



Judging Results
for the
2023 Victorian Wine Show
18th to the 20th Oct 2023



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The Judges of the 2023 Victorian Wine Show



Simon Osicka (VWS Chief Judge for 2023)

Simon is involved in running his small family winery and vineyard, Paul Osicka Wines, located at Graytown on the Eastern boundary of the Heathcote Wine Region. The vineyard was first established in 1955 by his grandparents and tended by his father for over 50 harvests.

He also operates another small wine business, The Bull Lane Wine Company. Previous to this, Simon was the Group Red Winemaker for the Hardy Wine Company and has worked numerous vintages overseas, most recently at Domaine J.L. Chave in the Northern Rhone Valley. Simon has completed the AWRI Advanced Wine Assessment Course, is a former Len Evans Scholar and has judged at a number of wine shows. He recently planted a small bush vine Grenache vineyard, which is a perfect excuse to drink more Grenache.

Matt Harrup (Panel Chair Judge)

We welcome Matt back on this year's Victorian Wine Show judging panel. Matt is the winemaker at Curly Flat Vineyard in the Macedon Ranges, Victoria and he grows Chardonnay for his own label Silent Way on his family farm. He attended the LET in 2003 and since then, he has judged at many regional and capital city wine shows.



Josh Cooper (Panel Chair Judge)

Introducing one of the Panel Chair Judges at this year's Victorian Wine Show, Joshua Cooper of Josh Cooper Wines, Macedon. Josh is a previous Len Evans Scholar and Capital wine show judge and Gourmet Traveller Wines Young Winemaker of The Year 2020.

Geraldine McFaul (Panel Chair Judge)

Winemaker at Rare Hare wines on the Mornington Peninsula since 2008, prior to that worked at Stonier Wines from 1997. Has completed two vintages in France, in the Loire in 1996 and Burgundy in 2002. Has completed the AWAC in 1998 and LET in 2004, and judged at Gippsland, Yarra, Melbourne and Vic Wine Show.



Natalie Cleghorn (Judge)

Chief Winemaker for Mitchelton Wines, Natalie Cleghorn joins the judges panel at this year's Victorian Wine Show. Natalie has more than 24 years' experience in the wine industry. Nat has a Bachelor's degree in Wine Science and is a two-time finalist for Australian Women in Wine awards, Winemaker of the year. Nat is also an experienced wine show judge and has been on numerous panels at capital city and regional wine shows

Tessa Brown (Judge)

Tessa was on the judging panel for this year's Victorian Wine Show. Tessa is a qualified viticulturist and winemaker at Vignerons Schmolzer & Brown in Beechworth. Tessa has judged in wine shows since 2012.

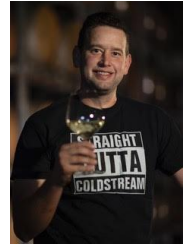


Luke Lomax (Judge)

At this year's Victorian Wine Show, we were excited to welcome Luke Lomax to the judges panel. Luke is a winemaker at Yabby Lake Vineyard – Mornington Peninsula where he has worked for the past 18 years. He runs his family-owned businesses, Devil's Cave Vineyard and barrel racking business, Devil's Racks which is based in Heathcote. Luke has also been a keen judge at regional and capital city shows over the past 12 years.

Tim Perrin (Judge)

The Victorian Wine Show was pleased to welcome Tim Perrin to the judging table this year. Tim is currently Chief Winemaker for Port Philip Estate Kooyong on the Mornington Peninsula. Prior to this role Tim spent seven years as senior winemaker for Oakridge in the Yarra Valley. He has been a winemaker since 2007 and has wide array of both commercial and premium winemaking experience.



Kasia Sobiesiak (Judge)

Kasia will be judging at this year's Victorian Wine Show. Kasia is a wine writer, a regular contributor to the online wine platform, The Wine Front, a wine judge and educator, a speaker at events, masterclasses, and a former sommelier.

Takuya Kusuda (Judge)

The Victorian Wine Show is pleased to welcome back our international judge for this year's wine show, Takuya Kusuda from Japan. Takuya is a wine and sake instructor at the Academie du Vin in Tokyo and Osaka. He ranks as one of Japan's leading wine writers, translators and educators. In 2011, he qualified as the first Japanese certified Official Burgundy Wine Instructor from BIVB and is the individual title holder for the National Japanese Sake Championship (1986). Takuya also has more than 30 years of winemaking experience from vineyards in Germany, Napa, Burgundy, New Zealand and Japan.



Associate Judges

The Victorian Wine Show has always tried to enhance the training and experience of up and coming Wine Judges and this year was no exception

Associate Judges

Luca Barbon
Matt Kilby
Hannah Medlock

Bonnie Spain
Mark Hickin

Steward Associate Judges

Lachlan Tenace
Domenico Di Palma
Holly Cusworth

Tunkan Ozturk
David Li

2023 Trophies

Best Sparkling Wine
Sponsored by Ozpak

Won by Brown Brothers
2017 Patricia Pinot Noir
Chardonnay Brut

Best Rosé of Show
Sponsored by Laffort

Won by De Bortoli
2023 Rosé

Best Riesling of Show
Sponsored by Orora

Won by Fowles
Stone Dwellers 2022 Riesling

Best Chardonnay of Show
Sponsored by Cooperages 1912

Won by Paringa Estate
2021 The Paringa Chardonnay

Best Other Table White
Sponsored by Enartis

Won by Brown Brothers
2019 Patricia Noble Riesling

Best Pinot Noir of Show
Sponsored by Classic Oak

Won by De Bortoli
PHI 2022 Pinot Noir

Best Cabernet of Show
Sponsored by Winequip

Won by Lake Cooper Estate
2019 Cabernet Sauvignon

Best Shiraz of Show
Sponsored by Seymour A&P

Won by Devils Baie
2022 Syrah Viognier

Best Italian variety of Show
Sponsored by MCC Labels

Won by De Bortoli
Rutherglen Estate 2022 Sangiovese

Best Iberian variety of Show
Don Lewis Trophy
Sponsored by The Valmorbida
family

Won by Farmer & The Scientist
2022 Single Vineyard Tempranillo

Best Rhone style wine of Show
Sponsored by Devil's Racks

Won by Tahbilk
2018 Marsanne

2023 Trophies

Best Other Red varietal or blend

Sponsored by Hahn

Won by

De Bortoli

Rutherglen Estate 2021 Durif

Best Museum Wine of Show

Sponsored by Royal Selangor

Won by

Tahbilk

2015 Purbrick Centenary Marsanne

Best Fortified Wine of Show

Sponsored by

Winemakers of Rutherglen

Won by

Casella Family Brands

Morris Wine NV Old Premium

Rare Topaque

Best White Wine of Show

Sponsored by Winequip

Won by

Paringa Estate

2021 The Paringa Chardonnay

Best Red Wine of Show

Sponsored By Labelhouse

Won by

De Bortoli

PHI 2022 Pinot Noir

Grower Best Single Vinyard

Sponsored by Vinvicta

Won by

De Bortoli

PHI 2022 Pinot Noir

International Judge's Award

Sponsored by Global Victoria

Won by

De Bortoli

Rutherglen Estate 2022 Sangiovese

Best Small Producer

Sponsored by VWS

Won by

Santolin

Most Successful Exhibitor

Colin J Richardson Trophy

Sponsored by Mitchelton Winery

Won by

De Bortoli

Best Wine of Show

Sponsored by Plasdene

Won by

De Bortoli

PHI 2022 Pinot Noir

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2022 Stewards

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Lachlan Tenace	Bruce Skewers
Matt Di Sciascio	Shristi Limbu
Tunakan Ozturk	Lily Bunt
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