	90	Silver	3
4	Moffatdale Ridge Wines	18	2023	Semillon	82		
5	Ballandean Wines	18	2023	Chardonnay	81		
6	Ballandean Wines	18	2023	Classic White	88	Bronze	1
7	Tobin Wines	18	2022	Charlotte Sauvignon Blanc	83		
8	Rosalie House Wines	18	2022	Chardonnay	85	Bronze	1
9	Jester Hill Wines	18	2023	Touchstone Sauvignon Blanc 100%	85	Bronze	1
10	Jester Hill Wines	18	2022	Touchstone Chardonnay 100%	86	Bronze	1

11	Balancing Heart Vineyard	18	2023	Sparkling Chardonnay	83		
12	Riversands Wines	18	2023	Sparkling Chardonnay	85	Bronze	1
Comments: Class 18	Some issues with under-ripeness, concentration and oak handling. Best wines showed freshness, balance and length.						

Class 19	Queensland Only Red Class						
Exhibit No	WINERY	CLASS	VINTAGE	VARIETY	Total Score	Award	Points
1	Riversands Wines	19	2022	Ellen Meacle Merlot	85	Bronze	1
2	Moffatdale Ridge Wines	19	2020	Moffatdale Ridge 2020 "TreSante" Cabernet Shiraz Merlot	80		
3	Banca Ridge	19	2021	Petit Verdot	78		
4	Hillsdale Estate Pty Ltd	19	2021	Merlot - South Burnett	84		

5	Tobin Wines	19	2022	Luella Plum Cabernet	84		
6	Tobin Wines	19	2022	Adrian Reserve Merlot	84		
7	Symphony Hill Wines	19	2021	Reserve Pinot Noir	82		
8	Ballandean Wines	19		Rose`			
9	Edwards Family Vintners	19	2019	Edwards & Sun - "The Anthony" - Malbec, Cab Franc, Merlot, Cab Sauv	86	NA	
10	Edwards Family Vintners	19	2021	Edwards & Sun - Cabernet Sauvignon	91	NA	
11	Jester Hill Wines	19	2016	Touchstone Cabernet Sauvignon 100%	87	Bronze	1
12	Jester Hill Wines	19	2017	"Triboulet" Shiraz. Ptit Verdot 50:50%	84		
13	Jester Hill Wines	19	2018	Touchstone Petit Verdot 100%	86	Bronze	1
14	Jester Hill Wines	19	2021	"Trinculo" Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot 90:10%	84		
15	Jester Hill Wines	19	2019	Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot 50:50%	83		
16	Balancing Heart Vineyard	19	2021	Carmenere	80		

Comments: Class 19	Mixed class reflecting some challenging vintages. Some sweet/sour commercial styles. Some wines had oak handling issues while a few had cleanliness issues. Better wines had concentration, freshness and complexity			
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