



VWS Schedule 2023

2023 VICTORIAN WINE SHOW SCHEDULE & REGULATIONS

KEY DATES

Entries Open: Friday 1st August, 2023
Entries Close: Monday 15th September, 2023
Distribution of Labels: 18th – 25th September, 2023
Delivery of Exhibits: 26th September – 11th October, 2023
Judging: 18th-20th October, 2023
Exhibitor Tasting: 9th November, 2023 9:30 – 12pm
Awards Presentation: 9th November, 2023 commencing at 12pm

ENTRY INFORMATION

ENTRY PROCESS

1. Entries open on Tuesday the **1st of August, 2023**
2. Wine entries must be submitted online via Showrunner no later than Monday **15th September, 2023**
3. Labels will be generated and emailed to exhibitors via the Showrunner system.
4. Exhibitors must print and place entry labels on corresponding exhibits (do not obscure commercial labels, bottles without commercial labels will be accepted).

ENTRY FEES

The cost of entry is: 1-5 exhibits \$85 per exhibit, 6+ exhibits \$80 per exhibit (all fees are excluding GST)

DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS

Wine exhibits must be sent, (with Showrunner labels attached) to the following address. Exhibits must be received no later than the **11th of October 2023**.

VICTORIAN WINE SHOW
c/o MITCHELTON WINERY
MITCHELLSTOWN ROAD
NAGAMBIE VIC 3608

JUDGING

Judging will take place at Mitchelton winery from **Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th October 2023**

EXHIBITORS' TASTING

An exhibitors' tasting will be held at Mitchelton winery on Thursday 9th November 9:30am to 12pm

AWARDS PRESENTATION

The Awards Presentation will be held at Mitchelton winery on **Thursday 9th November commencing at 12pm**

Tickets to the Awards Presentation will be available to purchase from Victorian Wine Show website for \$125

REGULATIONS GOVERNING EXHIBITS TO THE VICTORIAN WINES SHOW

1. All classes are open for competition to winemakers and vignerons.
2. "Grapes" shall mean 85% variety or vintage of grapes grown within Victoria in compliance with Australian Geographical Indication regulations.
3. A "winegrower" shall mean any person or firm producing wine from grapes with 85% of variety or vintage grown in Victoria.
4. Each wine entry shall consist of 4 x 750 ml bottles or equivalent as specified in the Schedule of Conditions.
 - 4.1 All entries must be commercially bottled at the time of entry
 - 4.2 Unbottled wines are not permitted
5. The same wine may not be entered more than once. No exhibit may be entered in more than one class.
6. Exhibits will be judged on points and the points will be set out in a list of awards.
7. Gold, silver and bronze certificates will be issued to award winners.
8. Entries should be made through the Showrunner website: <https://wineshow.awri.com.au>
9. Exhibitors must state, on the entry form, the class to be competed for, the style or type and vintage or approximate age of the wine, the region(s) and the level of sweetness where requested. In addition, please indicate eligibility for the Best Small Producer Trophy (see conditions for eligibility in item 27 below).
10. No person will be allowed to inspect an entry form after lodgement with the Victorian Wines Show until the judges' awards have been made public.
11. In all classes the stock as required to be held according to the class requirements may be inspected and checked by a representative of the Victorian Wines Show Committee or its nominee before the Presentation of Awards ceremony and for up to one month after this time. Samples of award-winning wines must be held for at least one month after announcement of awards. The representative may procure one bottle of such inspected entry for comparison with the original entry.
12. Exhibits are to bear the labels supplied by the Victorian Wines Show for the purpose and must show:
 - 12.1 The number of the class and the name of the grape variety or varieties.
 - 12.2 Distinguishing mark to enable exhibits to be positively identified.
 - 12.3 The year of vintage or, if blended, the approximate age of the blend
 - 12.4 Density in classes where the sweetness level is specified
 - 12.5 The commercial name of the wine if the entry includes words other than the name of the maker and the variety.

NOTES:

- A. All bottles, either unlabelled or commercially labelled, must bear labels supplied by the Victorian Wine Show.
- B. Commercially labelled bottles are permissible
- C. Branded bottles and corks are permissible
- D. Exhibitors are requested to remove capsules from cork-sealed bottles for entry.
13. After the close of entries, no person will be permitted access to the exhibits except the stewards, secretary and staff, until the awards have been made.
14. Each exhibit must represent stock as set out on the entry form and be the bona fide property of that exhibitor.
15. Exhibits of blended wines must represent the prescribed quantity already blended.
16. All exhibits become the property of the Victorian Wine Show.
17. The Victorian Wine Show committee may request up to two (2) dozen of any exhibits for awards presentation function or other promotional activity by donation. We will make contact to arrange delivery.
18. All exhibits must be made from at least 85% Victorian grapes and, where required, conform to the respective Acts of the State of Victoria and the Commonwealth of Australia which govern the production of Australian wine, these to include the Health Act regulations, and any others. The Victorian Wine Show reserves the right to have any exhibit inspected and/or analysed.
19. No protest will be entertained unless made in writing within seven days of the announcement of the awards, and is to be accompanied by a deposit of \$100.00.
20. An exhibitor breaking any rule or regulation may be disqualified from this show or any future shows conducted by the Victorian Wine Show. The length of this disqualification is at the discretion of the VWS council executive.
21. No entry will be received from any disqualified exhibitor during the period of such disqualification. Should any such entry be accepted it shall, when discovered, be deemed void and the entry fee and exhibit and any awards or trophies will be forfeited.
22. Judges shall not at any time prior to the announcement of the awards have any access or knowledge as to the identity of the exhibits.
23. No exhibitor shall advertise or allow to be advertised by any means whatsoever, whether by broadcasting, pictorially, or in writing, the fact that any exhibit has won any prize in this Show unless such advertisement shows clearly:
- Victorian Wine Show
 - the name (trophy, gold, silver or bronze) of the award;
 - the year of the medal or trophy award;
- or, if applicable;
- the special prize won;
- Exhibitors are also expected to comply with the Australian Grape & Wine Inc Wine Industry Display of Awards Code of Practice, which can be found at <https://www.agw.org.au/about-australian-grape-and-wine/codes-guidelines/>.



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24. In connection with aggregate prizes, points for Major Awards will be allocated as follows:

GOLD AWARD	5 points
SILVER AWARD	3 points
BRONZE AWARD	1 point

25. Exhibitors have no restriction on number of entries per class as long as the same wine is not entered more than once.

26. A refund of Entry Fees shall not be made unless a notification of withdrawal is received by the VWS before the Closing Day of Entry.

27. Best Small Producer Trophy

Exhibitors are to mark at the time of entry if exhibits qualify for consideration.

A small producer is defined as one who produces the wines submitted as entries to the show and processes no more than one hundred (100) tonnes of grapes at all facilities owned or otherwise.

JUDGING CONDITIONS

1. Judges will judge each class without collaboration and on receipt of all result sheets applicable to any one class, the Chair of the Judges panel shall have the points totalled, checked and determine the awards.
2. Judges will not have access to exhibits apart from the glass of each placed in front of them by the stewards.
3. Exhibits will be judged using the 100-point scale.
4. Awards will be made as follows:
 - Gold Award 95 points and over
 - Silver Award 90-94 points
 - Bronze Award 85-89 points
5. Most successful exhibitor will be judged on the aggregate total of an exhibitor's five (5) highest pointed wines. Only one wine from any class will be counted towards the aggregate total in the first instance. In the case of a tie, the result will be determined by the next highest award(s) in any class.
6. Best Small Producer will be judged on the aggregate total of an exhibitor's three (3) highest pointed wines. Only one wine from any class will be counted towards the aggregate total in the first instance. In the case of a tie, the result will be determined by the next highest award(s) in any class.
7. To determine trophy awards where more than one class is involved only the highest pointed award from each class will be eligible. In the case of the Most Successful Exhibitor award, only one wine from any class will be eligible, except as outlined in item 5 in the case of a tie of points.
8. The Chief Judge shall have the power to disqualify, dismiss or relocate as being not eligible for judging, any exhibit which, in his opinion, does not comply with the regulations in every respect, and such action shall be accepted as final.
9. Awards may be withheld in any class where exhibits are considered unworthy.



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2023 TROPHIES AND TROPHY SPONSORS

PREMIUM TROPHIES

Most Successful Exhibitor

COLIN J. RICHARDSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

Presented by MITCHELTON WINES

Best Wine of Show

Presented by PLASDENE

Best Sparkling Wine

Presented by OZPAK

Best White Table Wine

Presented by WINEQUIP

Best Red Table Wine

Presented by LABELHOUSE

Best Small Producer

Presented by TBA

Best Grower Single Vineyard Wine

Presented by TBA

TROPHIES

Best Riesling (Classes 1, 2) - Presented by ORORA

Best Chardonnay (Classes 11, 12) - Presented by COOPERAGES 1912

Best Other White Table Wine (Classes 3-5, 9, 10, 13) - Presented by ENARTIS

Best Pinot Noir (Classes 17, 18) - Presented by CLASSIC OAK

Best Shiraz or Shiraz Viognier (Classes 19, 20) - Presented by SEYMOUR A&P

Best Cabernet Sauvignon (Classes 21, 22) - Presented by WINEQUIP

Best Other Red Varietal or Red Blend (Classes 26, 27) - Presented by HAHN CORPORATION

Best Rosé (Class 14, 15) - Presented by LAFFORT

Best wine from varieties with Iberian heritage (Classes 6, 23) Presented by TBA

Best wine from varieties with Italian heritage (Classes 7, 24) - Presented by TBA

Best wine from Rhone varieties (Classes 8, 25) – Presented by TBA

Best Fortified Wine (Classes 31-35) - Presented by WINEMAKERS OF RUTHERGLEN

Best Museum Wine (Classes 36, 37) - Presented by ROYAL SELANGOR



SPECIAL AWARDS

THE PREMIER'S TROPHY for BEST VICTORIAN WINE

The Best Wines of Show from Victoria's regional wine shows will be assessed by a specially-convened panel. The winning wine will be awarded the Premier's Trophy. Entry is by invitation only.

THE VICTORIAN WINE SHOW SCHOLARSHIP

To student of Melbourne Polytechnic

1. OPEN SECTION

No limit of entries per class.

Minimum quantity 600 litres.

4 bottles per entry (750 ml) or 8 x 375 ml.

In classes where more than one variety and/or blend is eligible (eg classes 1, 2, 6-9, 14, 21-24), wines will be grouped and judged by variety and/or blend as far as possible.

LIP blending rules apply.

White wines

Class number

1. Riesling and other aromatics e.g. Traminer, Frontignac (2023)
2. Riesling and other aromatics e.g. Traminer, Frontignac (2022 and older)
3. Sauvignon Blanc (Any vintage)
4. Pinot Grigio/Gris (2023)
5. Pinot Grigio/Gris (2022 and older)
6. Iberian white varieties and blends (Any vintage)
7. Italian white varieties and blends (Any vintage)
8. Rhone white varieties and blends (Any vintage)
9. Other white varieties (Any vintage)
10. Other white blends (Any vintage)
11. Chardonnay (2023 and 2022)
12. Chardonnay (2021 and older)
13. Sweet white wines (Any vintage)

Red Wines

Class number

14. Rosé (2023)
15. Rose (2022 and older)
16. Early-drinking red styles (Any vintage)
17. Pinot Noir (2022)
18. Pinot Noir (2021 and older)
19. Shiraz and Shiraz Viognier (2022)
20. Shiraz and Shiraz Viognier (2021 and older)
21. Cabernet Sauvignon (2022)
22. Cabernet Sauvignon (2021 and older)
23. Iberian red varieties and blends (2022 and older)
24. Italian red varieties and blends (2022 and older)
25. Rhone red varieties and blends (2022 and older)
26. Other red varieties (e.g. Petit Verdot, Malbec etc) (2022 and older)
27. Other red blends (2022 and older)

Sparkling Wines

Class number

28. White and Rose sparkling wines from Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier (Any vintage or non-vintage)
29. White and Rose sparkling wines from other varieties or blends e.g. Prosecco (Any vintage or non-vintage)
30. Sparkling red wines (varieties and percentages to be stated on entry form) (Any vintage or non-vintage)

Fortified Wines

Class number

31. Apera (Any vintage or non-vintage)
32. Vintage fortified red (Any vintage)
33. Tawny (Any vintage or non-vintage)
34. Muscat and Topaque--Australian and Classic (Any vintage or non-vintage)
35. Muscat and Topaque--Grand and Rare (Any vintage or non-vintage)

Museum Section - vintage 2018 and prior

Class number

36. White varietals and blends (2017 and older)
37. Red varietals and blends (2018 and older)

No limit of entries per class.

There are no minimum entry requirements for these classes but exhibitors may be asked to supply one dozen bottles for the Awards Presentation function.

4 bottles per entry (750 ml) or 8 x 375 ml.

LIP blending rules apply.

Entries in these classes are only eligible for the Best Museum Wine Trophy and will not be included in any calculation for Most Successful Exhibitor award or any other award except as specified in this schedule.