



Class 1A: Viognier (lighter bodied, young, fresh)

				Class #	Score	Medal
Artwine	2014	Vivacious Viognier	Clare Valley	1A 1	88.0	Bronze
Rusty Mutt	2016	Catnip Viognier	McLaren Vale	1A 2	90.0	Silver
Nepenthe	2015	Winemaker Select Viognier	Adelaide Hills	1A 3	86.0	Bronze
Fox Gordon	2015	Abby	Adelaide Hills	1A 4	87.0	Bronze
Millbrook Winery	2015	Perth Hills Viognier	Perth Hills	1A 5	83.0	
Whistling Kite Biodynamic Wines	2016	Whistling Kite Biodynmaic Viognier	Riverland	1A 6	81.0	
Lark Hill Biodynamic Wines	2016	Viognier	Canberra District	1A 7	79.0	
Scion Vineyard & Winery	2015	Viognier	Rutherglen	1A 8	82.0	
Saint Clair Family Estate	2015	Saint Clair Hawkes Bay Premium Viognier	Hawkes Bay	1A 9	93.0	Silver
Symphony Hill Wines	2015	Symphony Hill Wines Viognier	Granite Belt	1A 10	80.0	
Trentham Estate Wines	2010	trentham estate viognier	Murray Darling NSW	1A 11	83.0	

Class 1A Comments:

Disappointing class. Huge variability. Best examples balanced varietal character, acidity and alcohol.

Class 1B: Viognier (fuller bodied, textural, luscious)

				Class #	Score	Medal
Orange Mountain Wines	2015	Viognier	Orange	1B 1	85.0	Bronze
WATER WHEEL	2015	BENDIGO VIOGNIER	Bendigo	1B 2	83.0	
Deakin Estate	2015	Viognier	Murray Darling Vic	1B 3	95.0	Gold
The Yalumba Wine Company	2015	Yalumba Eden Valley Viognier	Eden Valley	1B 4	95.0	Gold
Zilzie Estate	2016	Viognier	Murray Darling Vic	1B 5	96.0	Gold
Quartz Hill	2014	Viognier	Pyrenees	1B 6	86.0	Bronze
Tahbilk	2016	2016 Viognier	Nagambie Lakes	1B 7	90.0	Silver
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2015	2015 Viognier	Nagambie Lakes	1B 8	85.0	Bronze
Vinea Marson	2014	Viognier	Heathcote	1B 9	83.0	
Deakin Estate	2016	Viognier	Murray Darling Vic	1B 10	86.0	Bronze
Hentley Farm	2016	Hentley Farm Viognier	Barossa Valley	1B 11	85.0	Bronze
The Yalumba Wine Company	2016	Yalumba Organic Viognier	Riverland	1B 12	85.0	Bronze
SOUMAH of Yarra Valley	2015	Single Vineyard Viognier	Yarra Valley	1B 13	86.0	Bronze
Gatt Wines	2014	Gatt Accent Viognier	Barossa Valley	1B 14	88.0	Bronze
The Yalumba Wine Company	2015	Yalumba Y Series Viognier		1B 15	86.0	Bronze



Gatt Wines	2015	Gatt Accent Viognier	Barossa Valley	1B	16	90.0	Silver
Ballandean Estate	2015	Viognier	Granite Belt	1B	17	91.0	Silver
Askerne	2015	Viognier	Hawkes Bay	1B	18	83.0	

Class 1B Comments:

Generally well made wines but often too much oak clouds fruit.

Some lovely examples of Viognier in first half of class. Varietal rich and textural with great flavour profiles. The varietal character was hidden behind oak in some of

Class 2: White Rhone Varieties

				Class #	Score	Medal	
All Saints Estate	2015	All Saints Estate Marsanne	Rutherglen	2	1	88.0	Bronze
St Huberts Wines	2016	St Huberts Rousanne	Yarra Valley	2	2	90.0	Silver
The Yalumba Wine Company	2015	Yalumba Eden Valley Roussanne	Eden Valley	2	3	84.0	
All Saints Estate	2015	All Saints Estate Family Cellar Marsanne	Rutherglen	2	4	81.0	
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2016	2016 Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	2	5	95.0	Gold
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2014	2014 Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	2	6	90.0	Silver
Valhalla Wines	2014	Marsanne	Rutherglen	2	7	0.0	Not Received
Box Grove Vineyard	2013	Roussanne	Goulburn Valley	2	8	81.0	
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2012	2012 Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	2	9	92.0	Silver
St Huberts Wines	2015	St Huberts Rousanne	Yarra Valley	2	10	87.0	Bronze

Class 2 Comments:

Mixed bag. Top two wines lovely, juxtaposed, examples with top wine showing youthful vibrancy and crunchy fruit vs. more complex toasty aged characters.

Class 3: White Rhone Dominant Blends

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2015	2015 Roussanne Marsanne Viognier	Nagambie Lakes	3	1	88.0	Bronze
Rutherglen Estates	2015	Shelley's Block	Rutherglen	3	2	0.0	Not Received
Rutherglen Estates	2014	Renaissance Viognier Roussanne Marsanne	Rutherglen	3	3	0.0	Not Received
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2014	The Tower 2014 Marsanne Viognier Roussanne	Nagambie Lakes	3	4	85.0	Bronze
Rutherglen Estates	2015	Renaissance Viognier Roussanne Marsanne	Rutherglen	3	5	0.0	Not Received

Class 3 Comments:

Where are all the White Rhone dominant blends?



Class 4: Arneis

				Class #	Score	Medal
Nepenthe	2015	Winemaker Select Arneis	Adelaide Hills	4 1	85.0	Bronze
Thick as Thieves	2016	The Aloof Alpaca	Yarra Valley	4 2	82.0	
Rutherglen Estates	2016	Arneis	Rutherglen	4 3	0.0	Not Received
Zerella Wines	2016	La Gita Arneis	McLaren Vale	4 4	85.0	Bronze
Dalzotto Wines	2016	Arneis	King Valley	4 5	85.0	Bronze
Ten Miles East	2016	Arneis	Adelaide Hills	4 6	86.0	Bronze
Bird in Hand	2016	Bird in Hand Arneis	Adelaide Hills	4 7	85.0	Bronze
Chrismont	2015	La Zona Arneis	King Valley	4 8	85.0	Bronze
Kirrihill Wines	2014	Adelaide Hills Arneis	Adelaide Hills	4 9	81.0	
Sam Miranda	2016	Arneis	King Valley	4 10	95.0	Gold
Amadio Wines Pty Ltd	2015	Amadio Arneis	Adelaide Hills	4 11	83.0	
First Drop Wines	2016	Vivo Adelaide Hills Arneis	Adelaide Hills	4 12	93.0	Silver
La Bise	2016	La Bise Arneis	Wrattonbully	4 13	87.0	Bronze
Cellarmasters	2014	Stefano De Pieri Di Qualita Arneis	Fleurieu	4 14	81.0	
Pizzini	2016	Arneis	King Valley	4 15	84.0	
Dalfarras Pty Ltd	2016	2016 Arneis	Strathbogie Ranges	4 16	83.0	
alejandro	2016	Arneis	Riverland	4 17	87.0	Bronze

Class 4 Comments:

Wines generally lacking balance. Either pushed or too phenolic.

Class 5: Savagnin

				Class #	Score	Medal
Tscharke	2016	Girl Talk	Barossa Valley	5 1	90.0	Silver
Crittenden Estate	2015	The Zumma Savagnin	Mornington Peninsula	5 2	90.0	Silver
Dalfarras Wines Pty Ltd	2015	2015 Savinno	Nagambie Lakes	5 3	86.0	Bronze
Rutherglen Estates	2016	Savagnin	Rutherglen	5 4	0.0	Not Received
SOUMAH of Yarra Valley	2015	Single Vineyard Wild Savagnin	Yarra Valley	5 5	76.0	
Gemtree Wines	2016	Moonstone Savagnin	McLaren Vale	5 6	85.0	Bronze
Homestead Estate	2015	2015 Savagnin	Alpine Valleys	5 7	88.0	Bronze
Sentio	2015	Blanc	Beechworth	5 8	90.0	Silver
SOUMAH of Yarra Valley	2016	Single Vineyard Savarro	Yarra Valley	5 9	83.0	



Class 6A Comments:

Some smashable wines, but Vermentino needs to find its identity. Perhaps a clean, fresh, detailed style offers direction.

Time to get serious about giving vermentino an identity. Crisp and easy drinking but lacking real defining character.

Class 6B: Vermentino (fuller-bodied, textural, luscious)

			Class #	Score	Medal
alejandro	2016	Vermentino	6B 1	88.0	Bronze
Davis Premium Vineyards	2014	Rogue Series 'Skin Fermented' Vermentino	6B 2	83.0	
Bellwether	2015	Heathcote Vermentino	6B 3	93.0	Silver
5OS Project	2016	The Vermentino Girl	6B 4	80.0	
Landaire	2016	Vermentino	6B 5	93.0	Silver
David Hook Wines	2015	Central Ranges Vermentino	6B 6	87.0	Bronze
Trentham Estate Wines	2015	trentham estate' the family vermentino	6B 7	90.0	Silver
The Little Wine Co	2016	Vermentino	6B 8	0.0	Not Received
Landaire	2015	Vermentino	6B 9	82.0	
Golden Grove Estate	2016	Vermentino	6B 10	84.0	
Billy Button Wines	2016	'The Versatile' Vermentino	6B 11	83.0	
Chapel Hill	2016	Vermentino	6B 12	83.0	
Goodman Wines	2016	Vermentino	6B 13	87.0	Bronze
David Hook Wines	2016	Central Ranges Vermentino	6B 14	84.0	
Delinquente Wine Co	2016	Screaming Betty	6B 15	87.0	Bronze
Goodman Wines	2015	Vermentino	6B 16	96.0	Gold

Class 6B Comments:

A diverse range of styles and winemaking techniques. The best wines combine ripeness with freshness whilst maintaining varietal saline character.

Class 7A: Fiano (young, fresh, aromatic)

			Class #	Score	Medal
Vigna Bottin Fiano	2016	Fiano	7A 1	86.0	Bronze
Zarella Wines	2016	La Gita Fiano	7A 2	88.0	Bronze
Bremerton Wines	2016	Bremerton Special Release Fiano	7A 3	85.0	Bronze
Artwine	2015	Wicked Stepmother Fiano	7A 4	84.0	



Juniper, Margaret River	2016	Small Batch Fiano	Margaret River	7A	5	87.0	Bronze
Galli Estate	2015	Adele Fiano	Sunbury	7A	6	86.0	Bronze
Serafino Wines	2016	Serafino Bellissimo Fiano	McLaren Vale	7A	7	84.0	
Bassham	2016	Fiano	Riverland	7A	8	84.0	
Sassafras Wines	2016	Fiano	Riverland	7A	9	0.0	Withdrawn
Alternatus	2016	Fiano	McLaren Vale	7A	10	87.0	Bronze
Coriole Vineyards	2016	Coriole Fiano	McLaren Vale	7A	11	95.0	Gold
SAMU	2016	2016 Fiano	Riverland	7A	12	82.0	
Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd	2016	Penfolds Wines Cellar Reserve Fiano	McLaren Vale	7A	13	86.0	Bronze
Taylor's Wines	2016	Taylor's Winemakers Project Fiano	Clare Valley	7A	14	85.0	Bronze
Redbank Long Paddock Pty Ltd	2015	Redbank Fiano	King Valley	7A	15	85.0	Bronze
Chrismont	2016	LaZona Fiano	King Valley	7A	16	87.0	Bronze
Bike & Barrel	2016	Fiano	Alpine Valleys	7A	17	82.0	
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2016	Oliver's Taranga Fiano	McLaren Vale	7A	18	81.0	
fox gordon	2015	Fox Gordon Princess Fiano	Adelaide Hills	7A	19	90.0	Silver
Artwine	2016	Wicked Stepmother Fiano	Clare Valley	7A	20	87.0	Bronze
Amato Vino	2016	Fiano	Riverland	7A	21	85.0	Bronze
Collins & Co.	2016	Fiano	Mount Benson	7A	22	95.0	Gold
heritage estate	2016	fiano vintage reserve	Granite Belt	7A	23	85.0	Bronze

Class 7A Comments:

Best wines showed balance between varietal character and freshness
 ditto... crunchynones were lovely. some forward fruit in class

Class 7B: Fiano (fuller-bodied, textural, luscious)

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Lino Ramble	2016	Ludo	McLaren Vale	7B	1	85.0	Bronze
Grand Casino	2015	2015 Barossa Valley Fiano	Barossa	7B	2	88.0	Bronze
StaTerra Wines	2016	Fiano	Riverland	7B	3	90.0	Silver
Banrock Station	2015	Boardwalk Fiano	Riverland	7B	4	84.0	
Santa & D'Sas	2016	Valentino	King Valley	7B	5	81.0	
Jericho	2015	Adelaide Hills Fiano	Adelaide Hills	7B	6	90.0	Silver
alejandro	2016	Fiano	Riverland	7B	7	95.0	Gold
Rutherglen Estates	2015	Fiano	Rutherglen	7B	8	0.0	Not Received



Limited Release	2016	Fiano	King Valley	7B	9	87.0	Bronze
Saltram Wine Estate	2016	Saltram Winemakers Selection Fiano	Barossa Valley	7B	10	97.0	Gold
Beach Road Wines	2015	Beach Road Fiano	Langhorne Creek	7B	11	83.0	
La Prova	2016	La Prova Fiano	Adelaide Hills	7B	12	90.0	Silver
Savina Lane Wines	2015	Fiano	Granite Belt	7B	13	85.0	Bronze
Ballandean Estate	2016	Messing About Fiano	Granite Belt	7B	14	87.0	Bronze
Chalmers	2014	Fiano	Heathcote	7B	15	87.0	Bronze
Pikes Wines	2016	Pikes Luccio Fiano	Clare Valley	7B	16	95.0	Gold
Billy Button Wines	2016	'The Honest' Fiano	Alpine Valleys	7B	17	82.0	
L'Enologa	2016	Fiano	Murray Darling Vic	7B	18	84.0	
Unico Zelo	2016	Jade and Jasper Fiano	Riverland	7B	19	82.0	
Green Man	2016	Fiano	Upper Goulburn	7B	20	0.0	Withdrawn
Higher Plane	2016	Fiano	Margaret River	7B	21	95.0	Gold
Bike & Barrel	2015	Fiano	Alpine Valleys	7B	22	86.0	Bronze
L'Enologa	2015	L'Enologa Fiano	Murray Darling Vic	7B	23	88.0	Bronze
Symphony Hill Wines	2015	Symphony Hill Wines Fiano	Murray Darling NSW	7B	24	96.0	Gold
Sassafras	2015	Fiano	Riverland	7B	25	0.0	Withdrawn

Class 7B Comments:

Some lovely wines, nice to see alcohols generally kept in check. Top wine a great example of the brief, a couple of other very good wines rewarded were probably better suited to young/fresh/aromatic class of Fiano.

Class 8: Gewurztraminer

					Class #	Score	Medal
Symphony Hill Wines	2015	Symphony Hill Wines Barrel Fermented Gewurztraminer	New England Australia	8	1	84.0	
Logan	2016	Weemala Gewurztraminer	Orange	8	2	84.0	
Ros Ritchie Wines P/L	2015	Gewurztraminer	Upper Goulburn	8	3	80.0	
Topper's Mountain Wines	2016	barrel ferment Gewurztraminer	New England Australia	8	5	88.0	C
Topper's Mountain Wines	2016	Gewurztraminer	New England Australia	8	6	90.0	HC
Colmar Estate	2016	Gewurztraminer	Orange	8	7	86.0	Bronze
Henschke	2016	Joseph Hill	Adelaide Hills	8	8	85.0	Bronze
Symphony Hill Wines	2016	Symphony Hill Wines Gewurztraminer	New England Australia	8	9	86.0	Bronze
Topper's Mountain Wines	2015	barrel ferment Gewurztraminer	New England Australia	8	10	87.0	Bronze
Hickinbotham	2016	Gerwurztraminer	Mornington Peninsula	8	11	83.0	



Gestalt Wines	2015	Lenswood Gewurztraminer	Adelaide Hills	8	12	83.0	
Askerne	2015	Gewurztraminer	Hawkes Bay	8	13	83.0	
Symphony Hill Wines	2015	Symphony Hill Wines Gewurztraminer	New England Australia	8	14	90.0	Silver
Topper's Mountain Wines	2015	Gewurztraminer	New England Australia	8	15	84.0	

Class 8 Comments:

A disappointing class. The better examples were subtle but had classic varietal character. Many lean, early picked wines that needed more flavour.

Class 9: Gruener Veltliner

			Class #	Score	Medal	
Hahndorf Hill	2015	Hahndorf Hill GRU 2 Gruner Veltliner	9	1	85.0	Bronze
Hahndorf Hill	2016	Hahndorf Hill White Mischief Gruner Veltliner	9	2	86.0	Bronze
Saint Clair Family Estate	2015	Saint Clair Marlborough Premium Gruner Veltliner	9	3	95.0	Gold
Catlin Wines	2015	Catlin Gruner Veltliner	9	4	83.0	
Saint Clair Family Estate	2015	Saint Clair Pioneer Block 5 Bull Block Gruner Veltliner	9	5	90.0	Silver
Artwine	2016	In the Groove	9	6	96.0	Gold
Nepenthe	2015	Winemaker Select Gruner Veltliner	9	7	85.0	Bronze
Pike and Joyce	2016	Separe	9	8	87.0	Bronze
Hahndorf Hill	2016	Hahndorf Hill GRU Gruner Veltliner	9	9	86.0	Bronze
Guthrie	2016	Wild Gruner	9	10	83.0	
Bird in Hand	2016	Bird in Hand Gruner Veltliner	9	11	83.0	
Smidge Wines	2015	The GruVe	9	12	92.0	Silver
Hahndorf Hill	2015	Hahndorf Hill GRU Gruner Veltliner	9	13	88.0	Bronze
Lark Hill Biodynamic Wines	2016	Gruener Veltliner	9	14	88.0	Bronze
Main and Cherry	2016	Grüner Veltliner	9	15	95.0	Gold
Eden Hall	2016	Gruener Veltliner	9	16	95.0	Gold
Longview Vineyard	2016	Kuhl Gruner Veltliner	9	17	85.0	Bronze

Class 9 Comments:

An exciting class to judge. A wide range of styles, from light and crisp to richer and more textured. The best combined both of these elements with distinct varietal character



Class 10: Petit Manseng

				Class #	Score	Medal
Topper's Mountain Wines	2013	wild ferment Petit Manseng	New England Australia	10 1	83.0	
Symphony Hill Wines	2015	Symphony Hill Wines Petit Manseng	Granite Belt	10 2	84.0	
Ringer Reef	2016	Petit Manseng	Alpine Valleys	10 3	82.0	
BASSHAM WINES	2014	Bassham Petit Manseng	Riverland	10 4	84.0	
symphonia fine wines	2016	Symphonia Petit Manseng		10 5	77.0	
Whistling Kite Vineyard	2014	Whistling Kite Biodynamic Petit Manseng	Riverland	10 6	84.0	
Word of Mouth Wines	2015	2015 Petit Manseng	Orange	10 7	83.0	

Class 10 Comments:

Hmm

Class 11: Albarino

				Class #	Score	Medal
Aronui	2015	Single Vineyard Nelson Albarino	Nelson	11 1	88.0	Bronze
Cirami Estate	2016	Albarino	Riverland	11 2	84.0	
Tscharke	2016	Project	Barossa Valley	11 3	81.0	
Stanrock Marlborough	2015	Stanrock Marlborough Albarino	Marlborough	11 4	83.0	

Class 11 Comments:

Let's plant some more Albarino, and see what we can do.

Class 12A: Other white aromatic light to medium-bodied varieties and blends

				Class #	Score	Medal
Symphony Hill Wines	2015	Symphony Hill Wines Moscato Giallo	Murray Darling NSW	12A 1	95.0	Gold
Coriole	2016	Coriole Picpoul	McLaren Vale	12A 2	96.0	Gold
Lenton Brae	2016	Pinot Blanc	Margaret River	12A 3	86.0	Bronze
Montevecchio	2016	Bianco	Heathcote	12A 4	82.0	
DeBortoli Wines	2015	Family Vineyards Bianco	Riverina	12A 5	82.0	
Billy Button Wines	2016	'The Demure' Pinot Blanc	Alpine Valleys	12A 6	79.0	
Yarrunga Field	2016	Yarrunga Field White		12A 7	83.0	
Running with Bulls	2016	Running with Bulls Barossa Verdejo	Eden Valley	12A 8	91.0	Silver



Thick as Thieves	2016	The Love Letter	King Valley	12A	9	83.0	
Green Man	2016	Malvasia	Upper Goulburn	12A	10	0.0	Withdrawn
Trentham Estate Wines	2015	trentham estate verdejo	Murray Darling NSW	12A	11	93.0	Silver
Sam Miranda	2016	BIANCO	King Valley	12A	12	83.0	
Ceravolo Estate Wines	2016	Cortese	Adelaide Hills	12A	13	85.0	Bronze
Parish Hill Wines	2015	Grillo	Adelaide Hills	12A	14	84.0	
Angelicus	2016	Verdejo	Geographe	12A	15	84.0	
Gestalt Wines	2015	The Fugue	Adelaide Hills	12A	16	83.0	
Calabria Family Wines	2016	Calabria Private Bin Pinot Bianco	Riverina	12A	17	90.0	Silver
Monteverchio	2016	Bianco Mildura	Murray Darling Vic	12A	18	87.0	C
DeBortoli	2016	Sacred Hill Tramiiner Riesling	Riverina	12A	19	86.0	C
Beach Road Wines	2015	Beach Road Greco	Langhorne Creek	12A	20	83.0	
Amato Vino	2016	Bianco	Riverland	12A	21	87.0	Bronze
Cellarmasters	2015	Stefano White Label Tre Viti White Blend		12A	22	90.0	Silver
Jim Barry Wines	2016	Assyrtiko	Clare Valley	12A	23	87.0	Bronze
Longleat Wines	2016	Zingari	King Valley	12A	24	86.0	C
DeBortoli	2016	Vinoque Pinot Blanc	Yarra Valley	12A	25	83.0	
Amato Vino	2016	Bela	Riverland	12A	26	80.0	
Casella Limited Release	2015	Caverdella	Big Rivers	12A	27	80.0	
Dalzotto Wines	2015	Gargenaga	King Valley	12A	28	87.0	Bronze
Range Life	2015	Garganega	King Valley	12A	29	87.0	Bronze
alejandro	2016	Bianco d'Alessano	Riverland	12A	30	85.0	Bronze
Jim Barry Wines	2015	Assyrtiko	Clare Valley	12A	31	93.0	Silver
hickinbotham of dromana	2015	Aligote	Mornington Peninsula	12A	32	93.0	Silver

Class 12A Comments:

Eclectic range of varieties! Top gold is a belter (just add seafood), edging out a great aromatic thirst quencher. Best of the rest are crisp and savoury, keeping phenolics and bitterness in balance.

Class 12B: Other white fuller bodied varieties and blends

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Billy Button Wines	2015	'The Delinquent' Verduzzo	Alpine Valleys	12B	1	85.0	Bronze
Clay Pot Wines	2013	Pandora's Amphora	Heathcote	12B	2	81.0	
mosquito hill	2012	Les Blancs	Southern Fleurieu	12B	3	92.0	HC



Davis Premium Vineyards	2015	Carillion Estate Grown Verduzzo	Hastings River	12B	4	86.0	Bronze
DeBortoli	2016	Vinoque Greco	Heathcote	12B	5	82.0	
Cirami Estate	2016	Verdejo	Riverland	12B	6	83.0	
mosquito Hill	2015	Pinot Blanc	Southern Fleurieu	12B	7	81.0	
Clay Pot Wines	2014	Pandora's Amphora	McLaren Vale	12B	8	81.0	
Clay Pot Wines	2015	Pandora's Amphora	Alpine Valleys	12B	9	0.0	Not Received
Quealy	2015	Turbul Friulano	Mornington Peninsula	12B	10	80.0	
Bellwether	2015	Riverland Bianco d'Alessano	Riverland	12B	11	83.0	
Quealy	2016	Amphora Friulano	Mornington Peninsula	12B	12	82.0	
Amato Vino	2016	Field Blend	Riverland	12B	13	70.0	
Vinea Marson	2014	Grazia	Alpine Valleys	12B	14	82.0	
Billy Button Wines	2015	'The Mysterious' Malvasia	Alpine Valleys	12B	15	85.0	Bronze
Mosquito Hill	2013	Pinot Blanc	Southern Fleurieu	12B	16	90.0	Silver

Class 12B Comments:

Mixed bag. lack of freshness the biggest issue. A nice older example. Good to see different approaches, but fruit characters are what we are looking for... We are judging varieties, not philosophies.

Class 13: Prosecco

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Range Life	NV	Prosecco	King Valley	13	1	84.0	
Santa & D'Sas	NV	Little Helper	King Valley	13	2	86.0	Bronze
DalzottoWines	2016	Prosecco	King Valley	13	3	84.0	
alejandro	2016	Prosecco	Riverland	13	4	83.0	
Sam Miranda	NV	Prosecco	King Valley	13	5	83.0	
Freeman Vineyards	2016	Prosecco	Hilltops	13	6	90.0	Silver
Zilzie Estate	NV	Prosecco		13	7	83.0	
DeBortoli Wines	NV	King Valley Prosecco	King Valley	13	8	87.0	Bronze
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2015	Vintage Release Prosecco	King Valley	13	9	83.0	
Artwine	2016	Prosecco	Adelaide Hills	13	10	85.0	Bronze
Santa & D'Sas P/L	NV	SANTA & D'SAS	King Valley	13	11	87.0	Bronze
Chrismont	NV	LaZona Prosecco	King Valley	13	12	86.0	Bronze
Symphonia fine wines	2016	Prosecco	Nagambie Lakes	13	13	0.0	Not Received
Regional Collection	NV	Prosecco	King Valley	13	14	84.0	



trentham estate	2016	the family prosecco
Coriole	2016	Prosecco
Box Grove Vineyard	2015	Prosecco
Dalfarras Wines Pty Ltd	2016	2016 Prosecco
Redbank Long Paddock Pty Ltd	2016	Redbank Prosecco

Murray Darling NSW	13	15	83.0	
McLaren Vale	13	16	83.0	
Goulburn Valley	13	17	85.0	Bronze
	13	18	86.0	Bronze
King Valley	13	19	87.0	Bronze

Class 13 Comments:

Best wines had good sugar/acid balance, the key to drinkability.
Great to see drier styles.

Class 14: Sparkling White

Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2012	Coueslant 2012 Sparkling Marsanne
Delinquent Wine Co	2016	Weeping Juan
Delinquent Wine Co	2016	Tuff Nutt
Chalmers	2014	Felicitas

	Class #	Score	Medal
Nagambie Lakes	14 1	83.0	
Riverland	14 2	85.0	Bronze
Riverland	14 3	86.0	Bronze
Heathcote	14 4	84.0	

Class 14 Comments:

A disappointing class, with some wines showing development and others simplicity.

Class 15A: Sangiovese (youthful, fresh, juicy)

DeBortoli Wines	2014	Bellariva Sangiovese
Lark Hill Biodynamic Wines	2016	Sangiovese
David Hook Wines	2015	Central Ranges Sangiovese
Coriole Vineyards	2015	Sangiovese
The Little Wine Co	2014	Sangiovese
Capital Wines	2015	Foreign Minister Sangiovese
Millbrook Winery	2015	Geographe Sangiovese
Mr Mick	2015	Mr Mick Novo Sangiovese
Cellarmasters	2015	Archway Fleurieu Sangiovese
Kirrihill Wines	2014	Clare Valley Sangiovese
Dalfarras Wines Pty Ltd	2015	2015 Sangiovese

	Class #	Score	Medal
King Valley	15A 1	95.0	Gold
Canberra District	15A 2	86.0	Bronze
Central Ranges	15A 3	90.0	Silver
McLaren Vale	15A 4	85.0	Bronze
Hunter	15A 5	0.0	Not Received
Canberra District	15A 6	80.0	
Geographe	15A 7	84.0	
Clare Valley	15A 8	96.0	Gold
Murray Darling NSW	15A 9	92.0	Silver
Clare Valley	15A 10	92.0	Silver
Goulburn Valley	15A 11	88.0	Bronze



Pikes Wines	2015	Pikes Luccio Sangiovese	Clare Valley	15A	12	84.0	
Crittenden Estate	2015	Pinocchio Sangiovese	Heathcote	15A	13	87.0	Bronze
Coulter Wines	2016	C2 Adelaide Hills Sangiovese	Adelaide Hills	15A	14	95.0	Gold
Killiecrankie Wines	2015	Montspear Sangiovese	Perricoota	15A	15	90.0	Silver
Sam Miranda	2015	Sangiovese	King Valley	15A	16	84.0	
Hedonist Wines	2015	Hedonist Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15A	17	85.0	Bronze
Foster e Rocco	2016	Foster e Rocco Nuovo	Heathcote	15A	18	83.0	

Class 15A Comments:

Best wines fresh, vibrant and varietal; with plenty of fruit concentration and unencumbered by excessive oak.

Class 15B: Sangiovese (more structured)

				Class #	Score	Medal
Dalfarras Wines Pty Ltd	2014	2014 Sangiovese	Goulburn Valley	15B 1	84.0	
Santa & D'Sas	2015	Valentino	Heathcote	15B 2	90.0	Silver
Gatt Wines	2014	Gatt Sangiovese	Barossa Valley	15B 3	84.0	
Geoff Merrill	2011	Cilento	McLaren Vale	15B 4	84.0	
VIGNA CANTINA	2014	SANGIOVESE	Barossa Valley	15B 5	82.0	
MAIN & CHERRY	2015	Sangiovese	Adelaide Hills	15B 6	84.0	
DeBortoli	2015	Vinoque Art Martin Vineyard Sangiovese	Yarra Valley	15B 7	91.0	Silver
Coriole	2014	Vita Reserve	McLaren Vale	15B 8	84.0	
Freeman Vineyards	2015	Sangiovese	Hilltops	15B 9	83.0	
Mount Avoca Vineyards	2015	Limited Release Sangiovese	Pyrenees	15B 10	84.0	
La Bise	2014	Sangiovese	Wrattonbully	15B 11	84.0	
Reillys Wines	2013	Dry Land Sangiovese	Clare Valley	15B 12	86.0	Bronze
Pizzini	2013	Forza di Ferro Sangiovese	King Valley	15B 13	79.0	
Balgownie Estate	2015	Balgownie Black Label Sangiovese	Bendigo	15B 14	90.0	Silver
Collector Wines Pty Ltd	2015	Rose Red City Sangiovese	Canberra District	15B 15	80.0	
Chapel Hill	2013	McLaren Vale Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15B 16	87.0	Bronze
Billy Button Wines	2015	'The Rustic' Sangiovese	Alpine Valleys	15B 17	93.0	Silver
Tar & Roses	2015	Tar & Roses Sangiovese	Heathcote	15B 18	88.0	Bronze
Vinea Marson	2013	Sangiovese	Heathcote	15B 19	92.0	HC
Mitchell Harris	2014	Sangiovese	Pyrenees	15B 20	80.0	



Ringer Reef	2015	Sangiovese	Alpine Valleys	15B	21	83.0	
Galli Estate	2015	Adele Sangiovese	Heathcote	15B	22	90.0	Silver
Zerella Wines	2013	La Gita "Etrurian" Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15B	23	86.0	Bronze
James and Co	2015	Sangiovese	Beechworth	15B	24	83.0	
Homestead Estate	2014	2014 Sangiovese	Alpine Valleys	15B	25	85.0	Bronze
3 Acre Vineyard	2015	Sangiovese	Mornington Peninsula	15B	26	70.0	
Gatt Wines	2014	Gatt Accent Sangiovese	Barossa Valley	15B	27	87.0	Bronze
Serafino Wines	2015	Serafino Bellissimo Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15B	28	96.0	Gold
Matriarch and Rogue	2014	Pat Sangiovese	Clare Valley	15B	29	83.0	
Chrismont	2015	LaZona Sangiovese	King Valley	15B	30	88.0	Bronze
Pikes Wines	2015	Premio Sangiovese	Clare Valley	15B	31	95.0	Gold
Hugh Hamilton Wines	2015	The Mongrel	McLaren Vale	15B	32	83.0	
Rutherglen Estates	2015	Sangiovese	Rutherglen	15B	33	0.0	Not Received
Santa & D'Sas	2015	D'Sas	Heathcote	15B	34	84.0	
Fighting Gully Road	2015	Beechworth Sangiovese	Beechworth	15B	35	95.0	Gold
Foster e Rocco	2013	Foster e Rocco Sangiovese	Heathcote	15B	36	81.0	
Foster e Rocco	2012	Foster e Rocco Riserva	Heathcote	15B	37	81.0	
Angullong Vineyard	2015	Fossil Hill Sangiovese	Orange	15B	38	82.0	

Class 15B Comments:

Disappointing class. Best wines showed varietal structure without overdoing it.

The second half of the class showed good varietal character. Best wines had fragrance, ripe tannin and concentration

Class 15C: Sangiovese Dominant Blends

				Class #	Score	Medal
Sam Miranda	2014	Super King	King Valley	15C	1	95.0 VHC
2x2	2015	Sangiovese Cabernet	Alpine Valleys	15C	2	85.0 Bronze
James and Co	2015	Sangiovese Cabernet	Beechworth	15C	3	83.0
Amadio Wines Pty Ltd	2015	Vino di Famiglia Rosso Superior	Adelaide Hills	15C	4	93.0 Silver

Class 15C Comments:

Top wine combined freshness and concentration. Oak was a dominant feature in too many of the wines, kept one wine from gold.



Class 16: Nebbiolo

				Class #	Score	Medal
Symphony Hill Wines	2014	Symphony Hill Wines Reserve Nebbiolo	New England Australia	16 1	92.0	Silver
Galli Estate	2013	Adele Nebbiolo	Heathcote	16 2	83.0	
Amato Vino	2014	Nebbiolo	Margaret River	16 3	86.0	Bronze
Serafino Wines	2015	Serafino Bellissimo Nebbiolo	McLaren Vale	16 4	90.0	Silver
Ros Ritchie Wines P/L	2015	Nebbiolo	Upper Goulburn	16 5	87.0	Bronze
S.C. Pannell	2013	Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	16 6	83.0	
Dalzotto Nebbiolo	2012	Nebbiolo	King Valley	16 7	87.0	Bronze
Freeman Vineyards	2014	Altura Nebbiolo	Hilltops	16 8	84.0	
First Drop Wines	2011	Forza Adelaide Hills Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	16 9	83.0	
Rochford Wines	2015	Rocford Valle del Re Nebbiolo	King Valley	16 10	92.0	Silver
Tar & Roses	2015	Tar&Roses Nebbiolo	Heathcote	16 11	87.0	Bronze
David Hook Wines	2015	Central Ranges Nebbiolo	Central Ranges	16 12	88.0	Bronze
Thick as Thieves	2014	The Gamekeeper	King Valley	16 13	88.0	Bronze
Freeman Vineyards	2015	Altura Nebbiolo	Hilltops	16 14	88.0	Bronze
DeBortoli Wines	2013	Yarra Valley Section D4 Nebbiolo	Yarra Valley	16 15	85.0	Bronze
Sam Miranda	2014	Nebbiolo	King Valley	16 16	87.0	C
C A Henschke & Co	2013	Rose Grower	Eden Valley	16 17	82.0	
Ballandean Estate	2014	Messing About Nebbiolo	Granite Belt	16 18	83.0	
Longview Vineyard	2014	Longview Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	16 19	82.0	
Grove Estate Wines	2015	Sommita Nebbiolo	Hilltops	16 20	84.0	
Sum of the Few	2015	Nebbiolo	Pyrenees	16 21	90.0	Silver
Vineyard 28	2015	The Alternative Nebbiolo	Geographe	16 22	91.0	Silver
Ringer Reef	2013	Nebbiolo	Alpine Valleys	16 23	87.0	Bronze
Glenwillow	2015	Nebbiolo D'Yandoit	Bendigo	16 24	0.0	Not Received
Longview Vineyard	2016	Longview Nebbiolo Fresco	Adelaide Hills	16 25	88.0	Bronze
Pizzini	2013	Nebbiolo	King Valley	16 26	89.0	Bronze
Spider Bill Wines	2015	Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	16 27	84.0	
Trentham Estate Wines	2014	trentham estate'the family' nebbiolo	Murray Darling NSW	16 28	82.0	
Trentham Estate Wines	2015	trentham estate'the family' nebbiolo	Murray Darling NSW	16 29	83.0	

Class 16 Comments:

Disappointing class. Best wines showed varietal character that was otherwise lacking in the class.



Class 17: Barbera

					Class #	Score	Medal
David Hook Wines	2014	David Hook Molly Morgan Range Reserve Barbera	Hunter	17	1	88.0	Bronze
Angullong Vineyard	2015	Fossil Hill Barbera	Orange	17	2	86.0	Bronze
Chrismont	2015	La Zona Barbera	King Valley	17	3	86.0	Bronze
David Hook Wines	2015	Central Ranges Barbera	Central Ranges	17	4	90.0	Silver
Chain of Ponds	2015	Stopover	Adelaide Hills	17	5	88.0	C
Sam Miranda	2014	Barbera	King Valley	17	6	82.0	
Bremerton Wines	2015	Special Release Barbera	Langhorne Creek	17	7	83.0	
The Little Wine Company	2014	Barbera	Hunter	17	8	0.0	Not Received
Zerella wines	2014	La Gita Barbera	McLaren Vale	17	9	83.0	
First Drop Wines	2015	Under the Gun Adelaide Hills Barbera	Adelaide Hills	17	10	86.0	Bronze
Topper's Mountain Wines	2013	wild ferment Barbera	New England Australia	17	11	81.0	
Coulter Wines	2016	C5 Adelaide Hills Barbera	Adelaide Hills	17	12	96.0	Gold
Ceravolo Estate	2015	Barbera	Adelaide Hills	17	13	87.0	Bronze
Billy Button Wines	2015	'The Affable' Barbera	Alpine Valleys	17	14	95.0	Gold
Coriole	2015	Barbera	McLaren Vale	17	15	90.0	Silver

Class 17 Comments:

A strong showing from some wines. The best wines balance the variety's naturally high acidity with fruit and extract.

Class 18A: Tempranillo (youthful, fresh, juicy)

					Class #	Score	Medal
Peter Lehmann Wines	2014	Hill & Valley Tempranillo	Barossa Valley	18A	1	83.0	
Kirrihill Wines	2014	Clare Valley Tempranillo	Clare Valley	18A	2	81.0	
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2015	18 Eighty Nine Tempranillo	King Valley	18A	3	83.0	
Pepper Tree	2015	Limited Release Tempranillo	Wrattonbully	18A	4	80.0	
Rutherglen Estates	2015	Tempranillo	Rutherglen	18A	5	0.0	Not Received
Killiecrankie Wines	2015	Lola Montez Tempranillo	Heathcote	18A	6	83.0	
Moppity Vineyards	2015	Lock & Key Reserve Tempranillo	Hilltops	18A	7	90.0	Silver
Gemtree Wines	2016	Luna Temprana Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18A	8	77.0	
Serafino Wines	2015	Serafino Bellissimo Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18A	9	90.0	Silver
Golden Grove Estate	2016	Joven Tempranillo	Granite Belt	18A	10	78.0	
Higher Plane	2015	Tempranillo	Margaret River	18A	11	82.0	



The Yalumba Wine Company	2014	Yalumba Y Series Tempranillo	18A	12	84.0	
Landaire	2016	Tempranillo	Padthaway	18A	13	86.0 Bronze
Symphony Hill Wines	2014	Symphony Hill Wines Tempranillo	New England Australia	18A	14	82.0
Landaire	2015	Tempranillo	Padthaway	18A	15	86.0 Bronze
Alternatus	2016	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18A	16	91.0 Silver
Briar Ridge	NV	Limited Release Tempranillo	Hunter Valley	18A	17	87.0 Bronze
La La Land	2015	Tempranillo	Murray Darling Vic	18A	18	85.0 Bronze
Nepenthe	2015	Altitude Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	18A	19	87.0 Bronze
Calabria Family Wines	2015	Cool Climate Series Tempranillo	Hilltops	18A	20	83.0
Landaire	2014	Tempranillo	Padthaway	18A	21	83.0
Taylor's Wines	2016	Taylor's Tempranillo		18A	22	96.0 Gold
Bellwether	2015	Wrattonbully Tempranillo	Wrattonbully	18A	23	80.0
Jericho	2015	Adelaide Hills Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	18A	24	90.0 Silver
La Bise	2014	Tempranillo	Limestone Coast	18A	25	81.0
Matriarch and Rogue	2014	Mary Tempranillo	Clare Valley	18A	26	80.0
VIGNA CANTINA	2015	TEMPRANILLO	Barossa Valley	18A	27	80.3
Yealands Estate	2015	Single Vineyard Tempranillo	Marlborough	18A	28	81.3

Class 18A Comments:

Where's the juice? Oh that's right, it was in the Nero class.

Expected more jucey/jubey wines (the class is youthful-fresh-juicy).... Many wines lacking freshness and drinkability. Top wine a clear standout.

Class 18B: Tempranillo (more structured)

				Class #	Score	Medal
Mayford Wines	2015	Mayford Tempranillo	Alpine Valleys	18B 1	96.0	Gold
Pfeiffer Wines	2015	Tempranillo	North East Victoria	18B 2	88.0	Bronze
Angullong Vineyard	2015	Fossil Hill Tempranillo	Central Ranges	18B 3	82.0	
Fighting Gully Road	2013	Beechworth Tempranillo	Beechworth	18B 4	95.0	Gold
Pindarie Wines	2015	Black Hinge	Barossa	18B 5	82.0	
Serafino Wines	2013	Reserve Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18B 6	0.0	Withdrawn
bakkheia	2014	Aequitas RESERVA	Geographe	18B 7	83.0	
Capital Wines	2015	Ambassador Tempranillo	Canberra District	18B 8	85.0	Bronze
Henschke	2015	Stone Jar	Eden Valley	18B 9	88.0	Bronze
Hugh Hamilton Wines	2015	The Scoundrel	McLaren Vale	18B 10	88.0	Bronze



Seppeltsfield Wines	2014	Tempranillo	Barossa Valley	18B	11	84.0	
Savina Lane Wines	2014	Tempranillo Crianza	Granite Belt	18B	12	87.0	Bronze
Hedonist Wines	2015	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18B	13	86.0	Bronze
Chrismont Wines	2013	LaZona Tempranillo	Alpine Valleys	18B	14	90.0	Silver
Gatt Wines	2014	Gatt Accent Tempranillo	Barossa Valley	18B	15	83.0	
Amato Vino	2014	Tempranillo	Margaret River	18B	16	83.0	
Seven's Select	2015	Tempranillo	Riverland	18B	17	86.0	Bronze
Logan	2014	Weemala Tempranillo	Mudgee	18B	18	84.0	
Tscharke	2015	Only Son	Barossa Valley	18B	19	83.0	
Reillys Wines	2012	Dry Land Tempranillo	Clare Valley	18B	20	83.0	
Kalleske Wines	2015	Dodger	Barossa Valley	18B	21	85.0	Bronze
Logan	2015	Weemala Tempranillo	Mudgee	18B	22	86.0	Bronze
Green Door	2015	El Toro Tempranillo	Geographe	18B	23	91.0	Silver
Billy Button Wines	2015	'The Alluring' Tempranillo	Alpine Valleys	18B	24	88.0	Bronze
Graham Stevens Wines	2015	Fleurieu Tempranillo	Southern Fleurieu	18B	25	95.0	Gold
Banrock Station	2015	Boardwalk Tempranillo	Riverland	18B	26	84.0	
Waywood Wines	2014	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18B	27	86.0	Bronze
First Drop Wines	2013	Pintor Barossa Tempranillo	Barossa	18B	28	82.0	
Dalfarras Wines Pty Ltd	2015	2015 Tempranillo	Nagambie Lakes	18B	29	90.0	Silver
Millbrook Winery	2015	Geographe Tempranillo	Geographe	18B	30	85.0	Bronze
MAIN & CHERRY	2015	Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	18B	31	87.0	Bronze
Mount Majura Vineyard	2015	Tempranillo	Canberra District	18B	32	88.0	Bronze
Juniper, Margaret River	2015	Small Batch Tempranillo	Margaret River	18B	33	97.0	Gold
Tar & Roses	2015	Tar & Roses Tempranillo	Heathcote	18B	34	79.0	
Tim Adams Wines	2009	Reserve Tempranillo	Clare Valley	18B	35	82.0	
S.C.Pannell	2015	'Dead End' Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18B	36	82.0	
Mazza	2011	Tempranillo	Geographe	18B	37	80.0	
Hastwell & Lightfoot	2015	Hastwell & Lightfoot	McLaren Vale	18B	38	82.0	
Blaxland	2015	Tempranillo	Barossa Valley	18B	39	79.0	
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2015	Oliver's Taranga Small Batch Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18B	40	79.0	
bakkheia	2015	Aequitas RESERVA	Geographe	18B	41	78.0	
Running With Bulls	2015	Running with Bulls Barossa Tempranillo	Barossa	18B	42	84.0	
Topper's Mountain Wines	2012	wild ferment Tempranillo	New England Australia	18B	43	80.0	
Gemtree Wines	2015	Luna Roja Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18B	44	87.0	Bronze
Symphonia Fine Wines	2014	Las Triadas Tempranillo	King Valley	18B	45	0.0	Not Received



Green Door	2015	Amphorae Tempranillo	Geographe	18B	46	95.0	Gold
Freeman Vineyards	2013	Altura Tempranillo	Hilltops	18B	47	85.0	Bronze
Mr Mick	2014	Mr Mick Tempranillo	Clare Valley	18B	48	87.0	Bronze

Class 18B Comments:

A class of highs and lows. Tannin and oak management hindered many wines, with others out of condition. Careful with the acid additions too. The best combined structure, oak influence and fresh fruit character.

...Well said.

Class 18C: Tempranillo Dominant Blends

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Margan Family Wine	2016	Breaking Ground Tempranillo Graciano Shiraz	Hilltops	18C	1	83.0	
Capital Wines	2014	Kyeema Tempranillo Shiraz	Canberra District	18C	2	85.0	C
Dimbulla Estate	2014	Dimbulla Estate Tempranillo Shiraz 2014	Hunter Valley	18C	3	90.0	HC
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2015	Cellar Door Release Tempranillo Graciano	King Valley	18C	4	93.0	Silver
Bremerton Wines	2015	Special Release Tempranillo Graciano	Langhorne Creek	18C	5	86.0	Bronze
Pindarie Wines	2015	TSS	Barossa	18C	6	84.0	
Artwine	2014	Hola TCG	Clare Valley	18C	7	84.0	
S.C.Pannell	2015	Tempranillo Touriga	McLaren Vale	18C	8	90.0	Silver
Corymbia	2014	Corymbia	Swan Valley	18C	9	85.0	C

Class 18C Comments:

Many wines showed overt oak and premature development. The best were vital and fragrant.

Class 19: Petit Verdot

				Class #	Score	Medal	
DeBortoli Wines	2012	Deen DeBortoli Petit Verdot	Riverina	19	1	83.0	
Whistling Kite Vineyard	2014	Whistling Kite Biodynamic Petit Verdot	Riverland	19	2	83.0	
Kingston Estate	2014	Petit Verdot	Riverland	19	3	83.0	
WATER WHEEL	2015	BENDIGO PETIT VERDOT	Bendigo	19	4	84.0	
Ceravolo Estate	2013	Petit Verdot	Adelaide Plains	19	5	84.0	
Symphony Hill Wines	2014	Symphony Hill Wines Reserve Petit Verdot	Granite Belt	19	6	83.0	
Rojomoma	2015	Red Art Petit Verdot	Barossa	19	7	88.0	Bronze
Longleat Wines	2013	Ragazzone	Goulburn Valley	19	8	80.0	



Class 19 Comments:

Overall disappointing. Consensus being that PV has better potential as a blending component rather than a varietal wine ... lots power, but likelihood of a 'second glass' tenuous due to bombastic nature of many wines.

Class 20: Durif

				Class #	Score	Medal
Pfeiffer Wines	2014	Durif	Rutherglen	20 1	95.0	Gold
McWilliam's Wines	2015	Hanwood 1913 Durif	Riverina	20 2	96.0	VHC
St Leonards Vineyard	2014	St Leonards Vineyard Durif	Rutherglen	20 3	75.0	
Scion Vineyard & Winery	2014	Scion Durif	Rutherglen	20 4	85.0	Bronze
Sam Miranda	2015	Durif	King Valley	20 5	86.0	Bronze
DeBortoli Wines	2014	Deen DeBortoli Durif	Riverina	20 6	82.0	
Rutherglen Estates	2014	Durif	Rutherglen	20 7	0.0	Not Received
Millbrook Winery	2014	Limited Release Durif	Geographe	20 8	81.0	
Rutherglen Estates	2014	Renaissance Durif	Rutherglen	20 9	0.0	Not Received
Kalleske Wines	2015	Buckboard	Barossa Valley	20 10	87.0	Bronze
McWilliam's Wines	2014	Hanwood 1913 Durif	Riverina	20 11	90.0	Silver
Calabria Family Wines	2015	3 Bridges Durif	Riverina	20 12	83.0	
5OS Project	2012	Durif is the New Black	Adelaide Hills	20 13	86.0	Bronze
Anderson Winery	2013	Storyteller Durif	Rutherglen	20 14	92.0	Silver
All Saints Estate	2014	All Saints Estate Durif	Rutherglen	20 15	82.0	
Valhalla Wines	2013	2013 Durif	Rutherglen	20 16	0.0	Not Received
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2014	Vintage Release Durif	Heathcote	20 17	82.0	
All Saints Estate	2013	All Saints Estate Family Cellar Durif	Rutherglen	20 18	80.0	
Black Duck	2016	Black Duck Durif	Riverina	20 19	95.0	Gold

Class 20 Comments:

Overall reasonably disappointing class.... too many wines out of condition with oxidation and VA creeping in. Freshest wines were much better, showing jubey, inky fruits. Too many wines smothered in oak not allowing fruit to shine through.



Class 21: Zinfandel / Primitivo

			Class #	Score	Medal
Hentley Farm	2015	Hentley Farm Zinfandel	21 1	90.0	Silver
Serafino Wines	2015	Serafino Bellissimo Primitivo	21 2	84.0	
WATER WHEEL	2015	BENDIGO PRIMITIVO	21 3	92.0	HC
Kalleske Wines	2015	Fordson	21 4	87.0	Bronze
Cellarmaster	2013	Stefano De Pieri Di Qualita Primitivo	21 5	85.0	Bronze
Box Grove Vineyard	2014	Primitivo	21 6	84.0	
Rutherglen Estates	2014	Renaissance Zinfandel	21 7	0.0	Not Received

Class 21 Comments:

Good to see some fresher examples, however overt oak usage and overripe character is still a factor in many wines

Class 22: Lagrein

			Class #	Score	Medal
alejandro	2016	Lagrein	22 1	96.0	Gold
Serafino Wines	2015	Serafino Bellissimo Lagrein	22 2	93.0	Silver
SAMU	2016	2016 Lagrein	22 4	90.0	Silver
Symphony Hill Wines	2014	Symphony Hill Wines Reserve Lagrein	22 5	82.0	
Oak Works Wines	2013	Lagrein 2013	22 6	75.0	
Cirami Estate	2015	Lagrein	22 7	80.0	
BASSHAM WINES	2013	Bassham Lagrein	22 8	81.0	
Stanrock Wines	2015	Stanrock Marlborough Lagrein	22 9	85.0	Bronze
Bremerton Wines	2014	Special Release Lagrein	22 10	85.0	Bronze

Class 22 Comments:

A diverse class. Winemaking faults marred some of the wines, with judges finding many volatile. The best wines had vibrant fruit with acidity to balance.



Class 23: Mataro / Mourvedre / Monastrell

				Class #	Score	Medal
Woods Crampton	2015	Black Label Mataro	Barossa Valley	23 1	83.0	
bakkheia	2015	United & Undaunted	Geographe	23 2	85.0	Bronze
Dalfarras Wines Pty Ltd	2014	2014 Mourvedre	Nagambie Lakes	23 3	90.0	Silver
alejandro	2016	Monastrell	Riverland	23 4	85.0	Bronze
Syrahmi	2014	Syrahmi Mourvedre	Heathcote	23 5	83.0	
Purple Hands Wines	2015	Barossa Valley Mataro	Barossa Valley	23 6	95.0	Gold
Chapel Hill	2014	Mclaren Vale Mourvedre	McLaren Vale	23 7	92.0	Silver
McGuigan	2014	Founders Series Mataro	Limestone Coast	23 8	83.0	
Bremerton Wines	2014	Special Release Mourvedre	Langhorne Creek	23 9	96.0	Gold
St Hallett Wines	2015	Mataro	Barossa Valley	23 10	93.0	Silver
Three Dark Horses	2014	Mataro	McLaren Vale	23 11	0.0	Not Received
Coriole Vineyards	2014	Coriole Mourvedre	McLaren Vale	23 12	83.0	
Gatt Wines	2014	Gatt Mataro	Barossa Valley	23 13	80.0	

Class 23 Comments:

Some lovely examples at the top with great fruit and freshness, but not alot of consistency, quite a large divide. Brettanomyces rearing its head.

Class 24: Malbec

				Class #	Score	Medal
McGuigan	2016	Black Label Malbec	Murray Darling NSW	24 1	84.0	
McGuigan	2015	Founders Series Malbec	Limestone Coast	24 2	82.0	
Collins & Co.	2015	Malbec	Limestone Coast	24 3	83.0	
The Yalumba Wine Company	2013	Yalumba Galway Vintage Malbec	Barossa	24 4	83.0	
The 5OS Project	2014	Octy Malbec	McLaren Vale	24 5	83.0	
Ballandean Estate	2013	Messing About Malbec/Jacquez	Granite Belt	24 6	80.0	
[yellow tail]	2015	Malbec		24 7	80.0	
Gipsie Jack	2014	Malbec	Langhorne Creek	24 8	81.0	
Bremerton Wines	2015	Special Release Malbec	Langhorne Creek	24 9	85.0	Bronze
Thorn-Clarke	2015	Malbec	Barossa Valley	24 10	80.0	
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2015	Vintage Release Malbec	Heathcote	24 11	85.0	Bronze
La la land	2015	Malbec	Murray Darling Vic	24 12	81.7	
Xanadu	2013	Xanadu Stevens Road Malbec	Margaret River	24 13	90.0	Silver



Saint Clair Family Estate	2014	Saint Clair Hawkes Bay Premium Malbec	Hawkes Bay	24	14	86.0	Bronze
Knappstein	2015	Clare Valley Malbec	Clare Valley	24	15	0.0	Not Received
Juniper, Margaret River	2014	Estate Malbec	Margaret River	24	16	85.0	Bronze
Harcourt Valley Vineyards	2014	Limited Release Malbec	Bendigo	24	17	82.0	
Trentham Estate Wines	2014	trentham estate malbec	Murray Darling Vic	24	18	83.0	
WATER WHEEL	2015	BENDIGO MALBEC	Bendigo	24	19	95.0	VHC
Wolf Blass Wines Pty Ltd	2014	Wolf Blass Yellow Label Malbec		24	20	88.0	Bronze
Bleasdale Vineyards	2015	Second Innings Malbec	Langhorne Creek	24	21	87.0	Bronze
Brookfields Vineyards	2015	Sun Dried Malbec	Hawkes Bay	24	22	84.0	
Saint Clair Family Estate	2015	Saint Clair Pioneer Block 17 Plateau Malbec	Hawkes Bay	24	23	86.0	Bronze

Class 24 Comments:

A disappointing class, with few highlights. Higher pointed wines combine fruit generosity with savoury elements and kept oak usage in check.

Class 25: Sagrantino

				Class #	Score	Medal
Chalmers	2014	Sagrantino	Heathcote	25 1	86.0	Bronze
Sassafras	2015	Salita	Canberra District	25 2	0.0	Withdrawn
Davis Premium Davis	2014	Tallavera Grove Estate Grown Sagrantino	Broke Fordwich	25 3	90.0	Silver
Eccolo	2014	Sagrantino	Adelaide Hills	25 4	0.0	Not Received
Andrew Peace Wines	2014	Australia Felix Sagrantino	North East Victoria	25 5	85.0	Bronze
Davis Premium Vineyards	2014	Rogue Series 'Foot Stomped' Sagrantino	Broke Fordwich	25 6	82.0	
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2014	Oliver's Taranga Sagrantino	McLaren Vale	25 7	83.0	
Amadio Wines Pty Ltd	2014	Amadio Heritage Range Sagrantino	Barossa Valley	25 8	83.0	
Sons of Eden	2015	Baby Steps - Sagrantino	Eden Valley	25 9	90.0	Silver
Angullong Wines	2015	Fossil Hill Sagrantino	Big Rivers	25 10	91.0	Silver
Chrismont	2013	La Zona Sagrantino	King Valley	25 11	84.0	

Class 25 Comments:

Best wines showed vibrancy, intensity with balanced structure. Sagrantino is a bold, structured variety - worthy of consideration in a blend.



Class 26: Saperavi

					Class #	Score	Medal
Oak Works Wines	2015	Saperavi 2015	Adelaide Hills	26	1	88.0	Bronze
Bassham	2015	Saperavi	Riverland	26	2	85.0	Bronze
Cirami Estate	2015	Saperavi	Riverland	26	3	82.0	
Ten Miles East	2015	Savperavi	Adelaide Hills	26	4	90.0	Silver
G. Patriitti & Co. Pty LTD	2013	Patriitti Saperavi	Barossa	26	5	78.0	
Hugh Hamilton Wines	2014	The Oddball	McLaren Vale	26	6	83.0	
Anderson	2013	Saperavi	Rutherglen	26	7	85.0	Bronze
Oak Works Wines	2013	Saperavi 13	Adelaide Hills	26	8	81.0	
Billy Button	2015	'The Squid' Saperavi	Alpine Valleys	26	9	83.0	
Ballandean Estate	2013	Messing About Saperavi	Granite Belt	26	10	85.0	Bronze
alejandro	2016	Saperavi	Murray Darling Vic	26	11	85.0	Bronze

Class 26 Comments:

Embrace the structure of Saperavi and chase freshness of fruit... Many wines too big and cloying with excessive residual sugar.

Class 27: Aglianico

					Class #	Score	Medal
Amadio Wines Pty Ltd	2014	Amadio Heritage Range Aglianico	Barossa Valley	27	1	87.0	Bronze
Beach Road Wines	2015	Beach Road Aglianico	Langhorne Creek	27	2	0.0	Withdrawn
L'Enologa	2015	L'Enologa Aglianico	Murray Darling Vic	27	3	92.0	Silver
Conte Estate Wines	2014	Nouva Cammino Aglianico	McLaren Vale	27	4	75.0	
Davis Premium Vineyards	2015	Rogue Series 'Moon Child' Aglianico	Southern New South Wales	27	5	96.0	Gold
Hither & Yon	2014	Aglianico	McLaren Vale	27	6	85.0	Bronze
Fighting Gully Road	2014	Aglianico	Alpine Valleys	27	7	95.0	Gold
Purple Hands Wines	2015	Barossa Valley Aglianico	Barossa Valley	27	8	90.0	Silver
Calabria Family Wines	2015	Calabria Private Bin Aglianico	Riverina	27	9	88.0	Bronze
L'Enologa	2016	Aglianico	Murray Darling Vic	27	10	86.0	Bronze

Class 27 Comments:

Really promising variety! Embrace it (without trying to turn it into something it isn't) and avoid over use of oak . . . best wines fresh, attractive, fruit driven with lovely spice. Exciting class.



Class 28: Montepulciano

						Class #	Score	Medal
Whistling Kite Vineyard	2014	Whistling Kite Biodynamic Montepulciano	Riverland	28	1	91.0	Silver	
CIRAMI ESTATE	2014	Montepulciano	Riverland	28	2	95.0	Gold	
Amadio Wines Pty Ltd	2014	Heritage Range Montepulciano	Adelaide Hills	28	3	83.0		
Grand Casino	2016	2016 Riverland Montepulciano	Riverland	28	4	84.0		
Obsidian	2015	Obsidian Montepulciano	Auckland	28	5	83.0		
5OS Project	2014	The Smoker Montepulciano	Adelaide Hills	28	6	84.0		
BASSHAM WINES	2013	Bassham Montepulciano	Riverland	28	7	85.0	Bronze	
Artwine	2015	Leave Your Hat On	Clare Valley	28	8	90.0	Silver	
Taylor's Wines	2014	Taylor's Winemakers Project Montepulciano	Limestone Coast	28	9	80.0		
Banrock Station	2015	Boardwalk Montepulciano	Riverland	28	10	96.0	Gold	
Serafino Wines	2016	Serafino Bellissimo Montepulciano	McLaren Vale	28	11	87.0	Bronze	
Next Crop Wines	2015	2015 Langhorne Creek Montepulciano	Langhorne Creek	28	12	86.7	Bronze	
Galli Estate	2015	Camelback Montepulciano	Heathcote	28	13	84.0		
Delinquent Wine Co	2016	The Bullet Dodger	Riverland	28	14	84.0		
Bird in Hand	2015	Bird in Hand Montepulciano	Adelaide Hills	28	15	83.0		
Kirrihill Wines	2014	Mount Lofty Montepulciano	Mount Lofty Ranges	28	16	95.0	Gold	
DiGiorgio Family Wines	2015	Montepulciano	Limestone Coast	28	17	85.0	Bronze	
Catlin Wines	2014	Catlin Montepulciano	Adelaide Hills	28	18	86.0	Bronze	
Bellwether	2015	Riverland Montepulciano	Riverland	28	19	85.0	Bronze	
Amato Vino	2015	Montepulciano	Riverland	28	20	88.0	Bronze	
Oak Works Wines	2011	Montepulciano	Adelaide Hills	28	21	79.0		
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2015	Cellar Door Release Montepulciano	Heathcote	28	22	95.0	Gold	
Tscharke	2015	Tscharke Project	Barossa Valley	28	23	83.0		
Waywood Wines	2015	Montepulciano	McLaren Vale	28	24	88.0	Bronze	
McGuigan	2015	Shortlist Montepulciano	Barossa Valley	28	25	85.0	Bronze	
Saltram Wine Estates	2015	Saltram Makers Medal Inventor Montepulciano	Eden Valley	28	26	95.0	Gold	
First Drop Wines	2013	Minchia Adelaide Hills Montepulciano	Adelaide Hills	28	27	80.0		
Calabria Family Wines	2015	Calabria Private Bin Montepulciano	Riverina	28	28	85.0	Bronze	
Waywood	2014	Barrel Series Montepulciano	McLaren Vale	28	29	78.0		
Purple Hands Wines	2015	Barossa Valley Montepulciano	Barossa Valley	28	30	92.0	Silver	
Ringer Reef	2015	Montepulciano	Alpine Valleys	28	31	83.0		

Class 28 Comments:

Nice to see a theme in the class. Consistency with some lovely red fruit and umami characters. Poorer wines were over extracted and smothered in oak. This class perhaps shows the evolution and vine maturity of Montepulciano in Australia. Best examples show intensity with balance and restraint.



Class 29: Graciano

			Class #	Score	Medal
Xanadu	2014	Xanadu Stevens Road Graciano	29 1	87.0	Bronze
Woods Crampton	2015	Black Label Graciano	29 2	82.0	
Thorn-Clarke	2015	Graciano	29 3	84.0	
ArtWine Pty Ltd	2014	The Grace	29 4	83.0	
bakkheia	2015	The Groszman	29 5	86.0	Bronze
Savina Lane Wines	2014	Graciano Reserve	29 6	81.0	
Landaire	2016	Graciano	29 7	84.0	
Bassham	2016	Graciano	29 8	80.0	
Mazza	2011	Graciano	29 9	79.0	
Oak Works Wines	2016	Graciano 2016	29 10	77.0	
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2015	Cellar Door Release Graciano	29 11	78.0	
Tscharke	2015	Bed Hair	29 12	83.0	
alejandro	2016	Graciano	29 13	83.0	
Bremerton Wines	2015	Special Release Graciano	29 14	90.0	Silver

Class 29 Comments:

Graciano is a great blender. The perfect acid adjuster for Tempranillo. Overall the wines were over ripe / sweet, perhaps in an attempt to make stand alone wines, rather than wines for blending.

Class 30: Nero d'Avola

			Class #	Score	Medal
Calabria Family Wines	2015	Calabria Private Bin Nero D'Avola	30 1	95.0	Gold
BASSHAM WINES	2013	Bassham Nero d'Avola	30 3	83.0	
Chalmers	2016	Nero d'Avola	30 4	88.0	Bronze
Eldorado Road	2015	Comrade Nero d'Avola	30 5	85.0	Bronze
Taylor's Wines	2015	Taylor's Winemakers Project Nero'd'Avola	30 6	81.0	
Thick as Thieves	2015	The Don	30 7	95.0	Gold
SAMU	2016	2016 Nero d'Avola	30 8	76.0	
Golden Grove Estate	2015	Nero D'Avola	30 9	77.0	
Fox Creek Wines	2015	2015 Fox Creek Nero d'Avola	30 10	83.0	
Fox Gordon	2015	Fox Gordon The Dark Prince	30 11	84.0	
Santolin Wines	2015	Santolin Chalmers Vineyard Nero d'Avola	30 12	81.0	
Coriole	2016	Nero d'Avola	30 13	96.0	Gold



Parish Hill Wines	2015	Nero d'Avola Amphora	Adelaide Hills	30	14	95.0	Gold
Amato Vino	2015	Nero d'Avola	Riverland	30	15	85.0	Bronze
Bird in Hand	2015	Bird in Hand Nero d'Avola	Adelaide Hills	30	16	88.0	Bronze
Cellarmasters	2015	Archway Fleurieu Nero D'Avola	Fleurieu	30	17	86.0	Bronze
Lino Ramble	2015	Tom Bowler	McLaren Vale	30	18	85.0	Bronze
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2015	Vintage Release Nero d'Avola	Heathcote	30	19	95.0	Gold
Scott Wines	2015	La Prova Nero d'Avola	Barossa Valley	30	20	84.0	
trentham estate	2015	the family nero d'avola	Murray Darling NSW	30	21	88.0	Bronze
Zerella Wines	2014	La Gita Nero d'Avola	McLaren Vale	30	22	88.0	Bronze
Vigna Bottin	2015	Vigna Bottin Nero d'Avola	McLaren Vale	30	23	87.0	Bronze
Chalmers	2015	Nero d'Avola	Heathcote	30	24	90.0	Silver

Class 30 Comments:

Best wines showed vibrancy, juiciness, diversity, and great drinkability. Excessive oak usage clouded some otherwise lovely fruit in several of the wines. Nero is still searching for its identity in Australia, but perhaps the highlights in this class show the way.

Class 31A: Other red Iberian varieties and blends

				Class #	Score	Medal
St Hallett Wines	2015	Touriga Nacional	Barossa Valley	31A 1	96.0	Gold
919	2015	Touriga Nacional	Riverland	31A 2	94.0	Silver
Tscharke	2015	Matching Socks	Barossa Valley	31A 3	85.0	Bronze
Three Dark Horses	2015	Touriga Nacional	Langhorne Creek	31A 4	0.0	Not Received
Stanton and Killeen Wines	2015	The Prince Reserva	Rutherglen	31A 5	80.0	
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2016	Oliver's Taranga Mencia	McLaren Vale	31A 6	95.0	Gold
McWilliam's Wines	2015	Hanwood 1913 Touriga	Riverina	31A 7	87.0	Bronze
Lino Ramble	2016	Blind Man's Bluff	Mount Lofty Ranges	31A 8	88.0	Bronze
Mazza	2011	Cinque	Geographe	31A 9	80.0	
G. Patrilli & Co. Pty LTD	2015	Patrilli Trincadeira	Barossa Valley	31A 10	0.0	Withdrawn
Mazza	2013	Touriga Nacional	Geographe	31A 11	88.0	Bronze

Class 31A Comments:

Diverse range. Top wines were good examples of varieties showing lots of promise. Some duller wines, lacking freshness - watch oxidation.



Class 31B: Other red Italian varieties and blends

				Class #	Score	Medal
Parish Hill Wines	2015	Dolcetto	Adelaide Hills	31B 1	83.0	
Bike & Barrel	2015	House Block Schioppettino	Alpine Valleys	31B 2	85.0	Bronze
Michelini Wines	2008	Emo Teroldego	North East Victoria	31B 3	83.0	
Heartland	2016	Foreign Correspondent	Langhorne Creek	31B 4	84.0	
Scott Wines	2015	La Prova Rosso	Adelaide Hills	31B 5	84.0	
Montevecchio	2015	Rosso	Heathcote	31B 6	85.0	Bronze
Water Wheel	2014	Bendigo Primitivo- Ancellotta	Bendigo	31B 7	85.0	Bronze
Amato Vino	2014	Teroldego	Margaret River	31B 8	84.0	
The 5OS Project	2015	Nero Blend	Adelaide Hills	31B 9	84.0	
Billy Button	2015	'The Clandestine' Schioppettino	Alpine Valleys	31B 10	85.0	Bronze
Freeman Vineyards	2012	Robusta	Hilltops	31B 11	84.0	
Billy Button	2015	'The Renegade' Refosco	Alpine Valleys	31B 12	93.0	Silver
David Hook Wines	2015	David Hook Central Ranges De Novo Rosso	Central Ranges	31B 13	87.0	Bronze
Freeman Vineyards	2013	Secco	Hilltops	31B 14	83.0	
SAMU	2016	2016 Nero d'Avola Lagrein	Riverland	31B 15	90.0	Silver
Sam Miranda	2014	Dolcetto	King Valley	31B 16	87.0	Bronze
Ceravolo Estate	2015	Dolcetto	Adelaide Hills	31B 17	85.0	Bronze
Chalmers Project	2016	Schioppettino	Heathcote	31B 18	85.0	Bronze
Unico Zelo	2016	Cherry Fields Dolcetto	Clare Valley	31B 19	86.0	Bronze
Delinquente Wine Co	2016	Roxanne the Razor	Riverland	31B 20	95.0	Gold
Goodman Wines	2015	Negroamaro	Heathcote	31B 21	85.0	Bronze
Montevecchio	2016	Rosso Mildura	Murray Darling Vic	31B 22	96.0	Gold

Class 31B Comments:

Looking forward to the Schioppettino class in 2017. Best wines are fleshy and textured, with balance.

Class 31C: Other red medium-bodied varieties and blends

				Class #	Score	Medal
trentham estate	2015	nero saperavi	Murray Darling NSW	31C 1	83.0	
Mount Majura Vineyard	2015	TSG	Canberra District	31C 2	88.0	C
St Leonards Vineyard	2015	St Leonards Vineyard Cabernet Franc	Rutherglen	31C 3	83.0	
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard	2015	Cellar Door Release Carmenere	Heathcote	31C 4	83.0	



Rochford Wines	2015	Rochford Cabernet Franc	Yarra Valley	31C	5	87.0	Bronze
Topper's Mountain Wines	2013	wild ferment Tannat	New England Australia	31C	6	81.0	
Croft Wines	2014	Chambourcin	Shoalhaven Coast	31C	7	76.0	
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2016	Explorer Tarrango	Murray Darling Vic	31C	8	88.0	Bronze
Hahndorf Hill	2016	Hahndorf Hill Zsa ZSa Zweigelt Nouveau	Adelaide Hills	31C	9	92.0	Silver
Alternatus	2016	Carignan	McLaren Vale	31C	10	79.0	
Topper's Mountain Wines	2014	wild ferment Pinotage Viognier	New England Australia	31C	11	81.0	
Galli Estate	2015	Galli Estate Tempranillo Grenache Mourvedre	Heathcote	31C	12	81.0	
Hahndorf Hill	2015	Hahndorf Hill Blueblood Blaufrankisch	Adelaide Hills	31C	13	82.0	
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard P/L	2015	Vintage Release Gamay	King Valley	31C	14	87.0	Bronze
Bike & Barrel	2014	Ridge Top Pinotage	Alpine Valleys	31C	15	81.0	
DeBortoli	2015	Vinoque Same Same	Yarra Valley	31C	16	88.0	C

Class 31C Comments:

Mixed bag. Drink-ability was the barometer here, lighter styles with freshness were more appreciated than the bigger/more worked wines. Many varieties still trying to find their identity.

Class 31D: Other red full-bodied varieties and blends

			Class #	Score	Medal	
alejandro	2016	Carmenere	Riverland	31D 1	95.0	Gold
Just Red Wines	2015	Tannat	Granite Belt	31D 2	91.0	Silver
Forester Estate	2014	Jack out the Box Fer	Margaret River	31D 3	86.0	Bronze
Trentham Estate Wines	2013	trentham estate petit verdot tannat	Murray Darling NSW	31D 4	83.0	
Woods Crampton	2015	Sleeping Dogs (Bonvedro / Graciano / Mataro)	Barossa Valley	31D 5	83.0	
Bike & Barrel	2013	Ridge Top Pinotage	Alpine Valleys	31D 6	83.0	

Class 31D Comments:

Interesting array of styles and varieties. Top wines are complex, bright and interesting.



Class 32: Rose

				Class #	Score	Medal
Freeman Vineyards	2016	Rondo Rose	Hilltops	32 1	83.0	
DeBortoli Wines	2016	Vinoque Nebbiolo Rose	Yarra Valley	32 2	84.0	
S.C.Pannell	2016	Nebbiolo Rosé	Adelaide Hills	32 3	82.0	
La Prova	2016	La Prova Aglianico Rosato	Adelaide Hills	32 4	84.0	
Santa & D'Sas	2016	Little Helper	King Valley	32 5	90.0	Silver
Zerella Wines	2016	La Gita Rose	McLaren Vale	32 6	82.0	
Old Inn Road	2016	Chambourcin	Big Rivers	32 7	83.0	
Chalmers	2016	Rosato	Heathcote	32 8	83.0	
Unico Zelo	2016	Berry Blossom Rosato	Clare Valley	32 9	78.0	
The Yalumba Wine Company	2016	Yalumba Y Series Sangiovese Rose		32 10	96.0	Gold
Cellarmasters	2016	Stefano De Pieri Di Qualita Rose	Murray Darling NSW	32 11	86.0	Bronze
Delinquente Wine Co	2016	Pretty Boy	Riverland	32 12	83.0	
Foster e Rocco	2016	Foster e Rocco Rosé	Heathcote	32 13	85.0	Bronze
Vinea Marson	2014	Rose	Heathcote	32 14	79.0	
Vigna Bottin Wines	2016	Vigna Bottin Rosato	McLaren Vale	32 15	90.0	Silver
Artwine	2016	The Temptress	Clare Valley	32 16	83.0	
Gemtree Wines	2016	Luna de Fresa Tempranillo Rosé	McLaren Vale	32 17	82.3	
2x2	2015	Nebbiolo Barbera Rose	Alpine Valleys	32 18	81.0	
Hedonist Wines	2016	Sangiovese Rose	McLaren Vale	32 19	81.0	
Matriarch and Rogue	2016	Ken Sangiovese Rose	Clare Valley	32 20	87.0	Bronze
Koerner Wine	2016	Rose	Clare Valley	32 21	85.0	Bronze
Trentham Estate Wines	2016	trentham estate la famiglia sangiovese rose	Murray Darling Vic	32 22	95.0	Gold
Mazza	2015	Bastardo	Geographe	32 23	83.0	
Pikes Wines	2016	Luccio Rose	Clare Valley	32 24	90.0	Silver
Woods Crampton	2016	Mataro Rose	Barossa Valley	32 25	81.0	
Montevecchio	2016	Rosato	Heathcote	32 26	70.0	
Stanton and Killeen	2016	Rose	Rutherglen	32 28	84.0	
Coriole Vineyards	2016	Coriole Rose	McLaren Vale	32 29	87.0	Bronze
Fighting Gully Road	2016	Beechworth Rose'	Beechworth	32 30	86.0	Bronze
James and Co	2016	Sangiovese Rose	Beechworth	32 31	88.0	Bronze
Santa & D'Sas P/L	2016	SANTA & D'SAS Rosato	King Valley	32 32	88.0	Bronze
La Bise	2016	Le Petite Frais Rose	Lower Murray	32 33	85.0	Bronze
VIGNA CANTINA	2015	ROSATO DI SANGIOVESE	Barossa	32 34	80.0	
Dalzotto Wines	2016	Rosato	King Valley	32 35	85.0	Bronze



Box Grove Vineyard	2016	Primitivo Saignee	Goulburn Valley	32	36	82.0	
Sam Miranda	2016	ROSATO	King Valley	32	37	85.0	Bronze
Chapel Hill	2016	Sangiovese Rose	McLaren Vale	32	38	83.0	
ess&see	2016	Sangiovese Train Rose	Adelaide Hills	32	39	84.0	
Nepenthe	2015	Winemaker Select Zinfandel Rose	Adelaide Hills	32	40	83.0	
Longview Vineyard	2016	Longview Nebbiolo Rosato	Adelaide Hills	32	41	90.0	Silver
L'Enologa	2016	Sangiovese Rose	Murray Darling Vic	32	42	83.0	
Scion Vineyard & Winery	2016	Rose	Rutherglen	32	43	85.0	Bronze
SAMU	2016	2016 Montepulciano		32	44	88.0	Bronze
Whistling Kite Vineyard	2016	Whistling Kite Biodynamic Rose'	Riverland	32	45	82.0	
Lino Ramble	2016	Pee Wee	McLaren Vale	32	46	81.0	
Serafino Wines	2016	Goose Island Rose		32	47	86.0	Bronze
Quartz Hill	2016	Mencia Rose	Pyrenees	32	48	82.0	
Bellwether	2016	Riverland Nero d'Avola Rosé,n	Riverland	32	49	83.0	
Gipsie Jack	2016	Rose	Langhorne Creek	32	50	82.0	
Five Geese Wines	2016	Volpacchioppo Nero d'Avolo Rose	McLaren Vale	32	51	84.0	

Class 32 Comments:

It would seem that rose is still being made as a byproduct of other wines, rather than being made from grapes intended specifically for the style.

Mixed bag. best wines showed freshness and drinkability. Those with RS need to consider balance.

Class 33: Sparkling Red

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Conte Estate Wines	2014	'Lacrima di Terra' Sparkling Lagrein (preservative free)	McLaren Vale	33	1	88.0	Bronze
G. Patritti & Co. Pty LTD	2016	Patritti Trincadeira	Barossa Valley	33	2	83.0	

Class 33 Comments:

Two very different styles, great to see wines drier than in the past.



Class 34: Sweet Style Wines

				Class #	Score	Medal
Trentham Estate Wines	2013	trentham estate nobel taminga	Murray Darling NSW	34 1	88.0	Bronze
Brookfields Vineyards	2016	Indulgence Viognier	Hawkes Bay	34 2	90.0	Silver
Trentham Estate Wines	2016	trentham estate' the family' maestri	Murray Darling NSW	34 3	87.0	Bronze
Brookfields Vineyards	2016	Late Harvest Viognier	Hawkes Bay	34 4	86.0	Bronze
SOUMAH of Yarra Valley	2016	Brachetto Tranquillo		34 5	83.3	
Fighting Gully Road	2016	Petit Manseng Moelleux	Beechworth	34 6	85.0	Bronze
Bream Creek Vineyard	2016	Bream Creek Late Picked Schönburger	Tasmania	34 7	88.0	Bronze
Box Grove Vineyard	2016	Late Harvest Vigonier	Goulburn Valley	34 8	83.0	
Orange Mountain Wines	2016	Mountain ICE Viognier	Orange	34 9	86.0	Bronze
SOUMAH of Yarra Valley	2016	Brachetto d'Soumah		34 10	83.0	
Trentham Estate Wines	2016	trentham estate la famiglia moscato	Murray Darling NSW	34 11	85.0	C
The Yalumba Wine Company	2015	Yalumba FSW8B Botrytis Viognier	Wrattobully	34 12	87.0	Bronze
Montevicchio	2016	Moscato	Heathcote	34 13	87.0	Bronze
Ballandean Estate	2014	Late Harvest Sylvaner	Granite Belt	34 14	95.0	Gold
Sam Miranda	2016	MOSCATO	King Valley	34 15	84.0	
Conte Estate Wines	2010	Sticky Gecko Noble Rot Gewurztraminer	McLaren Vale	34 17	96.0	Gold

Class 34 Comments:

Overall quite a solid class, the best wines balanced their sugar with enough acidity.

Class 35: Fortifieds

				Class #	Score	Medal
Seppeltsfield	NV	DP57 Grand Tokay	Rutherglen	35 1	93.0	Silver
Pfeiffer Wines	2015	Christopher's VP	Rutherglen	35 2	90.0	Silver
Pfeiffer Wines	NV	Classic Rutherglen Topaque	Rutherglen	35 3	95.0	Gold
McWilliam's Wines	NV	25 Year Old Show Reserve Topaque	Riverina	35 4	96.0	Gold
McWilliam's Wines	2013	Jack Touriga	Riverina	35 5	83.0	
Eldorado Road	2015	Four Nations		35 6	88.0	Bronze

Class 35 Comments:

A fabulous line up of fortifieds - why don't we see more of them? Yes part of Australian wine history and part of its future too. Top wine showed amazing depth of flavour, complexity. A note to all producers, please maintain freshness of these styles. But thank you. We loved judging them.



Class 36: Apera

				Class #	Score	Medal
919 Wines	NV	Pale Dry Apera	Riverland	36 1	95.0	Gold
Pfeiffer Wines	NV	Seriously Nutty	Rutherglen	36 2	91.0	Silver
Pfeiffer Wines	NV	Seriously Fine	Rutherglen	36 3	96.0	Gold
Seppeltsfield Wines	NV	DP117 Pale Dry Apera	Barossa Valley	36 4	86.0	Bronze
Seppeltsfield Wines	NV	DP116 Aged Flor Apera	Barossa Valley	36 5	90.0	Silver

Class 36 Comments:

Great to see people championing awesome apera styles. A range of complexity in the styles - just watch r/s, ensuring acidity and freshness.