



Class 1: Sparkling wine

				Class #	Score	Medal
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2020	The Hunt for Mrs Oliver Methode Traditionnelle Fiano	McLaren Vale	1 1	90.0	Silver
Irvine Wines The Baroness	2019	Petit Meslier	Eden Valley	1 2	83.5	
Artwine	NV	La Dolca Vita	Clare Valley	1 3	82.0	
Quealy	2022	Splendido	Mornington Peninsula	1 4	85.5	Bronze
Trentham Estate	2024	The Family Frizzante Maestri	Murray Darling NSW	1 5	83.5	
Vino Intrepido	2022	Inherited Trait	Murray Darling Vic	1 6	78.5	
Blood Moon Wines	2024	Rise Rosé Pétillant Naturel	Murray Darling Vic	1 7	81.5	
De Bortoli	NV	Nebbiolo Fizz	Yarra Valley	1 8	84.0	
Yayoi Wines	2022	Par Hasard	Murray Darling NSW	1 9	84.0	
Chalmers	2022	Felicitas	Heathcote	1 10	86.0	Bronze
Topper's Mountain	2021	Nebbiolo Extra Brut Rose	New England Australia	1 11	82.0	
Ballerina Canopy	NV	Sparkling Saperavi	King Valley	1 12	83.5	

Class 1 Comments:

Wines too sweet and out of balance. Served as an aperitif, so should be balanced. Too many wines too phenolic and lacking vibrancy.

Class 2: Arneis

				Class #	Score	Medal
Rutherglen Estate	2024	Arneis	Rutherglen	2 1	85.0	Bronze
Santolin Wines Cosa Nostra	2023	Arneis	Yarra Valley	2 2	88.0	Bronze
Chalk Hill	2024	Small Batch Release Arneis	Adelaide Hills	2 3	88.0	Bronze
Billy Button	2023	'The Little Rascal' Arneis	Alpine Valleys	2 4	84.0	
Nikola Estate	2023	The Gallery Range " The Impressionist"	Geographe	2 5	85.0	Bronze
Symphonia	2023	Arneis	King Valley	2 6	95.0	Gold
McGuigan Wines	2024	Mastercraft Arneis	Adelaide Hills	2 7	83.0	
Patch Wines	2024	Nebbiolo Bianco (Arneis)	Yarra Valley	2 8	84.0	
Nepenthe	2023	Pinnacle Arneis	Adelaide Hills	2 9	93.0	Silver
First Drop Wines	2024	Vivo Adelaide Hills Arneis	Adelaide Hills	2 10	88.0	Bronze
Stone Dwellers	2023	Arneis	Strathbogie Ranges	2 11	85.0	Bronze
Centennial Vineyards	2024	Reserve Southern Highlands Arneis	Southern Highlands	2 12	86.0	Bronze

Class 2 Comments:

Best wines showed vibrancy, lifted varietal aromatics and freshness balanced by lovely textural interest and chew. Overt oak on some wines detracted from freshness.



Class 3A: Vermentino - 2024

				Class #	Score	Medal
Lake Breeze Wines	2024	Vermentino	Langhorne Creek	3A 1	91.0	Silver
Golden Grove Estate	2024	Vermentino	Granite Belt	3A 2	89.0	Bronze
Chalk Hill	2024	Vermentino	McLaren Vale	3A 3	85.5	Bronze
Bremerton	2024	Special Release Vermentino	Langhorne Creek	3A 4	90.0	Silver
Trentham Estate	2024	The Family Vermentino	Murray Darling NSW	3A 5	88.5	Bronze
Cleanskin No. 52	2024	Fleurieu Vermentino	Fleurieu	3A 6	95.0	Gold
Wines of Merritt	2024	Boyup Brook Vermentino	Blackwood Valley	3A 7	85.5	Bronze
McGuigan Wines	2024	Mastercraft Vermentino	Heathcote	3A 8	88.0	Bronze
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2024	Vermentino	McLaren Vale	3A 9	82.5	
Ros Ritchie Wines	2024	Sandy Creek Vineyard	Upper Goulburn	3A 10	86.5	Bronze
Berton Vineyards Alfresco Range	2024	Vermentino	Riverland	3A 11	91.5	Silver
Zonte's Footstep	2024	Lady Marmalade	Fleurieu	3A 12	89.5	Bronze
Varney Wines	2024	'Entrada' Vermentino	McLaren Vale	3A 13	84.5	
Chalmers	2024	Vermentino	Heathcote	3A 14	87.0	Bronze
Carillion Wines	2024	Lovable Rogue Skin Contact Vermentino	Hunter Valley	3A 15	84.5	
Hastwell & Lightfoot	2024	Vermentino	McLaren Vale	3A 16	92.0	Silver
Hither & Yon	2024	Vermentino	McLaren Vale	3A 17	81.0	
Metal Label	2024	Vermentino	Riverland	3A 18	0.0	Withdrawn
Tonon Vineyard & Winery	2024	Vermentino	Perth Hills	3A 19	86.0	Bronze
Mallee Estate	2024	Kati Allo Vermentino	Riverland	3A 20	88.0	Bronze
Seppeltsfield Wines	2024	Barossa Vermentino	Barossa Valley	3A 21	79.0	

Class 3A Comments:

Some lovely fresh wines in here. Picking dates felt crucial for fruit balance and maintaining good acid. There were a few wines where tropical over ripe note dominated.

Class 3B: Vermentino - 2023 and older

				Class #	Score	Medal
Michelini Wines	2022	Vermentino	Alpine Valleys	3B 1	83.5	
Stone Dwellers	2022	Vermentino	Strathbogie Ranges	3B 2	85.0	Bronze
Atze	2023	Settler's Garden	Barossa Valley	3B 3	92.0	Silver
Billy Button	2023	'The Versatile' Vermentino	Alpine Valleys	3B 4	84.0	
First Ridge	2023	Vermentino	Mudgee	3B 5	95.0	Gold
Pernod Ricard Winemakers	2022	Aces & Arrows Vermentino	Riverland	3B 6	84.0	
Vino Intrepido	2023	A Pound of Flesh	King Valley	3B 7	79.0	



Alles Klar	2023	Squeaky Cheese	Riverland	3B	8	83.5	
Cappa Stone Wines	2021	Vermentino	Murray Darling Vic	3B	9	0.0	Not Received
Black & Ginger	2023	The Gypsy	Alpine Valleys	3B	10	83.5	
Ros Ritchie Wines	2023	Sandy Creek Vineyard	Upper Goulburn	3B	11	88.0	Bronze
Small Victories Wine Co	2023	Vermentino	Riverland	3B	12	88.0	Bronze
Ricca Terra	2023	Vermentino	Riverland	3B	13	96.0	Gold
Altair Estate	2023	Vermentino	Margaret River	3B	14	84.0	

Class 3B Comments:

A nice group of wines, with balance and complexity rewarded. Textural interest important in top wines, along with fresh, balanced acidity.

Class 4A: Fiano - 2024

				Class #	Score	Medal
S.C.Pannell	2024	Fi Fi Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	1	91.5 Silver
Lingo	2024	McLaren Vale Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	2	92.0 Silver
Green Door	2024	Amphora Fiano	Geographe	4A	3	84.5
Artwine	2024	Wicked Stepmother	Clare Valley	4A	4	84.5
Maxwell Wines	2024	2024 Maxwell Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	5	84.0
Vigna Bottin	2024	Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	6	86.5 Bronze
La Prova	2024	Fiano	Adelaide Hills	4A	7	93.0 Silver
Hungerford Hill	2024	Fiano	Hilltops	4A	8	90.0 Silver
Hither & Yon	2024	Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	9	84.0
Main & Cherry	2024	Fiano	Adelaide Hills	4A	10	85.0 Bronze
Hand Crafted by Geoff Hardy	2024	Fiano	Adelaide Hills	4A	11	93.0 Silver
Serafino Wines	2024	Bellissimo Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	12	88.0 Bronze
La Cantina King Valley	2024	Fiano	King Valley	4A	13	82.5
Via Pola Wines	2024	Fiano	Riverina	4A	14	84.0
Wangolina	2024	A-Series Fiano	Limestone Coast	4A	15	83.5
Bremerton	2024	Special Release Fiano	Langhorne Creek	4A	16	90.0 Silver
Chalk Hill	2024	Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	17	88.5 Bronze
Angove Family Winemakers	2024	Wild Olive Organic	McLaren Vale	4A	18	97.0 Gold
Mr. Mick	2024	Fiano	Clare Valley	4A	19	84.5
Hastwell & Lightfoot	2024	Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	20	87.0 Bronze
Henty View	2024	Bambino	Geographe	4A	21	86.0 Bronze
Briar Ridge	2024	Limited Release Fiano	Hunter Valley	4A	22	85.5 Bronze



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Beresford Estate	2024	Emblem Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	23	84.5	
Tar&Roses	2024	Fiano	Swan Hill	4A	24	89.0	Bronze
Longhop	2024	Longhop Alluvium Fiano	Adelaide Hills	4A	25	86.0	Bronze
Dalwood Estate	2024	Fiano	Hunter Valley	4A	26	85.0	Bronze
One Line	2024	Fiano	Rutherglen	4A	27	87.5	Bronze
Russell and Suitor	2024	Alejandro	Murray Darling NSW	4A	28	84.0	
Sherrah Wines	2024	Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	29	85.0	Bronze
Coriole	2024	Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	30	91.0	Silver
Hugh Hamilton Wines	2024	The Loose Cannon	McLaren Vale	4A	31	95.0	Gold
Varney Wines	2024	Fiano	Langhorne Creek	4A	32	83.0	
Billy Button	2024	'The Honest' Fiano	Alpine Valleys	4A	33	96.0	Gold
Penny's Hill	2024	'The Abstracts' Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	34	82.0	
Berton Vineyards Alfresco Range	2024	Fiano	Riverina	4A	35	87.0	Bronze
Kangarilla Road	2024	Fiano	Riverland	4A	36	84.0	
Pizzini	2024	Fiano	King Valley	4A	37	92.0	Silver
Pikes Wines	2024	Luccio Fiano	Clare Valley	4A	38	84.0	
Duxton Vineyards	2024	REWILD sustainably made FIANO	Murray Darling NSW	4A	39	84.0	
d'Arenberg	2024	The Sun Surfer Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	40	83.0	
Unico Zelo	2024	Jade & Jasper	Riverland	4A	41	79.0	
Gemtree Wines	2024	Luna Crescente Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	43	86.0	Bronze
Haselgrove Wines	2024	Alternative Series Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	44	84.0	
Brindabella Hills Winery	2024	Brindabella Hills Fiano 2024	Hilltops	4A	45	84.0	
Linear Wines	2024	Fiano	Hilltops	4A	46	85.0	Bronze
XO Wine Co	2024	Fiano	Adelaide Hills	4A	47	88.0	Bronze
Richard Hamilton	2024	'La Valle' Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	48	85.0	Bronze
Saltram Wines	2024	Winemaker's Selection Fiano	Barossa Valley	4A	49	86.0	Bronze
Bondar Wines	2024	Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	50	87.0	Bronze
First Ridge	2024	Fiano	Mudgee	4A	51	89.0	Bronze
Matriarch and Rogue	2024	Bob	Clare Valley	4A	52	87.0	Bronze
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2024	Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	53	85.0	Bronze
Rusty Mutt	2024	Snapdragon	McLaren Vale	4A	54	84.0	
Ox Hardy	2024	Upper Tintara Vineyard	McLaren Vale	4A	55	84.0	

Class 4A Comments:

Really interesting class with a lot to be enjoyed. High points had lovely notes of cucumber and tonic with great energy and flow on the palate. the low points saw wines with reduction that masked fruit and made wines look dull.



Class 4B: Fiano - 2023 and older

					Class #	Score	Medal
Freeman	2023	Fiano	Hilltops	4B	1	83.0	
Vino Intrepido	2022	Sting Like a Bee	Mornington Peninsula	4B	2	83.5	
Chalmers	2023	Fiano	Heathcote	4B	3	90.0	Silver
Tumblong Hills	2023	Table of Plenty Fiano	Gundagai	4B	4	88.0	Bronze
Dal Zotto	2023	Fiano	North East Victoria	4B	5	82.5	
Baileys of Glenrowan	2023	Organic Fiano	Glenrowan	4B	6	87.0	Bronze
Valentino	2019	2019 Fiano	King Valley	4B	7	87.0	Bronze
Unico Zelo	2023	Riversand	Riverland	4B	8	82.5	
Pepper Tree	2023	Pepper Tree ALT Series Fiano	Wrattonbully	4B	9	90.0	Silver
Valley Selection	2023	Fiano	King Valley	4B	10	84.0	
Unico Zelo	2022	Birdwood	Adelaide Hills	4B	11	85.5	Bronze
Big Easy Radio	2023	Free Love Rolling On		4B	12	87.5	Bronze
Sutton Grange Winery	2023	Estate Fiano	Bendigo	4B	13	88.5	Bronze
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2023	Anfore Fiano	McLaren Vale	4B	14	82.5	
Tim Adams Wines	2023	Fiano	Clare Valley	4B	15	84.5	
Marnong Estate	2023	Fiano	Sunbury	4B	16	95.0	Gold
Sew & Sew	2023	Fiano	Adelaide Hills	4B	17	86.0	Bronze
Brown Brothers	2022	Winemaker's Series Fiano	King Valley	4B	18	84.0	
Bellariva	2023	Fiano	King Valley	4B	19	87.5	Bronze
Hesketh	2023	Hesketh Clare Valley Fiano	Clare Valley	4B	20	96.0	Gold
Gemtree Wines	2023	Small Batch Fiano	McLaren Vale	4B	21	83.0	
Santolin Wines Cosa Nostra	2022	Fiano	Heathcote	4B	22	84.0	
Brown Brothers	2023	Origins Series Fiano	North West Victoria	4B	23	86.5	Bronze
Tempus Two	2023	Copper Fiano	Gundagai	4B	24	92.5	Silver
Barristers Block	2023	Aston Fiano	Currency Creek	4B	25	92.5	Silver
Ricca Terra	2023	Fiano	Riverland	4B	26	84.0	
Miss Zilm	2023	Miss Zilm AUBURN Fiano	Clare Valley	4B	27	87.5	Bronze
La Prova	2023	Uno Fiano	Adelaide Hills	4B	28	86.0	Bronze

Class 4B Comments:

A real mixed bag- some forward, simple and developed wines, and many highlights displaying bright fresh aromas showing textural influences, mouthwatering saline acidity and a real joy to judge.



Class 5: Pecorino

					Class #	Score	Medal
The Little Wine Co	2024	Pecorino	Hunter Valley	5	1	89.0	Bronze
Lake Breeze	2024	Pecorino	Langhorne Creek	5	2	86.0	Bronze
Mitolo Wines	2023	Perduto Pecorino	McLaren Vale	5	3	84.0	
Beresford Estate	2024	Emblem 'Blewitt Springs' Pecorino	McLaren Vale	5	4	84.0	
Chalmers	2023	Pecorino	Heathcote	5	5	95.0	Gold
The Little Wine Co	2024	Little Gem Pecorino	Hunter Valley	5	6	84.0	

Class 5 Comments:

A somewhat disappointing bracket. Saline and acid expressions overshadowed balanced and textural examples. Varietal expressions were subdued by yeast overtones and reduced examples.

Class 6: Other white Italian varietal wines (min. 85% single variety)

					Class #	Score	Medal
Beresford Estate	2024	Emblem 'Blewitt Springs' Grillo	McLaren Vale	6	1	88.0	Bronze
Vanden Estate	2022	God Help Us Grillo	Murray Darling Vic	6	2	91.0	Silver
Billy Button	2023	'The Feisty' Friulano	King Valley	6	3	88.0	Bronze
MDI Wines	2022	Friulano Skin.Ed XI	Murray Darling Vic	6	4	0.0	Not Received
Quealy	2022	Turbul Friulano	Mornington Peninsula	6	5	85.0	Bronze
Fighting Gully Road	2023	Verdicchio	Beechworth	6	6	96.0	Gold
MDI Wines	2023	Ribolla Gialla Skin.Ed LXXVII	Murray Darling Vic	6	7	85.0	Bronze
Quealy	2021	Turbul Ribolla Gialla	Mornington Peninsula	6	8	86.0	Bronze
Billy Button Wines	2023	'The Delinquent' Verduzzo	Alpine Valleys	6	9	86.0	Bronze
Chalmers	2023	Falanghina	Heathcote	6	10	93.0	Silver
Chalmers Project	2023	Falanghina	Murray Darling Vic	6	11	83.0	
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2024	Falanghina	McLaren Vale	6	12	91.0	Silver
Chalmers	2023	Greco	Heathcote	6	13	86.0	Bronze
Hither & Yon	2024	Greco	McLaren Vale	6	14	88.0	Bronze
Unico Zelo	2023	Terra Cotta	Riverland	6	15	84.0	
Tempus Two	2024	Copper Ansonica	Murray Darling NSW	6	16	95.0	Gold
Tempus Two	2023	Copper Ansonica	Murray Darling Vic	6	17	86.0	Bronze
MDI Wines	2023	Picolit Skin.Ed CLXXVI	Murray Darling Vic	6	18	85.0	Bronze
Quealy	2022	Turbul Malvasia	Mornington Peninsula	6	19	90.0	Silver
Riot Wine Co	2023	Loxton Contra Bianco d'Alessano	Riverland	6	20	91.0	Silver
Box Grove Vineyard	2023	Garganega	Nagambie Lakes	6	21	0.0	Not Received
Dal Zotto	2023	Garganega	North East Victoria	6	22	88.0	Bronze



Darling Estate	2023	Darling Estate Garganega	King Valley	6	23	92.0	Silver
Politini Wines	2024	Grecanico	King Valley	6	24	86.0	Bronze
XO Wine Co	2023	Vino Bianco Cortese	Adelaide Hills	6	25	83.0	

Class 6 Comments:

What a joy to judge! So many exciting wines of varying different styles, showcasing really exciting varietals. The future is bright.

Class 7A: Viognier - 2024

				Class #	Score	Medal
Metal Label	2024	Viognier	Riverina	7A 1	0.0	Not Received
Hidden Creek	2024	Viognier	Granite Belt	7A 2	88.5	Bronze
Tahbilk	2024	Viognier	Nagambie Lakes	7A 3	88.0	Bronze
SOUMAH	2024	Hexham Vineyard Viognier	Yarra Valley	7A 4	85.5	Bronze

Class 7A Comments:

Small bracket to judge. Looking for more complexity. Wines a little fruit forward.

Class 7B: Viognier - 2023 and older

				Class #	Score	Medal
Hidden Creek	2023	Viognier	Granite Belt	7B 1	84.5	
Sutton Grange Winery	2023	Estate Viognier	Bendigo	7B 2	96.0	Gold
Sapling Yard	2023	Viognier	Canberra District	7B 3	83.5	
Artwine	2023	Madam V	Clare Valley	7B 4	90.0	Silver
Indigo Vineyard	2023	Secret Village Viognier	Beechworth	7B 5	87.5	Bronze
SOUMAH	2023	Equilibrio Viognier	Yarra Valley	7B 6	86.0	Bronze
McGuigan Wines	2023	Mastercraft Viognier	Hunter Valley	7B 7	92.0	Silver
Surveyors Hill Vineyards	2023	Viognier 2023	Canberra District	7B 8	84.5	
SCION	2022	Viognier	Rutherglen	7B 9	86.0	Bronze
Yalumba Wines	2022	Yalumba Samuel's Collection Eden Valley Viognier	Eden Valley	7B 10	95.0	Gold
Water Wheel Vineyards	2023	Viognier	Bendigo	7B 11	84.0	
Yalumba Wines	2022	Yalumba The Virgilius Viognier	Eden Valley	7B 12	88.5	Bronze
Ballandean Estate	2023	Wild Ferment Viognier	Granite Belt	7B 13	88.5	Bronze
Nepenthe	2023	Pinnacle Viognier	Adelaide Hills	7B 14	88.5	Bronze



Class 7B Comments:

Good bracket to judge, varietal, fresher and most in balance. Different styles showing less oak.

Class 8: Marsanne

				Class #	Score	Medal
See Saw Wines	2022	Invergo Organic Marsanne	Orange	8 1	90.0	Silver
Patch Wines	2024	Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	8 2	84.0	
Tahbilk	2021	Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	8 3	86.0	Bronze
Hidden Creek	2024	Marsanne	Granite Belt	8 4	88.0	Bronze
Tahbilk	2023	Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	8 5	95.0	Gold
Tahbilk	2019	Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	8 6	86.5	Bronze
Surveyors Hill Vineyards	2023	Marsanne Roussanne 2023	Canberra District	8 7	84.0	

Class 8 Comments:

Very happy with how the top wines of this bracket looked, lovely and fresh, with lovely balance across fruit, acid and texture.

Class 9: Pinot Blanc/Bianco

				Class #	Score	Medal
Darling Estate	2023	Darling Estate Pinot Blanc	King Valley	9 1	87.0	Bronze
Centennial Vineyards	2024	Southern Highlands Pinot Blanc	Southern Highlands	9 2	87.0	Bronze
Dal Zotto	2023	Pinot Bianco	North East Victoria	9 3	84.0	
Billy Button	2023	'The Demure' Pinot Blanc	Alpine Valleys	9 4	89.0	Bronze

Class 9 Comments:

Phenolic interest and balance creating the most interesting wines. Dominance of wood not rewarded.



Class 10: Picpoul

			Class #	Score	Medal
Lloyd Brothers	2024	McLaren Vale Estate Picpoul	10 1	87.0	Bronze
Ministry of Clouds	2024	Picpoul	10 2	87.0	Bronze
Lloyd Brothers	2024	Adelaide Hills Estate Picpoul	10 3	85.0	Bronze
Humis Vineyard	2024	2024 Picpoul	10 4	84.0	
Boston Bay	2023	Icon Series	10 5	80.0	
Larnook	2024	Picpoul	10 6	84.0	
Saddler's Creek Wines	2024	Avillo Piquepoul	10 7	80.0	
Mercer Wines	2024	Picpoul Blanc	10 8	91.0	Silver
Coriole	2024	Piquepoul	10 9	84.0	
Maxwell Wines	2024	2024 Maxwell Picpoul	10 10	80.0	
Harrison X Weldon	2023	Picpoul	10 11	84.0	

Class 10 Comments:

A tricky class. A slight lack of definition across the class. A need for refinement and clarity across the range.

Class 11: Chenin Blanc

			Class #	Score	Medal
Sherrah Wines	2024	Chenin Blanc	11 1	84.0	
John Gehrig Wines	2024	Chenin Blanc	11 2	83.0	
Andrew Peace Wines	2020	Chenin Blanc	11 3	0.0	Not Received
Dune	2024	Athabasca Chenin Blanc	11 4	84.0	
Wines of Merritt	2023	Metricup Chenin	11 5	88.0	Bronze
Aphelion	2024	Pir Chenin Blanc	11 6	84.0	
Tumblong Hills	2023	Chenin Blanc	11 7	95.0	Gold
Yayoi Wines	2023	Vallée of the Kings	11 8	85.0	Bronze
Nikola Estate	2023	Nikola Estate Regional Chenin Blanc	11 9	91.0	Silver
Woody Nook	2024	Woodcote	11 10	90.0	Silver
Andrew Peace Wines	2022	Chenin Blanc	11 11	85.0	Bronze

Class 11 Comments:

Overall lots of neutral plain tasting wines showing excessive residual sugar with the top awards showing more textural interest and fruit freshness.



Class 12: Other white French varietal wines (min. 85% single variety)

						Class #	Score	Medal
Symphonia	2021	Gros Manseng	King Valley	12	1	88.0	Bronze	
Symphonia	2022	Manseng	King Valley	12	2	93.0	Silver	
Berton Vineyards Alfresco Range	2024	Aranel	Riverina	12	3	89.0	Bronze	
Artwine	2023	Masterpiece	Clare Valley	12	4	86.5	Bronze	
Larnook	2024	Grenache Gris	McLaren Vale	12	5	86.0	Bronze	
Darling Estate	2023	Darling Estate Aligoté	King Valley	12	6	86.5	Bronze	
Sentio	2024	Aligoté	King Valley	12	7	90.0	Silver	
SOUMAH	2024	Hexham Vineyard Savarro	Yarra Valley	12	8	86.5	Bronze	
SOUMAH	NV	Wild Savagnin Solero No. 3	Yarra Valley	12	9	83.5		
Crittenden Wines	2019	Cri de Coeur	Mornington Peninsula	12	10	95.0	Gold	
Amato Vino	2023	Savagnin 'space girls'	Margaret River	12	11	90.0	Silver	
Dandelion Vineyards	2024	Honeypot of the Barossa Roussanne	Barossa	12	12	86.0	Bronze	
Patch Wines	2024	Roussanne	Nagambie Lakes	12	13	84.5		
Yalumba Wines	2023	Yalumba Samuel's Collection Eden Valley Roussanne	Eden Valley	12	14	85.5	Bronze	

Class 12 Comments:

Very interesting bracket with so many different styles of wines. Lots of pleasure to be found here with vibrancy and acid.

Class 12A: Grenache Blanc

						Class #	Score	Medal
Humis Vineyard	2024	2024 Grenache Blanc	Heathcote	12A	1	90.0	Silver	
Ricca Terra	2024	Grenache Blanc	Riverland	12A	2	88.0	Bronze	
Warrabilla Wines	2024	Small Batch Grenache Blanc	Rutherglen	12A	3	90.0	Silver	
Maxwell Wines	2024	Maxwell Grenache Blanc	McLaren Vale	12A	4	88.0	Bronze	
Hastwell & Lightfoot	2024	Grenache Blanc	McLaren Vale	12A	5	85.0	Bronze	
Willunga 100	2024	Grenache Blanc McLaren Vale	McLaren Vale	12A	6	87.5	Bronze	
Vinoque	2022	Grenache Blanc	Heathcote	12A	7	86.0	Bronze	

Class 12A Comments:

Nothing bad, but nothing overly exciting. Nicer silver medal wines had juicy-ness and good balance with alcohol in check. Those which feel out of medals, had confected fruit.



Class 13: Albarino

			Class #	Score	Medal
Wines of Merritt	2024	Wilyabrup Albarino	13 1	83.0	
Artwine	2024	The Real Thing	13 2	90.0	Silver
Lingo	2024	South Australian Albarino	13 3	89.0	Bronze
Deep Woods Estate	2024	Single Vineyard Albarino	13 4	83.5	
Sapling Yard	2024	Albarino	13 5	82.5	
Ridgemill Estate	2024	"La Nina"	13 6	83.5	
Brown Brothers	2022	Limited Release Albarino	13 7	80.5	
The Little Wine Company	2024	Albarino	13 8	84.0	
Pikes Wines	2024	Luccio Albarino	13 9	84.0	
Mallee Estate	2024	Kati Allo Albarino	13 10	95.0	Gold
Briar Ridge	2024	Limited Release Albarino	13 11	87.0	Bronze
La Linea	2024	Albarino	13 12	85.0	Bronze
Artwine	2023	Spanish Queen	13 13	83.5	
High Country	2024	Albarino	13 14	96.0	Gold
Matriarch & Rogue	2024	Rex Albarino	13 15	84.0	
Nepenthe	2023	Pinnacle Albarino	13 16	84.0	
Stanton & Killeen	2023	Alvarinho	13 17	95.0	Gold

Class 13 Comments:

Generally clean and bright class, though textural integrity won the day. Freshness was important.

Class 14: Arinto

			Class #	Score	Medal
Zilzie	2023	Platinum Edition	14 1	84.0	
Stanton & Killeen	2023	Arinto	14 2	84.0	
LINO RAMBLE	2023	DOT TO DOT	14 3	93.0	Silver
Varney Wines	2024	Expressions of Interest Arinto	14 4	84.0	

Class 14 Comments:

Short and sweet, best examples were textural, balanced and good examples of warm styled white wine.



Class 15: Gewurztraminer

			Class #		Score	Medal
Skillogalee Estate	2024	Skillogalee Gewurtztraminer	15	1	90.0	Silver
Tamburlaine Organic Wines	2024	Point 65 Gewurztraminer	15	2	95.0	Gold
Chaffey Bros. Wine Co	2024	Bluhempunkt Gewürztraminer	15	3	92.0	Silver
Darling Estate	2023	Darling Estate Gewürztraminer	15	4	83.5	
Topper's Mounatin	2023	Gewurztraminer	15	5	85.5	Bronze
Unico Zelo	2023	Pollen	15	6	85.5	Bronze
Red Feet	2023	Gewurztraminer	15	7	84.5	
Ros Ritchie Wines	2024	Dead Man's Hill Vineyard	15	8	93.0	Silver
Symphony Hill Wines	2023	Symphony Hill Wines Gewurztraminer	15	9	92.0	Silver

Class 15 Comments:

The best of the class had lovely perfumed notes, balanced with fruit. Lovely acid and texture on palate, in combination good flow.

Class 16: Gruener Veltliner

			Class #		Score	Medal
K1 by Geoff Hardy	2023	Gruener Veltliner	16	1	84.0	
Main & Cherry	2024	Grüner Veltliner	16	2	84.0	
Little Frances	2023	Gruener Veltliner	16	3	83.0	
Longview Vineyard	2024	Macclesfield Gruener Veltliner	16	4	86.0	Bronze
Lingo	2023	Clare Valley Gruener Veltliner	16	5	92.0	Silver
Hand Crafted by Geoff Hardy	2023	Gruener Veltliner	16	6	83.0	
Pernod Ricard Winemakers	2023	Aces & Arrows Gruener Veltliner	16	7	0.0	Withdrawn
Stage Door Wine Co	2023	Gruener Veltliner	16	8	83.0	
Eden Hall	2024	Gruener Veltliner	16	9	84.0	
Collector	2022	Ledger Grüner Veltliner	16	10	88.0	Bronze
Hahndorf Hill	2024	White Mischief	16	11	91.0	Silver
Wangolina	2024	A-Series Grüner Veltliner	16	12	87.0	Bronze
Hahndorf Hill	2024	Gru	16	13	95.0	Gold
Cloudbreak Wines	2024	Nouveau Collection Gruener Veltliner	16	14	83.0	
Hahndorf Hill	2023	Reserve Gruener Veltliner	16	15	87.0	Bronze
Castle Rock Estate	2023	Grüner Veltliner	16	16	83.0	
Castle Rock Estate	2024	Grüner Veltliner	16	17	84.0	
Linear Wines	2024	Gruener Veltliner	16	18	86.0	Bronze



Class 16 Comments:

Big difference in styles. Best wines showed a balance of juicy freshness and savoury styles with good textural quality. Some overoaked, bigger and sweeter styles detracting from varietal character.

Class 17: Other white varietal wines (not Italian or French; min. 85% single variety)

				Class #	Score	Medal
Robinvale Wines	2015	Kerner	North West Victoria	17 1	86.0	Bronze
Chaffey Bros. Wine Co.	2024	Kontrapunkt Kerner	Eden Valley	17 2	87.0	Bronze
Robinvale Wines	2008	Kerner	North West Victoria	17 3	93.0	Silver
Trentham Estate	2024	Cellar Reserve Verdejo	Murray Darling NSW	17 4	90.0	Silver
Freeman	2023	Furmint	Hilltops	17 5	85.0	Bronze
Trentham Estate	2022	Cellar Reserve Verdejo	Murray Darling NSW	17 6	93.0	Silver
Topper's Mountain	2023	Tempranillo Blanco	New England Australia	17 7	87.0	Bronze

Class 17 Comments:

An interesting class to judge with varying styles. Some lovely textural work keeping us interested amongst the different flavour profiles.

Class 18: White blends

				Class #	Score	Medal
Blood Moon Wines	2024	Moonrise	Murray Darling Vic	18 1	82.0	
MDI Wines	2023	NMGP Skin.Ed XVIII	Murray Darling Vic	18 2	82.5	
Mother Block	2024	Skin Contact	Murray Darling Vic	18 3	0.0	Not Received
Hidden Creek	2023	Viognier-Marsanne	Granite Belt	18 4	85.5	Bronze
Ballandean Estate	2024	GFM	Granite Belt	18 5	88.0	Bronze
Renaissance	2023	VRM	Rutherglen	18 6	85.5	Bronze
Harrison	2023	Sol Blanc	McLaren Vale	18 7	83.5	
Langmeil Winery	2023	Three Gardens Viognier Marsanne Roussanne	Barossa Valley	18 8	95.0	Gold
Coriole	2023	Sandalwood	McLaren Vale	18 9	90.5	Silver
Hahndorf Hill	2024	Brother Nature Field Blend	Adelaide Hills	18 10	88.5	Bronze
Trentham Estate	2023	Cellar Reserve Three Fields	Murray Darling NSW	18 11	0.0	Withdrawn
Ricca Terra	2024	High Noon Skin Contact	Riverland	18 12	85.0	Bronze
Rutherglen Estate	2023	Shelleys Block	Rutherglen	18 13	86.5	Bronze

Class 18 Comments:

Some early development, struggled to find the highlights. Wines looked neutral and lacked the structure required for higher grades.



Class 19: Rosé

					Class #	Score	Medal
d'Arenberg	2024	Stephanie The Gnome With Rose Coloured Glasses	McLaren Vale	19	1	86.0	Bronze
Trentham Estate	2024	The Family Sangiovese Rose	Murray Darling Vic	19	2	84.0	
Pietro wines	2024	Monte100%	McLaren Vale	19	3	86.5	Bronze
Fitz and Gibbon	2024	Pinot Meunier Rose	Adelaide Hills	19	4	83.5	
La Linea	2024	Tempranillo rose	Adelaide Hills	19	5	85.5	Bronze
Chapel Hill	2024	The Parson Sangiovese Rose	McLaren Vale	19	6	83.5	
Vinoque	2024	Rosato	Yarra Valley	19	7	82.5	
Mercer Wines	2024	Rosato	Orange	19	8	84.0	
James and Co	2024	Sangiovese Rose	Alpine Valleys	19	9	87.5	Bronze
Saddler's Creek Wiens	2024	Sangiovese Rosé	Central Ranges	19	10	95.0	Gold
LINO RAMBLE	2023	SNAP	McLaren Vale	19	11	83.5	
Vino Intrepido	2023	The Sharpest Thorn	Nagambie Lakes	19	12	82.5	
La Prova	2024	Aglianico Rosato	Adelaide Hills	19	13	96.0	Gold
Smallwater Estate	2024	Roze	Geographe	19	14	86.0	Bronze
Dal Zotto	2024	Rosato	King Valley	19	15	87.5	Bronze
Ricca Terra	2024	Colour of Calmness	Riverland	19	16	85.5	Bronze
Billy Button	2024	Rosato	Alpine Valleys	19	17	84.0	
Hastwell & Lightfoot	2024	Barbera Rosé	McLaren Vale	19	18	87.5	Bronze
Fighting Gully Road	2024	Rose'	Beechworth	19	19	88.0	Bronze
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2024	'Chica' Mencia Rose	McLaren Vale	19	20	84.5	
Chalmers	2024	Rosato	Heathcote	19	21	88.0	Bronze
Vigna Bottin Wines	2024	Rosato	McLaren Vale	19	22	83.0	
Michelini Wines	2024	Rose	Alpine Valleys	19	23	84.0	
Hither & Yon	2024	Mataro Rose	McLaren Vale	19	24	90.0	Silver
d'Arenberg	2024	The House of Pink Mind Your Ps & Qs Rose	McLaren Vale	19	25	85.5	Bronze
Wangolina	2024	Limestone Coast Rose	Limestone Coast	19	26	84.0	
Wangolina	2024	A-Series Rosato	Limestone Coast	19	27	85.5	Bronze
Pikes Wines	2024	Luccio Sangiovese Rose	Clare Valley	19	28	90.0	Silver

Class 19 Comments:

Broad class of wines-many reduced and using sugar to cover up phenolics.
Best wines have freshness, and vibrant fruit, balanced by acidity and sweetness.



Class 20A: Sangiovese - 2023 and younger

				Class #	Score	Medal
rokkwell	2023	Sangiovese	South Burnett	20A 1	83.0	
Nugan Estate	2024	Nugan Estate Alfredo King Valley Sangiovese	King Valley	20A 2	96.0	Gold
La Cantina King Valley	2023	Sangiovese	King Valley	20A 3	84.5	
The Ethereal One	2023	Fleurieu Sangiovese	Fleurieu	20A 4	85.0	Bronze
Vino Intrepido	2023	Blood of My Blood	Heathcote	20A 5	84.5	
Amato Vino	2023	Sangiovese	Margaret River	20A 6	84.5	
Calabria Family Wines	2024	Belena Sangiovese	Riverina	20A 7	84.5	
Mr. Mick	2024	Sangiovese	Clare Valley	20A 8	90.0	Silver
Tonon Vineyard & Winery	2023	Sangiovese	Perth Hills	20A 10	83.5	
Pikes Wines	2023	Luccio Sangiovese	Clare Valley	20A 11	88.0	Bronze
Fighting Gully Road	2023	Beechworth Sangiovese	Beechworth	20A 12	93.0	Silver
Artwine	2023	The Doghouse	Clare Valley	20A 13	87.5	Bronze
Hungerford Hill	2023	Sangiovese	Hilltops	20A 14	86.0	Bronze
Michelini Wines	2023	Sangiovese	Alpine Valleys	20A 15	83.5	
Paxton Wines	2023	Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	20A 16	88.0	Bronze
Coriole	2023	Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	20A 17	84.0	
James and Co Wines	2023	James and Co Sangiovese	Alpine Valleys	20A 18	84.5	
Jacksons Hill	2023	Panoramic Sangiovese	King Valley	20A 19	85.0	Bronze
Pizzini Wines	2023	Pietra Rossa Sangiovese	King Valley	20A 20	90.0	Silver
Dal Zotto	2023	Sangiovese	King Valley	20A 21	84.0	
Indigo Vineyard	2023	Sangiovese	Beechworth	20A 22	85.0	Bronze
Main & Cherry	2023	Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	20A 23	88.0	Bronze
Pikes Wines	2023	Il Premio Sangiovese	Clare Valley	20A 24	90.0	Silver
Altair Estate	2023	Sangiovese	Margaret River	20A 25	89.0	Bronze
Blood Moon Wines	2024	Sang des Etoiles	Heathcote	20A 26	83.0	
Hedonist Wines	2023	Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	20A 27	88.0	Bronze
Claymore Wines	2023	Blackbird Sangiovese	Clare Valley	20A 28	91.0	Silver
Gentle Folk	2023	Onkaparinga Valley	Adelaide Hills	20A 29	87.0	Bronze
Billy Button	2023	'The Rustic' Sangiovese	Alpine Valleys	20A 30	89.0	Bronze
Capital Wines	2023	The Foreign Minister	Canberra District	20A 31	84.0	
The Little Wine Co	2023	Sangiovese	Hilltops	20A 32	90.0	Silver
Sutton Grange Winery	2023	Fairbank Sangiovese	Bendigo	20A 33	85.0	Bronze
Coulter Wines	2023	C2 Adelaide Sangiovese	Mount Lofty Ranges	20A 34	89.0	Bronze
Hugh Hamilton Wines	2023	The Mongrel	McLaren Vale	20A 35	95.0	Gold
Dalfarras	2023	Sangiovese	Swan Hill	20A 36	93.0	Silver



Class 20A Comments:

This was a good line up. There was some lovely bright cherry notes and good tannin in the best of the bunch. The lesser wines had tired fruit characters and soupy palates that were lacking freshness and flow.

Class 20B: Sangiovese - 2022 and older

				Class #	Score	Medal
MDI Wines	2022	Sangiovese	Murray Darling Vic	20B 1	83.5	
Coriole	2022	Vita	McLaren Vale	20B 2	96.0	Gold
Vinoque	2022	Sangiovese	Heathcote	20B 3	88.5	Bronze
Tumblong Hills	2022	Table of Plenty Sangiovese	Gundagai	20B 4	87.0	Bronze
LINO RAMBLE	2022	MARCO POLO	McLaren Vale	20B 5	85.0	Bronze
Fighting Gully Road	2022	Block 2 Sangiovese	Beechworth	20B 6	84.0	
Reillys Wines	2016	Dry Land Sangiovese	Clare Valley	20B 7	86.0	Bronze
Matriarch & Rogue	2022	Pat Sangiovese	Clare Valley	20B 8	85.0	Bronze
Mitolo Wines	2022	Cinquecento Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	20B 9	86.5	Bronze
Stone Dwellers	2022	Sangiovese	Strathbogie Ranges	20B 10	95.0	Gold
Shy Susan	2022	Sangiovese	Alpine Valleys	20B 11	84.0	
Vigna Bottin Wines	2022	Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	20B 12	90.0	Silver
Reillys	2018	Dry Land Sangiovese	Clare Valley	20B 13	85.0	Bronze
d'Arenberg	2022	The Mind Palace Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	20B 14	85.5	Bronze
Cappa Stone Wines	2021	Sangiovese	Murray Darling Vic	20B 15	0.0	Not Received
Rutherglen Estate	2022	Sangiovese	Rutherglen	20B 16	86.5	Bronze
Red Feet	2022	Sangiovese	King Valley	20B 17	85.5	Bronze
Freeman Vineyards	2022	Sangiovese	Hilltops	20B 18	87.5	Bronze
Reillys Wines	2017	Dry Land Sangiovese	Clare Valley	20B 19	88.0	Bronze

Class 20B Comments:

Good to see vibrant, medium bodied wines showing varietal characters. Harvesting decisions creating some wines with baked fruit characters, and some with pronounced acidity. Tannins generally managed well.



Class 21: Nebbiolo

				Class #	Score	Medal
Tar&Roses	2022	The Fog	Heathcote	21 1	86.0	Bronze
XO Wine Co	2023	Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	21 2	85.5	Bronze
Protero	2022	Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	21 3	91.0	Silver
Vino Intrepido	2021	Spanna in the Works	Pyrenees	21 4	82.0	
Ballandean Estate	2023	Nebbiolo	Granite Belt	21 5	88.5	Bronze
Protero	2021	Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	21 6	90.0	Silver
Pizzini	2021	L'Aquila Nebbiolo	King Valley	21 7	85.0	Bronze
Sentio	2021	Nebbiolo	Beechworth	21 8	86.0	Bronze
Saddler's Creek Wines	2022	Winemaker's Craft Nebbiolo	Hilltops	21 9	88.0	Bronze
First Drop Wines	2018	Forza	Adelaide Hills	21 10	90.0	Silver
Trentham Estate	2022	The Family Nebbiolo	Murray Darling NSW	21 11	85.5	Bronze
Longview Vineyard	2022	Saturnus	Adelaide Hills	21 12	93.0	Silver
Red Feet	2022	Nebbiolo	King Valley	21 13	81.0	
Freeman Vineyards	2022	Altura Nebbiolo	Hilltops	21 14	86.5	Bronze
Billy Button	2022	'The Elusive' Nebbiolo	Alpine Valleys	21 15	86.0	Bronze
Dott.	2023	Nebbiolo	Heathcote	21 16	90.0	Silver
Pipan Steel Wines	2019	Tesoro	Alpine Valleys	21 17	87.5	Bronze
Michelini Wines	2023	Nebbiolo	Alpine Valleys	21 18	95.0	Gold
Saffron Gramophone	2021	Nebbiolo	North East Victoria	21 19	86.5	Bronze
SOUMAH	2021	Hexham Vineyard Nebbiolo	Yarra Valley	21 20	89.0	Bronze

Class 21 Comments:

Was hoping for more from Nebbiolo. Found a few that looked promising, the good ones had good tannin and fresh fruit. Whilst the ones that fell out of medals looked tired soupy and lacked structure.

Class 22: Barbera

				Class #	Score	Medal
Coulter Wines	2022	C5 Adelaide Hills Barbera	Adelaide Hills	22 1	83.0	
Saddler's Creek Wines	2021	Winemaker's Craft Barbera	Adelaide Hills	22 2	83.0	
Protero	2021	Barbera	Adelaide Hills	22 3	96.0	Gold
First Ridge	2023	Barbera	Mudgee	22 4	86.0	Bronze
Longview Vineyard	2021	Jupiter Barbera	Adelaide Hills	22 5	90.0	Silver
Berton Vineyards Alfresco Range	2024	Barbera	Riverina	22 6	85.0	Bronze
First Drop Wines	2023	Moderno Adelaide Hills Barbera	Adelaide Hills	22 7	88.0	Bronze
First Drop Wines	2022	Moderno Adelaide Hills Barbera	Adelaide Hills	22 8	82.0	



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Michelini Wines	2023	Barbera	Alpine Valleys	22	9	83.0	
Vineyard 28	2023	Wildwater Barbera	Geographe	22	10	92.0	Silver
XO Wine Co	2023	Small Batch Barbera	Adelaide Hills	22	11	83.0	
Anvers Wines Pty Ltd	2022	Barbera	Adelaide Hills	22	12	90.0	Silver
Nepenthe	2023	Pinnacle Barbera	Adelaide Hills	22	13	86.0	Bronze
Billy Button	2023	'The Affable' Barbera	Alpine Valleys	22	14	87.0	Bronze
Hastwell & Lightfoot	2024	Barbera	McLaren Vale	22	15	90.0	Silver
Grove Estate	2023	Hilltops Barbera	Hilltops	22	16	83.0	
Vigna Bottin Wines	2021	Barbera	McLaren Vale	22	17	82.0	
Protero	2022	Barbera	Adelaide Hills	22	18	87.0	Bronze
First Ridge	2022	Barbera	Mudgee	22	19	84.0	
Lingo	2023	Adelaide Hills Barbera	Adelaide Hills	22	20	81.0	
Mercer Wines	2023	Barbera	Orange	22	21	95.0	Gold
Tumblong Hills	2023	Table of Plenty Barbera	Gundagai	22	22	88.0	Bronze

Class 22 Comments:

A varied range of styles on the bench from green vegetal through to rich and ripe. Best examples showed medium finer frames, freshness of fruit and ripe mouthcoating tannin. Excessive oak and over ripeness was detracting many wines.

Class 23: Sagrantino

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Andrew Peace Wines	2022	Australia Felix Sagrantino	Swan Hill	23	1	89.5	Bronze
Saddler's Creek Wines	2021	Winemakers Craft Sagrantino	Adelaide Hills	23	2	87.5	Bronze
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2022	Sagrantino	McLaren Vale	23	3	87.5	Bronze
Bondar Wines	2023	Sagrantino	McLaren Vale	23	4	85.5	Bronze
Andrew Peace Wines	2020	Australia Felix Sagrantino	Swan Hill	23	5	90.0	Silver
Andrew Peace Wines	2021	Australia Felix Sagrantino	Swan Hill	23	6	95.0	Gold

Class 23 Comments:

An interesting class, well managed tannin resolution, wines with some age displayed good depth. Oak handling in check. Solid medal score across the board!



Class 24: Aglianico

					Class #	Score	Medal
Cappa Stone Wines	2022	Family series Alianico	Padthaway	24	1	0.0	Not Received
Purple Hands Wines	2022	After Five Wine Co Aglianico	Barossa Valley	24	2	95.0	Gold
Chalmers	2023	Aglianico	Heathcote	24	3	88.0	Bronze
Ricca Terra	2023	Aglianico	Riverland	24	4	87.0	Bronze
Carillion Wines	2022	Lovable Rogue Moon Child Aglianico	Orange	24	5	88.0	Bronze
Fighting Gully Road	2019	Aglianico	Alpine Valleys	24	6	84.0	
Sutton Grange Winery	2021	Estate Aglianico	Bendigo	24	7	83.0	
Hither & Yon	2023	Aglianico	McLaren Vale	24	8	93.0	Silver

Class 24 Comments:

Classic style rewarded with lovely bright fruits and mouthcoating textural interest. Vibrancy and freshness the key.

Class 25A: Montepulciano - 2023 and younger

					Class #	Score	Medal
Russell and Sutor	2023	Alejandro	Riverland	25A	1	82.0	
Ricca Terra	2023	Montepulciano	Riverland	25A	2	90.0	Silver
Via Pola Wines	2024	Montepulciano	Riverina	25A	3	83.0	
First Ridge	2023	Montepulciano	Mudgee	25A	4	85.0	Bronze
Wangolina	2023	A-Series Montepulciano	Limestone Coast	25A	5	85.0	Bronze
Pindarie	2023	The Straggler	Barossa Valley	25A	6	86.0	Bronze
Chalk Hill	2023	Small Batch Release Montepulciano	McLaren Vale	25A	7	95.0	Gold
Vino Intrepido	2023	Migrating Coconuts	Heathcote	25A	8	86.0	Bronze
Marnong Estate	2023	Montepulciano	Sunbury	25A	9	0.0	Withdrawn
Lingo	2023	Adelaide Hills Montepulciano	Adelaide Hills	25A	10	85.0	Bronze
Scarpantoni Estate	2023	Scarpantni Estate Montepulciano	McLaren Vale	25A	11	86.0	Bronze
Purple Hands Wines	2023	Oenotri	Barossa Valley	25A	12	86.0	Bronze
Nikola Estate	2023	Nikola Estate Gallery Range "The Minimalist"	Swan Valley	25A	13	86.0	Bronze
Serafino Wines	2023	Bellissimo Montepulciano	McLaren Vale	25A	14	91.0	Silver
Boston Bay	2023	Core Series Montepulciano	Langhorne Creek	25A	15	82.0	
Brown Brothers	2023	Limited Release Montepulciano	Heathcote	25A	16	0.0	Not Received
McGuigan Wines	2023	Mastercraft Montepulciano	Barossa Valley	25A	17	95.0	Gold
Dal Zotto	2023	Montepulciano	Heathcote	25A	18	87.0	Bronze
Mercer Wines	2023	Montepulciano	Central Ranges	25A	19	83.0	
Coriole	2023	Montepulciano	McLaren Vale	25A	20	88.0	Bronze



Class 25A Comments:

Such a robust tannic variety that requires some judicious management. Lots of dusty and drying wines. Awarded wines showed lovely brightness of fruit and finer framed tannin and great persistence.

Class 25B: Montepulciano - 2022 and older

					Class #	Score	Medal
Atze's Corner	2022	Mob	Barossa Valley	25B 1	90.0	Silver	
First Drop Wines	2020	Minchia Adelaide Hills Montepulciano	Adelaide Hills	25B 2	88.0	Bronze	
Purple Hands Wines	2022	Oenotri	Barossa Valley	25B 3	92.0	Silver	
Vigna Bottin	2022	Montepulciano	McLaren Vale	25B 4	86.5	Bronze	
Mitolo Wines	2022	Masso Montepulciano		25B 5	85.0	Bronze	
Mallee Estate	2021	Montepulciano	Riverland	25B 6	82.0		
d'Arenberg	2022	The Hunjee Heartstring Montepulciano	McLaren Vale	25B 7	84.0		
Press + Bloom	2022	Montepulciano	Barossa Valley	25B 8	95.0	Gold	
Regional Classic	2021	Heathcote Montepulciano	Heathcote	25B 9	88.0	Bronze	
Matriarch and Rogue	2022	Jim Montepulciano	Clare Valley	25B 10	90.5	Silver	
Kangarilla Road	2022	Montepulciano	Riverland	25B 11	85.0	Bronze	
Artwine	2022	Leave Your Hat On	Clare Valley	25B 12	89.0	Bronze	
Purple Hands Wines	2022	After Five Wine Co Montepulciano	Barossa Valley	25B 13	96.0	Gold	

Class 25B Comments:

Variable bracket to judge-some over ripe cooked wines that show development, while the strongest wines showed bright varietal characters with balanced tannins and oak handling.

Class 26A: Nero d'Avola 2024

				Class #	Score	Medal
SHERRAH Wines	2024	Nero d'Avola	McLaren Vale	26A 1	85.5	Bronze
Seppeltsfield Wines	2024	Barossa Nero D'Avola	Barossa Valley	26A 2	90.0	Silver
Coriole	2024	Nero	McLaren Vale	26A 3	88.0	Bronze
Serafino Wines	2024	Bellissimo Nero d'Avola	McLaren Vale	26A 4	85.0	Bronze
Innocent Bystander	2024	Nero d'Avola	North West Victoria	26A 5	77.5	
Scarpantoni Estate	2024	McLaren Vale Nero D 'Avola	McLaren Vale	26A 6	95.0	Gold
Chalmers	2024	Nero d'Avola	Heathcote	26A 7	85.5	Bronze

Class 26A Comments:

Bright, fresh, juicy and enjoyable styles. Best wine showed well managed tannin handling with structure.



Class 26B: Nero d'Avola 2023 and older

				Class #	Score	Medal
Nero	2023	Lake Breeze	Langhorne Creek	26B 1	90.0	Silver
James and Co Wines	2023	Nero d'Avola	Murray Darling Vic	26B 2	84.0	
Mitolo Wines	2023	Scylla Nero d'Avola	McLaren Vale	26B 3	85.0	Bronze
Baileys of Glenrowan	2023	Organic Nero d'Avola	Glenrowan	26B 4	84.0	
Cappa Stone Wines	2022	Nero D'avola	Adelaide Hills	26B 5	0.0	Not Received
White Gate Wine Co.	2023	Nero d'Avola	Barossa Valley	26B 6	87.0	Bronze
S.C.Pannell	2023	Nero Diavola	McLaren Vale	26B 7	95.0	Gold
Maxwell Wines	2023	2023 Maxwell Nero d'Avola	McLaren Vale	26B 8	82.0	
SØUTH WINES	2023	Nero d'Avola	Fleurieu	26B 9	81.0	
Tumblong Hills	2023	Table of Plenty Nero d'Avola	Gundagai	26B 10	83.0	
Kangarilla Road	2023	Nero d"Avola	Riverland	26B 11	84.0	
Politini Wines	2021	Nero d'Avola	King Valley	26B 12	83.0	
Symphony Hill Wines	2023	2023 Reserve Nero d'Avola	Murray Darling NSW	26B 13	82.0	
Kirrihill Wines	2021	Piccoli Lotti McLaren Vale Nero d'Avola	McLaren Vale	26B 14	0.0	Not Received
Trentham Estate	2022	The Family Nero D'Avola		26B 15	84.0	
Lark Hill	2023	Nero D'Avola	Gundagai	26B 16	92.0	Silver
Pietro Wines	2023	Nero100%	Currency Creek	26B 17	85.0	Bronze
Ricca Terra	2023	Nero d'Avola	Riverland	26B 18	89.0	Bronze
d'Arenberg	2023	The Danger Mouse Nero d'Avola	McLaren Vale	26B 19	83.0	
McCarthy's Orchard	2022	Little Lady Lala Nero D'Avola	McLaren Vale	26B 20	86.0	Bronze
Arla Gardens	2023	Moppa Nero d'Avola	Barossa Valley	26B 21	86.0	Bronze
Dalfarras	2022	Nero d'Avola	North West Victoria	26B 22	85.0	Bronze
Chalmers	2023	Nero d'Avola	Heathcote	26B 23	83.0	

Class 26B Comments:

A generally disappointing class with many wines showing oxidation and microbial issues and a general lack of stuffing. Best wines showed bright fresh fruit with lovely structural integrity.

Class 27: Other red Italian varietal wines (min. 85% single variety)

				Class #	Score	Medal
Dott.	2023	Pavana	Heathcote	27 1	90.5	Silver
Hand Crafted by Geoff Hardy	2023	Dolcetto	Limestone Coast	27 2	87.0	Bronze
Nepenthe	2023	Pinnacle Dolcetto	Adelaide Hills	27 3	87.5	Bronze
Vineyard 28	2024	Dolcetto	Geographe	27 4	86.5	Bronze
Vino Intrepido	2022	Dulcet Tones	Macedon Ranges	27 5	87.0	Bronze



Michelini Wines	2023	Marzemino	Alpine Valleys	27	6	83.5	
SOUMAH	2023	Hexham Vineyard Marzemino	Yarra Valley	27	7	89.5	Bronze
Hickinbotham of Dromana	2023	Lagrein	Mornington Peninsula	27	8	89.0	Bronze
rokkwell	2023	Lagrein	Riverland	27	9	89.0	Bronze
Symphony Hill Wines	2023	Amphora Lagrein	Heathcote	27	10	88.5	Bronze
Wangolina	2023	A-Series Lagrein	Limestone Coast	27	11	87.5	Bronze
Lark Hill	2023	Teroldego	Murray Darling Vic	27	12	91.0	Silver
Michelini Wines	2023	Teroldego	Alpine Valleys	27	13	85.5	Bronze
Tempus Two	2024	Copper Teroldego	Murray Darling Vic	27	14	95.0	Gold
Billy Button	2023	'The Renegade' Refosco	Alpine Valleys	27	15	92.0	Silver
Billy Button	2023	'The Clandestine' Schioppettino	Alpine Valleys	27	16	86.5	Bronze
Blood Moon Wines	2024	Promise	Heathcote	27	17	86.5	Bronze
Box Grove Vineyard	2024	Negroamaro	Goulburn Valley	27	18	0.0	Not Received
Chalmers	2022	Bush Vine Negroamaro	Murray Darling Vic	27	19	82.5	
Silent Noise	2024	Uva di Troia	Riverland	27	20	88.5	Bronze
Wangolina	2023	A-Series Dolcetto	Limestone Coast	27	21	88.5	Bronze

Class 27 Comments:

Really interesting bracket. Wide variation across varieties. Some nice vibrant wines, however some were v.disjointed and overly extracted with v.ripe fruit.

Class 28A: Tempranillo - 2023 and younger

				Class #	Score	Medal
Jacob's Creek	2023	Our Limited Release Tempranillo	Barossa	28A 1	95.0	Gold
Hickinbotham of Dromana	2023	Tempranillo	Mornington Peninsula	28A 2	84.0	
Tonon Vineyard & Winery	2023	Xavier Tempranillo	Perth Hills	28A 3	84.0	
Ferngrove	2023	Estate Reserve	Frankland River	28A 4	85.0	Bronze
Gemtree Wines	2024	Luna Temprana Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	28A 5	84.0	
High Country	2023	Tempranillo	Alpine Valleys	28A 6	82.0	
Golden Grove Estate	2023	Joven Tempranillo	Granite Belt	28A 7	92.0	Silver
Russell and Sutor	2024	Franca's Vineyard	Riverland	28A 8	95.0	Gold
Main & Cherry	2023	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	28A 9	85.0	Bronze
Mercer Wines	2023	Tempranillo	Gundagai	28A 10	86.0	Bronze
Rutherglen Estate	2023	Tempranillo	Rutherglen	28A 11	87.0	Bronze
Nikola Estate	2023	Nikola Estate Tempranillo	Geographe	28A 12	85.0	Bronze
Ridgemill Estate	2023	Tempranillo	Granite Belt	28A 13	0.0	Withdrawn



Linear Wines	2023	Tempranillo	Hilltops	28A	14	86.0	Bronze
Hidden Creek	2023	Tempranillo	Granite Belt	28A	15	84.0	
Hedonist Wines	2023	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	28A	16	87.0	Bronze
Reillys	2023	Dry Land Tempranillo	Clare Valley	28A	17	88.0	Bronze
Pindarie	2023	The Risk Taker	Barossa Valley	28A	19	90.0	Silver
Heirloom Vineyards	2023	Adelaide Hills Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	28A	20	0.0	Not Received
Saddler's Creek Wines	2023	Saddler's Tempranillo	Hilltops	28A	21	84.0	
Green Door	2023	Amphora Tempranillo	Geographe	28A	22	93.0	Silver
Mount Majura Vineyard	2023	Tempranillo	Canberra District	28A	23	84.0	
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2024	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	28A	24	87.0	Bronze
Wangolina	2023	A-Series Tempranillo	Limestone Coast	28A	25	83.0	
Billy Button	2023	'The Alluring' Tempranillo	Alpine Valleys	28A	26	86.0	Bronze
Farmer & The Scientist	2023	Tempranillo	Heathcote	28A	27	92.0	Silver
McGuigan Wines	2023	Mastercraft Tempranillo	Hilltops	28A	28	92.0	Silver
Larnook	2023	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	28A	29	83.0	

Class 28A Comments:

The best examples saw resolved tannin and judicious use of oak. Drying tannins were an issue, as was too much reduction.. Some over/under characteristics were also problematic.

Class 28B: Tempranillo - 2022 and older

				Class #	Score	Medal
Brown Brothers	2022	Origins Series Tempranillo	King Valley	28B 1	88.0	Bronze
Capital Wines	2022	The Ambassador Tempranillo	Riverina	28B 2	84.0	
Anderson & Marsh	2022	Parell Tempranillo	Alpine Valleys	28B 3	87.5	Bronze
Ernest Hill wines	2021	Andrew Watson Tempranillo	Hunter Valley	28B 4	84.0	
Gill Wine Estate Pty Ltd	2021	Rivah Tempranillo	Murray Darling Vic	28B 5	85.5	Bronze
Mallee Estate	2022	230 Strong Men Tempranillo	Riverland	28B 6	78.5	
Valley Selection	2022	Tempranillo	King Valley	28B 7	84.0	
Woodfired	2021	Tempranillo	Heathcote	28B 8	86.0	Bronze
Peter Lehmann Wines	2022	The Barossan Tempranillo	Barossa Valley	28B 9	86.5	Bronze
Family Crest	2022	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	28B 10	88.5	Bronze
Ros Ritchie Wines	2022	Sandy Creek Vineyard	Upper Goulburn	28B 11	83.5	
Peter Lehmann Wines	2022	Hill & Valley Tempranillo	Barossa Valley	28B 12	85.0	Bronze
Ernest Hill wines	2018	Andrew Watson Tempranillo	Hunter Valley	28B 13	84.0	
Mallee Estate	2020	Tempranillo	Riverland	28B 14	86.5	Bronze



Red Knot	2022	Classified McLaren Vale Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	28B	15	93.0	Silver
Ernest Hill wines	2017	Andrew Watson Tempranillo	Hunter Valley	28B	16	84.0	
Artwine	2022	Hola	Clare Valley	28B	17	86.5	Bronze
Farmer & The Scientist	2022	Tempranillo	Heathcote	28B	18	96.0	Gold
Mayford Wines	2022	Mayford Tempranillo	Alpine Valleys	28B	19	95.0	Gold
Barristers Block	2021	Country Series Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	28B	20	84.5	
Fighting Gully Road	2021	Beechworth Tempranillo	Beechworth	28B	21	85.5	Bronze

Class 28B Comments:

Lots more to learn as we head down this journey. Keeping pH and acidity in check, managing tannins and oak handling, and making wines to age still appears to be a challenge.

Class 29: Mataro / Mourvedre / Monastrell

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Stone Dwellers	2022	Mourvedre	Strathbogie Ranges	29	1	86.0	Bronze
Golden Grove Estate	2022	Mourvedre	Granite Belt	29	2	90.5	Silver
Bondar Wines	2023	Monastrell	McLaren Vale	29	3	90.0	Silver
Saltfleet	2023	Mourvedre	McLaren Vale	29	4	84.5	
Press + Bloom	2021	Mataro	Barossa Valley	29	5	84.0	
Bremerton Wines	2023	Special Release Mourvedre	Langhorne Creek	29	6	92.0	Silver
Chapel Hill	2022	The MV McLaren Vale Mourvedre	McLaren Vale	29	7	86.5	Bronze

Class 29 Comments:

Powerful wines. Lacked some flow and finesse.

Class 30: Graciano

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Ridgemill Estate	2022	Graciano	Riverland	30	1	83.5	
Mount Majura Vineyard	2023	Graciano	Canberra District	30	2	92.0	Silver
Russell and Sutor	2023	Alejandro	Murray Darling Vic	30	3	88.0	Bronze
Artwine	2022	The Grace	Clare Valley	30	4	85.0	Bronze
Chalk Hill	2023	Small Batch Release Graciano	McLaren Vale	30	5	95.0	Gold

Class 30 Comments:

A very good class of Graciano, exhibiting the diversity of style that it can deliver. Spice, elegance and textural composure combine to showcase the potential poise and power in equal measure.



Class 31: Mencia

				Class #	Score	Medal
La Linea	2022	Mencia	Adelaide Hills	31 1	90.0	Silver
Ministry of Clouds	2023	Mencia	McLaren Vale	31 2	95.0	Gold
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2024	Mencia	McLaren Vale	31 3	96.0	Gold
Nepenthe	2023	Pinnacle Mencia	Adelaide Hills	31 4	83.5	
Fernfield Wines	2023	The Old River Red	Eden Valley	31 5	87.0	Bronze
d'Arenberg	2021	The Anthropocene Epoch	McLaren Vale	31 6	87.0	Bronze
Ridgemill Estate	2023	Mencia	Riverland	31 7	84.0	

Class 31 Comments:

A strong class of very good, disparate examples of Mencia. Blue fruit, intertwined with tannin, complexity and winemaking interplay. The best examples showed exceptional balance, length and complexity.

Class 32: Touriga Nacional

				Class #	Score	Medal
Saltfleet	2023	Touriga Nacional	McLaren Vale	32 1	84.0	
McCarthy's Orchard	2023	Hally Touriga Nacional	McLaren Vale	32 2	86.5	Bronze
Nugan Estate	2023	Nugan Estate Carver Vineyard Riverina Touriga	Riverina	32 3	87.5	Bronze
First Drop Wines	2023	Nacional McLaren Vale Touriga Nacional	McLaren Vale	32 4	90.0	Silver
Heirloom Vineyards	2023	McLaren Vale Touriga	McLaren Vale	32 5	88.0	Bronze
Eleven Sons	2023	Tu Rigoles?	Pyrenees	32 6	81.5	

Class 32 Comments:

There was a one dimensional feel to these wines, which has us feeling that 100% Touriga may not be the way forward and that seeing it in blends was more interesting.

Class 33: Malbec

				Class #	Score	Medal
The Ethereal One	2023	Fleurieu Malbec	Fleurieu	33 1	85.0	Bronze
Chalk Hill	2023	Small Batch Release Malbec	McLaren Vale	33 2	86.0	Bronze
Ballandean Estate	2023	Malbec	Granite Belt	33 3	83.5	
Golden Grove Estate	2022	Malbec	Granite Belt	33 4	87.0	Bronze
Skillogalee Estate	2023	Skillogalee Small Batch Malbec	Clare Valley	33 5	84.0	
Hungerford Hill	2023	Malbec	Hilltops	33 6	84.0	
McGuigan Wines	2023	Mastercraft Malbec	Heathcote	33 7	92.0	Silver



Big Easy Radio	2020	Forget Babylon	McLaren Vale	33	8	84.0	
Mercer Wines	2023	Malbec	Hilltops	33	9	89.0	Bronze
Tamburlaine Organic Wines	2023	Reserve Malbec	Orange	33	10	84.0	
Ferngrove	2022	the Orchid Collection Malbec	Frankland River	33	11	84.0	
Andrew Peace Wines	2022	Empress Malbec	Wrattobully	33	12	84.0	
Brown Brothers	2022	Origins Series Malbec	Heathcote	33	13	83.5	
Karrawatta	2023	The Meddler	Langhorne Creek	33	14	0.0	Withdrawn
Tamburlaine Organic Wines	2023	Grass Roots Malbec Cabernet Franc	Orange	33	15	84.0	
Lake Breeze	2022	Malbec	Langhorne Creek	33	16	91.0	Silver
Gill Wine Estate Pty Ltd	2021	Rivah Malbec	Murray Darling Vic	33	17	83.5	
Obsessionist	2022	Malbec	Tasmania	33	18	84.0	
Bremerton	2022	Special Release Malbec	Langhorne Creek	33	19	84.0	
Saddler's Creek Wines	2023	Winemaker's Craft Malbec	Langhorne Creek	33	20	83.5	
Harrison	2023	Project 5255 Malbec	Langhorne Creek	33	21	84.0	
Main & Cherry	2023	Malbec	McLaren Vale	33	22	84.0	
Pepper Tree	2023	Pepper Tree ALT Series Malbec	Wrattobully	33	23	84.0	
Ferngrove	2022	Estate Reserve	Frankland River	33	24	86.0	Bronze
Altair Estate	2021	Malbec	Margaret River	33	25	84.0	

Class 33 Comments:

Indicative of the vintage in which they were produced. A decent class, though netter examples were balanced, with poised acidity and sturcture.

Class 34: Cabernet Franc

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Altitude	2022	Cabernet Franc	Eden Valley	34	1	85.0	Bronze
Tahbilk	2022	Cabernet Franc	Nagambie Lakes	34	2	84.5	
Skillogalee Estate	2023	Skillogalee Small Batch Cabernet Franc	Clare Valley	34	3	88.0	Bronze
Yayoi Wines	2024	Fèrot	Geelong	34	4	89.0	Bronze
Main & Cherry	2023	Cabernet Franc	McLaren Vale	34	5	83.0	
Artwine	2022	Pack Leader	Clare Valley	34	6	85.0	Bronze
Leconfield Coonawarra	2022	Cabernet Franc	Coonawarra	34	7	90.0	Silver
Harrison	2023	Vento do Mar Cabernet Franc	McLaren Vale	34	8	86.5	Bronze
Wines of Merritt	2023	Wilyabrup Cabernet Franc	Margaret River	34	9	95.0	Gold
Bleasdale Vineyards	2023	Cabernet Franc	Langhorne Creek	34	10	86.0	Bronze
Penley	2023	Francis	Coonawarra	34	11	85.5	Bronze



Class 34 Comments:

This was a nice line up. The best wines had bright fruit and vigour with lovely balance. There were some that were dominated by green notes and oak.

Class 35: Gamay

				Class #	Score	Medal
PHI	2024	Gamay	Yarra Valley	35 1	84.0	
Artwine	2023	Smiling	Adelaide Hills	35 2	84.0	
Hesketh	2023	Woodside	Adelaide Hills	35 3	95.0	Gold
Eastford Creek Vineyard	2023	Gamay	Tasmania	35 4	84.0	
John Gehrig Wines	2024	Gamay	King Valley	35 5	0.0	Withdrawn
Brown Brothers	2023	Limited Release Gamay	King Valley	35 6	83.0	
Darling Estate	2023	Darling Estate Gamay	King Valley	35 7	0.0	Not Received
Rewine	2023	Gamay 2023	Alpine Valleys	35 8	84.0	
Sapling Yard	2023	Gamay	Tumbarumba	35 9	90.0	Silver
Saffron Gramophone	2023	Gamay	North East Victoria	35 10	95.0	Gold
XO Wine Co	2023	Gamay	Adelaide Hills	35 11	90.0	Silver
XO Wine Co	2024	Gamay	Adelaide Hills	35 12	96.0	Gold
Sentio	2024	Gamay	King Valley	35 13	84.0	
See Saw Wines	2024	Incubator Organic Gamay	Orange	35 14	85.0	Bronze
Lingo	2023	Adelaide Hills Gamay	Adelaide Hills	35 15	84.0	
Catlin Wines	2023	The Gellert	Adelaide Hills	35 16	90.0	Silver
Barratt	2023	HSV	Adelaide Hills	35 17	93.0	Silver

Class 35 Comments:

A delicious class to judge. Lots of bright fruited wines with fine tannin detail. Awarded wines had great drive and energy. The future is bright for Gamay!

Class 36: Zinfandel / Primitivo

				Class #	Score	Medal
Water Wheel Vineyards	2022	Primitivo	Bendigo	36 1	83.5	
SØÜTH WINES	2023	Primitivo	McLaren Vale	36 2	95.0	Gold
Silkwood Estate	2023	The Walcott Zinfandel	Pemberton	36 3	85.5	Bronze
Smallwater Estate	2023	Zinfandel	Geographe	36 4	88.0	Bronze



Altitude	2021	Primitivo	Eden Valley	36	5	85.0	Bronze
Silent Noise	2023	Primitivo under Flor	McLaren Vale	36	6	83.0	
Kangarilla Road	2021	Primitivo	McLaren Vale	36	7	84.5	
Red Feet	2022	Zinfandel	King Valley	36	8	86.5	Bronze
Matriarch & Rogue	2023	Ken Primitivo	Clare Valley	36	9	86.0	Bronze

Class 36 Comments:

Difficult variety to grow, class showed a variety of picking decisions and oak choices. The best wine was balanced with the full spectrum of varietal flavours, fresh acid, and judicious oak use.

Class 37: Saperavi

				Class #		Score	Medal
Ridgemill Estate	2023	Saperavi	Granite Belt	37	1	0.0	Withdrawn
Ballandean Estate	2023	Saperavi	Granite Belt	37	2	88.0	Bronze
Arla Gardens	2023	Moppa, Saperavi		37	3	90.0	Silver
Mallee Estate	2024	Kati Allo Saperavi	Riverland	37	4	80.0	
LINO RAMBLE	2023	SIMON SAYS	McLaren Vale	37	5	84.0	
Hugh Hamilton Wines	2022	The Oddball	McLaren Vale	37	6	85.0	Bronze
Billy Button	2022	'The Squid' Saperavi	Alpine Valleys	37	7	84.0	

Class 37 Comments:

Drying dusty tannin detracting from fruit sweetness. Best wine shows more vibrancy.

Class 38: Other red varietal wines (not Italian; min. 85% single variety)

				Class #		Score	Medal
Andrew Peace Wines	2020	Zweigelt	Swan Hill	38	1	83.0	
Hahndorf Hill	2021	Blueblood	Adelaide Hills	38	2	84.0	
Hahndorf Hill	2021	Zsa Zsa Zweigelt	Adelaide Hills	38	3	85.0	Bronze
Hahndorf Hill	2022	The Foundling	Adelaide Hills	38	4	82.0	
Lokum	2021	bogazkere		38	5	88.0	Bronze
Bleasdale Vineyards	2024	Nonconformist Carignan	Langhorne Creek	38	6	84.0	
Box Grove Vineyard	2023	Sezao	Nagambie Lakes	38	7	0.0	Not Received
Geddes Wines	2022	Seldom Inn Carignan	McLaren Vale	38	8	95.0	Gold
Orbis Wines	2024	2024 Trousseau	McLaren Vale	38	9	82.0	



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Cappa Stone Wines	2021	Alicante Bouschet	Murray Darling Vic	38	10	0.0	Not Received
Fitz and Gibbon	2022	Pinot Meunier	Adelaide Hills	38	11	90.0	Silver
Mallee Estate	2024	Kati Allo Petit Verdot	Riverland	38	12	86.0	Bronze
Meander Valley Vineyard	2023	Baco Noir	Tasmania	38	13	84.0	
Mount Majura Vineyard	2023	Mondeuse	Canberra District	38	14	84.0	
Shadowfax	2023	Minnow Mondeuse Noir	Port Phillip	38	15	95.0	Gold
Topper's Mountain Wines	2017	Tannat	New England Australia	38	16	81.0	
Wangolina	2022	A-Series Carmenère	Limestone Coast	38	17	82.0	
Harrison	2024	Samson Cinsaut	McLaren Vale	38	18	85.0	Bronze
Ros Ritchie Wines	2022	Spring's Vineyard	Upper Goulburn	38	19	84.0	

Class 38 Comments:

A real mixed bag of wines! Disappointingly many microbial issues and old oak characters showing reducing freshness and clipping palates. Some great textural and structural interest in the awarded wines.

Class 39A: Red Blends - 2023 and younger

				Class #	Score	Medal
Amato Vino	2023	Rosso	Margaret River	39A 1	83.0	
Ancient Soils	2024	Tempranillo Touriga	Heathcote	39A 2	90.5	Silver
Dalwood Estate	2023	Tempranillo Touriga	Hunter Valley	39A 3	90.0	Silver
Hungerford Hill	2023	Tempranillo Graciano	Hilltops	39A 4	84.0	
Pindarie	2023	T.S.S	Barossa Valley	39A 5	85.5	Bronze
Ricca Terra	2023	Bullets Before Cannonballs	Riverland	39A 6	93.0	Silver
Hither & Yon	2023	Touriga Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	39A 7	86.5	Bronze
Notes	2023	Touriga Tinta Cão	McLaren Vale	39A 8	95.0	Gold
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2024	Brioni's Blend	McLaren Vale	39A 9	96.0	Gold
Yarra Yering	2023	Dry Red Wine No. 3	Yarra Valley	39A 10	87.5	Bronze
Ridgemill Estate	2023	Dos Perros	Riverland	39A 11	82.0	
Woody Nook	2023	Limited Release G&T	Margaret River	39A 12	92.5	Silver
Big Easy Radio	2023	Funtime Fountain	McLaren Vale	39A 13	86.5	Bronze
Black & Ginger	2023	Persephone	Murray Darling Vic	39A 14	83.5	
Chalmers	2023	Top Block	Heathcote	39A 15	84.0	
Montevecchio	2023	Rosso	Heathcote	39A 16	85.5	Bronze
Pikes Wines	2024	Luccio Novello	Clare Valley	39A 17	87.5	Bronze

Class 39A Comments:

A lot of variation in this class from lighter crunchy wines to some very powerful dense blends. There were good wines at both ends of the spectrum. Wines that weren't awarded, were dominated by oak or over ripe fruit.



Class 39B: Red blends - 2022 and older

						Class #	Score	Medal
Hahndorf Hill	2021	Benediction	Adelaide Hills	39B 1	88.5	Bronze		
Hahndorf Hill	2022	Benediction	Adelaide Hills	39B 2	86.5	Bronze		
Bremerton	2022	Special Release Tempranillo/Graciano	Langhorne Creek	39B 3	95.0	Gold		
Brown Brothers	2022	Winemaker's Series Tempranillo Graciano	Heathcote	39B 4	85.5	Bronze		
Stanton & Killeen	2021	Terra Mae	Rutherglen	39B 5	90.0	Silver		
Stanton & Killeen	2022	Terra Mae	Rutherglen	39B 6	85.5	Bronze		
Shadowfax	2022	Minnow Carignan, Grenache, Mataro	Port Phillip	39B 7	96.0	Gold		
Seppeltsfield Wines	2022	No. EC3 Barossa Touriga, Tinta Cao, Tinta Amarela	Barossa Valley	39B 8	95.0	Gold		
Valley Selection	2022	Lusitania	Nagambie Lakes	39B 9	85.5	Bronze		
Black & Ginger	2022	Cinco Rojas	Great Western	39B 10	88.0	Bronze		
Big Easy Radio	2020	Funtime Fountain	McLaren Vale	39B 11	93.0	Silver		
Langmeil Winery	2022	Della Mina Sangiovese Barbera	Barossa Valley	39B 12	83.5			
Reillys	2020	Moonvine Sagrantino Sangiovese Shiraz	Clare Valley	39B 13	88.0	Bronze		
Reillys	2021	Dry Land Sagrantino Sangiovese Shiraz	Clare Valley	39B 14	84.5			
Calabria Family Wines	2022	Alternato Montepulciano Nero D'Avola	Barossa Valley	39B 15	85.5	Bronze		
Zonte's Footstep	2021	Canto Montepulciano Sangiovese	Fleurieu	39B 16	90.0	Silver		
Santolin Wines Cosa Nostra	2020	Il Capo	Heathcote	39B 17	85.0	Bronze		
Purple Hands Wines	2022	Colours of the South Rosso	Barossa Valley	39B 18	88.5	Bronze		

Class 39B Comments:

A pleasure to judge. Some beautiful fruit planted in the right spots and well managed winemaking and blending.

Class 40: Sweet style wines

						Class #	Score	Medal
Cappa Stone Wines	NV	Fragolino	Murray Darling NSW	40 1	0.0	Not Received		
Trentham Estate	2016	Reserve Noble Taminga	Murray Darling NSW	40 2	89.5	Bronze		
Chalmers	2023	Appassimento	Heathcote	40 3	85.0	Bronze		

Class 40 Comments:

Of the two wines shown, the best example had fruit, acid, length and complexity.



Class 41: Fortified wines

				Class #	Score	Medal
Stanton & Killeen	NV	Classic Topaque	Rutherglen	41 1	90.0	Silver
Billy Button	2021	Vermentino Dry Vermouth	Alpine Valleys	41 2	83.0	
Peter Lehmann Wines	2020	The King VPT	Barossa Valley	41 3	0.0	Withdrawn
LINO RAMBLE	2023	SLY FOX	McLaren Vale	41 4	83.5	
Stanton & Killeen	NV	Grand Topaque	Rutherglen	41 5	89.0	Bronze
Silkwood Estate	NV	Original Zin	Pemberton	41 6	84.0	
Capogreco Winery Estate	2018	Crema Apera	North West Victoria	41 7	90.0	Silver
St Hugo	2023	Fortified Touriga	Barossa Valley	41 8	84.0	

Class 41 Comments:

Some really lovely examples of traditional styles represented. The best of which showed poise, balance of acidity and alcohol, coupled with integrity of style.

Class 42: Wines of Provenance

				Class #	Score	Medal
First Drop Wines	2010	Forza	Adelaide Hills	42 1	81.0	
Freeman	NV	Secco	Hilltops	42 2	96.0	Gold
Reillys	NV	Dry Land Tempranillo	Clare Valley	42 3	88.0	Bronze
Reillys Wines	2016	Dry Land Tempranillo	Clare Valley	42 4	0.0	Withdrawn
Billy Button	NV	'The Affable' Barbera	Alpine Valleys	42 5	95.0	Gold
Tahbilk	2016	"1927 Vines" Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	42 6	86.5	Bronze
Oliver's Taranga	NV	Fiano	McLaren Vale	42 7	95.0	Gold
Artwine	NV	Fiano	Clare Valley	42 8	93.5	Silver
Reillys	2023	Dry Land Tempranillo	Clare Valley	42 9	0.0	Withdrawn
Billy Button	NV	'The Delinquent' Verduzzo	Alpine Valleys	42 10	90.0	Silver

Class 42 Comments:

A wonderful tasting across decades. Great discussion regarding the top wines and the ideas behind provenance. Gold wine brackets displayed consistency of style, and fruit depth. Congratulations to these producers. Top wine proved the test of time- an intriguing and robust 20-year-old, that opened up wonderfully in the glass.