



Class 1: Sparkling wine

				Class #	Score	Medal
Quealy	2022	Splendido	Mornington Peninsula	1 1	88.0	Bronze
Old Inn Road Wine	2022	Sparkling Chambourcin	Northern Rivers	1 2	84.0	
Athletes of Wine	2023	Col Fondo	Glenrowan	1 4	90.0	Silver
Caro Piccolo	NV	Lilias Traditional Method Grechetto	Riverina	1 5	84.0	
Vineyard 28	2024	Wildwater Sparkling Pignoletto	Geographe	1 6	93.0	Silver
Sherrah Wines	2025	Petillant-Naturel Fiano/Chenin Blanc	McLaren Vale	1 7	84.0	
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2017	The Hunt for Mrs Oliver Methode Traditionnelle Fiano	McLaren Vale	1 8	95.0	Gold
Richard Hamilton	NV	Long Stem Sparkling Fiano	McLaren Vale	1 9	95.0	Gold
I'll fly away ...	NV	Cuvée MJ	Heathcote	1 10	80.0	
De Bortoli	NV	Nebbiolo Fizz	Yarra Valley	1 11	0.0	Not Received
Dal Zotto	2017	La Nebbia Sparkling	King Valley	1 12	84.0	
Mount Towrong	2023	Vivace	Macedon Ranges	1 13	83.0	
Chalmers	2024	Col Fondo	Heathcote	1 14	90.0	Silver
Coueslant	2025	Rosé	Nagambie Lakes	1 15	83.0	
Tenafeate Creek Wines	2025	Sparkling BLUSH	Mount Lofty Ranges	1 16	83.0	
SOUMAH	2025	Brachetto Frizzante d'Soumah	Yarra Valley	1 17	86.0	Bronze
Trentham Estate	2025	The Family Frizzante Maestri	Murray Darling Vic	1 18	85.0	Bronze

Class 1 Comments:

Varied class with good results from varying grapes and styles. A strong liking for wines of integrity (balance and fruit expressiveness). Enjoyable to judge. Less coherent wines fared more poorly but good to see wines of intent well expressed.

Class 2: Arneis

				Class #	Score	Medal
Billy Button	2024	'The Little Rascal' Arneis	Alpine Valleys	2 1	83.0	
Vineyard 28	2025	Arneis	Geographe	2 2	88.0	Bronze
Chalk Hill	2025	Small Batch Release Arneis	Adelaide Hills	2 3	87.0	Bronze
SOUMAH	2025	Arneis d'Soumah	Yarra Valley	2 4	86.0	Bronze
Pankhurst Wines	2022	Arneis	Canberra District	2 5	84.0	
Rutherglen Estate	2024	Arneis	Rutherglen	2 6	87.0	Bronze
Santolin Wines Cosa Nostra	2024	Arneis	Yarra Valley	2 7	83.0	
Stone Dwellers	2025	Arneis	Strathbogie Ranges	2 8	90.0	Silver
Artwine	2025	Ti Amo Arneis	Adelaide Hills	2 9	95.0	Gold



First Drop Wines	2024	Vivo Adelaide Hills Arneis	Adelaide Hills	2	10	84.0
Patch Wines	2025	Nebbiolo Bianco (Arneis)	Yarra Valley	2	11	84.0

Class 2 Comments:

The spread of style and quality was a little surprising; some seemed to lack structure holding them together. The best wines had some floral interest and some tension through the palate from acid balance, fresh and attractive. There is potential for this variety but perhaps not easy to get the balance right.

Class 3A: Vermentino - 2025

				Class #	Score	Medal
Golden Grove Estate	2025	Vermentino	Granite Belt	3A 1	85.0	Bronze
Stone Dwellers	2025	Vermentino	Strathbogie Ranges	3A 2	95.0	Gold
Chalmers	2025	Vermentino	Heathcote	3A 3	0.0	Withdrawn
Seppeltsfield Wines	2025	Barossa Vermentino	Barossa Valley	3A 4	86.0	Bronze
Alpha Box and Dice	2025	Tozzo Vermentino	Riverland	3A 5	84.0	
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2025	Vermentino	McLaren Vale	3A 6	90.0	Silver
Storm King Wine Co	2025	Vermentino	Granite Belt	3A 7	84.0	
Ricca Terra	2025	Ricca Terra	Riverland	3A 8	96.0	Gold
Myattsfield	2025	Vermentino	Perth Hills	3A 9	93.0	Silver
Mercer Wines	2025	Vermentino	Hunter	3A 10	83.0	
Trentham Estate	2025	The Family Vermentino	Murray Darling NSW	3A 11	84.0	
Cleanskin No. 52	2025	Fleurieu Vermentino	Fleurieu	3A 12	83.0	
Chalk Hill	2025	Vermentino	McLaren Vale	3A 13	81.0	
Chapel Hill	2025	Small Batch Vermentino	McLaren Vale	3A 14	83.0	
Ridgemill Estate	2025	Vermentino	Granite Belt	3A 15	83.0	
Patch Wines	2025	Vermentino	Alpine Valleys	3A 16	84.0	
Kati Allo	2025	vermentino	Riverland	3A 17	86.0	Bronze
Muto Wine	2025	Vermentino	Murray Darling Vic	3A 18	83.0	
Berton Vineyards	2025	Metal Label Vermentino	Riverina	3A 19	87.0	Bronze
Saverio	2025	Vermentino	Riverina	3A 20	79.0	
First Ridge	2025	Vermentino	Mudgee	3A 21	95.0	Gold
David Hook Wines	2025	Central Ranges Vermentino	Central Ranges	3A 22	84.0	
Wines of Merritt	2025	Boyup Brook Vermentino	Blackwood Valley	3A 23	85.0	Bronze
The Little Wine Co	2025	Vermentino	Hunter Valley	3A 24	82.0	
Mr. Mick	2025	Vermentino	Clare Valley	3A 25	87.0	Bronze



Sam Select	2025	Vermentino	Riverina	3A	26	81.0	
Hastwell & Lightfoot	2025	Vermentino	McLaren Vale	3A	27	83.0	
Vigna Bottin Wines	2025	Vermentino	McLaren Vale	3A	28	85.0	Bronze
Lake Breeze Wines	2025	Vermentino	Langhorne Creek	3A	29	87.0	Bronze
SOUTH BY SOUTH WEST	2025	VERMENTINO	Margaret River	3A	30	91.0	Silver

Class 3A Comments:

A class of clean generally well made wines with only a few highlights. For this variety a careful use of skin contact gave some wines an extra dimension. Sweetness needs to be used carefully as in some cases wines looked a little unbalanced.

Class 3B: Vermentino - 2024 and older

				Class #	Score	Medal
Vino Intrepido	2024	A Pound of Flesh	Nagambie Lakes	3B	1	93.0 Silver
Andrew Peace Wines	2024	Vermentino	Murray Darling NSW	3B	2	87.0 Bronze
The Ethereal One	2024	Fleurieu Vermentino	Fleurieu	3B	3	92.0 Silver
Atze's Corner	2024	Settler's Garden	Barossa Valley	3B	4	86.0 Bronze
Billy Button	2024	'The Versatile' Vermentino	Alpine Valleys	3B	5	97.0 Gold
Alles Klar	2024	Squeaky Cheese	Riverland	3B	6	83.0
Vino Volta	2024	Sole Bambino	Geographe	3B	7	84.0
Ros Ritchie Wines	2024	Sandy Creek Vineyard	Upper Goulburn	3B	8	86.0 Bronze

Class 3B Comments:

Some hit and miss in this class, but a lovely top wine with varietal typicity and very good balance. The grape perhaps doesn't have a huge amount of character and easily shows shortcomings in uninspiring wines. A skinsy example showed well with some out of the box thinking.

Class 4A: Fiano - 2025

				Class #	Score	Medal
Warrabilla	2025	Small Batch Fiano	Rutherglen	4A	1	87.0 Bronze
Tout Pret	2025	Brunch	Rutherglen	4A	2	87.0 Bronze
Bunnamagoo Estate Wines	2025	Fiano	Mudgee	4A	3	90.0 Silver
Serafino Wines	2025	Bellissimo Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	4	83.0
La Prova	2025	Fiano	Adelaide Hills	4A	5	92.0 Silver
In Praise of Shadows	2025	'Ki" Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	6	96.0 Gold
Wangolina	2025	A-Series Fiano	Limestone Coast	4A	7	89.0 Bronze



Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2025 Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	8	83.0	
Trentham Estate	2025 Cellar Reserve Fiano	Murray Darling Vic	4A	9	83.0	
Hugo Wines	2025 Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	10	84.0	
Saddler's Creek Wines	2025 Single Suitcase Fiano	Broke Fordwich	4A	11	83.0	
Briar Ridge	2025 Limited Release Fiano	Hunter Valley	4A	12	83.0	
Sherrah Wines	2025 Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	13	96.0	Gold
Dalwood Estate	2025 Fiano	Hunter Valley	4A	14	84.0	
Artwine	2025 Wicked Stepmother	Clare Valley	4A	15	90.0	Silver
Berton Vineyards	2025 Alfresco Range Fiano	Riverina	4A	16	88.0	Bronze
Tahbilk	2025 Fiano	Nagambie Lakes	4A	17	92.0	Silver
Green Door	2025 Amphora Fiano	Geographe	4A	18	95.0	Gold
Main & Cherry	2025 Fiano	Adelaide Hills	4A	19	95.0	Gold
Mr. Mick	2025 Fiano	Clare Valley	4A	20	81.0	
Miss Zilm	2025 Auburn Fiano	Clare Valley	4A	21	0.0	Not Received
Saverio	2025 Fiano	Riverina	4A	22	88.0	Bronze
Ricca Terra	2025 Ricca Terra	Riverland	4A	23	86.0	Bronze
Tar&Roses	2025 Fiano	Swan Hill	4A	24	0.0	Not Received
Orbis Wines	2025 Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	25	83.0	
Coriole	2025 Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	26	87.0	Bronze
St Aidan Wines	2025 Myra	Geographe	4A	27	84.0	
Bondar Wines	2025 Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	28	88.0	Bronze
d'Arenberg	2025 The Sun Surfer Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	29	85.0	Bronze
Landaire	2025 Fiano	Padthaway	4A	30	90.0	Silver
Catlow & Company	2025 Fiano	King Valley	4A	31	82.0	
VS&B	2025 King Valley Fiano	King Valley	4A	32	84.0	
First Ridge	2025 Fiano	Mudgee	4A	33	97.0	Gold
McLaren Vale	2025 Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	34	85.0	Bronze
Vigna Bottin	2025 Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	35	87.0	Bronze
Duxton Vineyards	2025 REWILD sustainably made FIANO	Murray Darling NSW	4A	36	90.0	Silver
Pizzini	2025 Fiano	King Valley	4A	37	84.0	
Marnong Wines	2025 Single Vineyard Fiano	Sunbury	4A	38	86.0	Bronze
d'Arenberg	2025 The Moon Surfer	McLaren Vale	4A	39	95.0	Gold
Pindarie	2025 Small Block Fiano	Barossa	4A	40	90.0	Silver
Bremerton	2025 Special Release Fiano	Langhorne Creek	4A	41	0.0	Not Received
Chapel Hill	2025 The Parson Adelaide Fiano	Barossa Valley	4A	42	85.0	Bronze



Hither & Yon	2025 Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	43	93.0	Silver
Pikes Wines	2025 Luccio Fiano	Clare Valley	4A	44	83.0	
Chalk Hill	2025 Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	45	83.0	
Andrew Peace Wines	2025 Fiano	North West Victoria	4A	46	85.0	Bronze
Linear Wines	2025 Fiano	Hilltops	4A	47	86.0	Bronze
Bellwether	2025 Ant series Wrattenbully Fiano	Wrattenbully	4A	48	0.0	Withdrawn
Pietro Wines	2025 Fiano100%	McLaren Vale	4A	49	88.0	Bronze
Millbrook	2025 Regional Fiano	Margaret River	4A	50	89.0	Bronze
Gudilly	2025 Fiano	Clare Valley	4A	51	96.0	Gold
Woodstock Wine	2025 Moritz Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	52	85.0	Bronze
Hugh Hamilton Wines	2025 The Loose Cannon	McLaren Vale	4A	53	87.0	Bronze
Hesketh	2025 Small Batch Fiano	Adelaide Hills	4A	54	87.0	Bronze
Haselgrove Wines	2025 Alternative Series Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	55	93.0	Silver
Hastwell & Lightfoot	2025 Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	56	87.0	Bronze
Maxwell Wines	2025 Fiano	McLaren Vale	4A	57	95.0	Gold
Billy Button	2025 'The Honest' Fiano	Alpine Valleys	4A	58	88.0	Bronze
Tellurian	2025 Fiano	Heathcote	4A	59	86.0	Bronze
SOUTH BY SOUTH WEST	2025 FIANO	Geographe	4A	60	85.0	Bronze
Foxeys Hangout	2025 Foxeys Fiano	Mornington Peninsula	4A	61	95.0	Gold

Class 4A Comments:

a strong class with some excellent wines showing the strength of this variety. Top wines showed great diversity overall with excellent texture and length and great suitability for food.

Class 4B: Fiano - 2024 and older

				Class #	Score	Medal
Vino Volta	2024 So Well Then	Swan District	4B	1	88.0	Bronze
Tonon Vineyard & Winery	2024 Fiano	Perth Hills	4B	2	95.0	Gold
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2024 Anfore Fiano	McLaren Vale	4B	3	84.0	
Chalmers	2024 Fiano	Heathcote	4B	4	92.0	Silver
In Praise of Shadows	2024 'Ki' Fiano	McLaren Vale	4B	5	87.0	Bronze
Dal Zotto Wines	2024 Fiano	King Valley	4B	6	89.0	Bronze
Richard Hamilton	2024 'La Valle' Fiano	McLaren Vale	4B	7	84.0	
Brown Brothers	2024 Origins Series Fiano	North West Victoria	4B	8	81.0	



Tumblong Hills	2024	Table Of Plenty	Gundagai	4B	9	0.0	Not Received
La Prova	2024	Uno Fiano	Adelaide Hills	4B	10	82.0	
Roots Wine Making Project	2024	Fiano	Riverland	4B	11	92.0	Silver
Baileys of Glenrowan	2024	Small Batch Organic Fiano	Glenrowan	4B	12	90.0	Silver
Caro Piccolo	2024	Lilias Fiano	Riverina	4B	13	88.0	Bronze
Santa & D'Sas	2024	2024 Valentino Fiano	King Valley	4B	14	91.0	Silver
GKLR	2023	Fiano	Heathcote	4B	15	83.0	
Unico Zelo	2023	Alluvium	Adelaide Hills	4B	16	83.0	
Unico Zelo	2023	Birdwood	Adelaide Hills	4B	17	84.0	
Marnong Wines	2024	Single Vineyard Fiano	Sunbury	4B	18	87.0	Bronze
Briar Ridge	2024	Limited Release Fiano	Hunter Valley	4B	19	83.0	
Coriole	2024	Rubato Fiano	McLaren Vale	4B	20	83.0	
Shingleback	2024	NX Gen McLaren Vale Fiano	McLaren Vale	4B	21	84.0	
Hedonist Wines	2024	Fiano	McLaren Vale	4B	22	84.0	
Sutton Grange Winery	2024	Sutton Grange Fiano	Bendigo	4B	23	0.0	Not Received
One Line	2024	Fiano	Rutherglen	4B	24	84.0	
Paisley	2024	Linen	Eden Valley	4B	25	83.0	
Santolin Wines Cosa Nostra	2023	Fiano	Heathcote	4B	26	87.0	Bronze
Lethbridge Wines	2023	Fiano	Swan Hill	4B	27	84.0	
Next Crop Wines	2024	Langhorne Creek NC White	Langhorne Creek	4B	28	84.0	
By Fabiano	2024	Fiano	McLaren Vale	4B	29	84.0	

Class 4B Comments:

Interesting bracket with many wines showing a lot of age (toast, wax, honey) for such your wines and some structures coming undone. The best wines had fresh primary fruit, zest, pith and energy. There was also a good skin-contact example.

Class 5: Pecorino

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Alpha Box and Dice	2025	X Pecorino	Adelaide Hills	5	1	95.0	Gold
The Little Wine Co	2025	Pecorino	Hunter Valley	5	2	86.0	Bronze
Chalmers	2024	Pecorino	Heathcote	5	3	96.0	Gold
Saverio	2025	Pecorino	Riverland	5	4	0.0	Not Received
Roots Winemaking Project	2024	Pecorino	Riverland	5	5	90.0	Silver
Ziliotto	2025	2025 Pecorino	Hunter Valley	5	6	86.0	Bronze



The Little Wine Co	2025	Little Gem Pecorino	Hunter Valley	5	7	88.0	Bronze
David Hook Wines	2025	Pecorino	Hunter Valley	5	8	88.5	Bronze
Lake Breeze	2025	Pecorino	Langhorne Creek	5	9	85.0	Bronze
Brycefield Estate	2025	Il Dottore	Hunter Valley	5	10	0.0	Not Received

Class 5 Comments:

Two amazingly different golds, once crunchy and tight, the other more worked with incredible length and flavour

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

				Class #	Score	Medal
Chalmers	2024	Bush Vine Inzolia	Murray Darling Vic	6	1	87.0 Bronze
Tempus Two	2025	Copper Ansonica	Murray Darling Vic	6	2	93.0 Silver
Quealy Winemakers	2023	Turbul Friulano	Mornington Peninsula	6	3	88.0 Bronze
Billy Button	2024	'The Feisty' Friulano	King Valley	6	4	90.0 Silver
Longleat Wines	2025	Zingari	Goulburn Valley	6	5	87.0 Bronze
Grandis Wines	2023	Unearthed Garganega	Hunter Valley	6	6	82.0
Caro Piccolo	2024	Lilias Grechetto	Riverina	6	7	85.0 Bronze
Vino Intrepido	2024	Heads Nor Tails	Heathcote	6	8	88.0 Bronze
I'll fly away ...	2022	If I had wings	Heathcote	6	9	84.0
Unico Zelo	2024	Terra Cotta	Riverland	6	10	83.0
MDI Wines	2023	MDI Grillo Skin.Ed CLXX		6	11	88.0 Bronze
Mount Towrong	2024	Grillo	Murray Darling Vic	6	12	86.0 Bronze
Billy Button Wines	2024	'The Mysterious' Malvasia	Alpine Valleys	6	13	84.0
Quealy Winemakers	2023	Turbul Malvasia	Mornington Peninsula	6	14	88.0 Bronze
Wangolina	2025	Seasons Malvasia Istriana	Mount Benson	6	15	87.0 Bronze
Ballandean Estate	2025	Malvasia	Granite Belt	6	16	89.0 Bronze
MDI Wines	2024	MDI Picolit Skin.Ed II		6	17	84.0
Quealy Winemakers	2022	Turbul Ribolla Gialla	Mornington Peninsula	6	18	86.0 Bronze
Athletes of Wine	2023	Ambratino	Glenrowan	6	19	84.0
Salvatore	2025	Trebbiano	Riverina	6	20	86.0 Bronze
Saverio	2025	Trebbiano	Riverina	6	21	89.0 Bronze
Athletes of Wine	2024	Amber Trebbiano	Glenrowan	6	22	84.0
BVO	2025	'Beminde' Verdicchio	Murray Darling Vic	6	23	90.0 Silver



Fighting Gully Road	2024	Verdicchio	Beechworth	6	24	88.0	Bronze
Billy Button Wines	2024	'The Delinquent' Verduzzo	Alpine Valleys	6	25	91.0	Silver
Athletes of Wine	2023	Bianco	Glenrowan	6	26	87.0	Bronze

Class 6 Comments:

There was a very wide range of styles in this class, ranging from clean, fresh young styles to oxidative and skin-contact styles which were not well served being in the same lineup. There were several good wines which were contentious in discussion as can be seen in the comments.

Class 6A: Falanghina

				Class #	Score	Medal
Hither & Yon	2025	Falanghina	McLaren Vale	6A 1	90.0	Silver
Artwine	2025	Bella Donna Falanghina	Clare Valley	6A 2	87.0	Bronze
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2025	Falanghina	McLaren Vale	6A 3	91.0	Silver
Chalmers	2024	Falanghina	Heathcote	6A 4	88.0	Bronze
Lino Ramble	2025	Paper Doll	McLaren Vale	6A 5	95.0	Gold
Lark Hill	2024	Falanghina	Murray Darling Vic	6A 6	86.0	Bronze
Aphelion	2025	Welkin Falanghina	McLaren Vale	6A 7	83.0	

Class 6A Comments:

Some wines flabby and a bit over done, one lovely and fragrant and a super controversial avant garde gold for a noticeably salty but oh so succulent wine, bring out the sardines!

Class 7: Viognier

				Class #	Score	Medal
Sutton Grange Winery	2024	Fairbank Viognier	Bendigo	7 1	0.0	Not Received
David Hook Wines	2025	Viognier	Hunter Valley	7 2	95.0	Gold
Yalumba	2023	Yalumba Samuels Collection Eden Valley Viognier	Eden Valley	7 3	91.0	Silver
Millbrook	2025	Estate Viognier	Perth Hills	7 4	84.0	
Tahbilk	2025	Viognier	Nagambie Lakes	7 5	84.0	
Shadowfax Minnow	2025	Viognier	Pyrenees	7 6	84.0	
Topper's Mounatin	2023	Keeper Viognier	New England Australia	7 7	80.0	
Geddes Wines	2024	Seldom Inn	Fleurieu	7 8	82.0	
SCION	2024	Viognier	Rutherglen	7 9	84.0	
SOUMAH	2023	Equilibrio Viognier	Yarra Valley	7 10	96.0	Gold



Briar Ridge	2024	Limited Release Viognier	Limestone Coast	7	11	83.0	
SCION	2023	Viognier	Rutherglen	7	12	90.0	Silver
Hidden Creek	2024	Viognier	Granite Belt	7	13	87.0	Bronze

Class 7 Comments:

Some Viognier character through most of the wines, with a couple showing a crisp white neutral tone and others at the other end of the spectrum. The best were aromatic and had varietal stone fruit and spice, with persistence and drive.

Class 8: Marsanne

				Class #	Score	Medal
Tahbilk	2017	"1927 Vines" Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	8	1	93.0 Silver
Alkimi Wines	2023	Marsanne	Yarra Valley	8	2	88.0 Bronze
Pankhurst Wines	2023	Marsanne	Canberra District	8	3	93.0 Silver
In Good Hands	2024	Marsanne	Margaret River	8	4	89.0 Bronze
Pankhurst Wines	2024	Marsanne	Canberra District	8	5	88.0 Bronze
Hidden Creek	2024	Marsanne	Granite Belt	8	6	0.0 Not Received
Tahbilk	2025	Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	8	7	90.0 Silver

Class 8 Comments:

There is a diversity of winemaking styles here including some very classic Australian regional expression. Oak use had to be carefully done. Complexity from development was a feature in a few wines. The best wines have lovely purity and concentration which shone through other winemaking decisions.

Class 9: Pinot Blanc/Bianco

				Class #	Score	Medal
Michelini Wines	2024	Pinot Bianco	King Valley	9	1	87.0 Bronze
Lenton Brae	2025	Pinot Blanc	Margaret River	9	2	96.0 Gold
Billy Button	2023	'The Demure' Pinot Blanc	Alpine Valleys	9	3	90.0 Silver
Hesketh	2024	Small Batch Pinot Blanc	Adelaide Hills	9	4	90.0 Silver
Vinoque	2024	Pinot Blanc	Yarra Valley	9	5	88.0 Bronze
Gapsted Estate	2024	Valley Selection Pinot Blanc	King Valley	9	6	95.0 Gold
Penfield Farm	2025	Pinot Bianco	Adelaide Hills	9	7	85.0 Bronze
Ros Ritchie Wines	2025	Pinot Blanc	King Valley	9	8	85.0 Bronze

Class 9 Comments:

great discussion over 4 call backs, a strong class, with fragrance, texture and acid balance/integration bringing joy



Class 10: Picpoul

				Class #	Score	Medal
Saddler's Creek Wines	2025	Winemaker's Craft	Central Ranges	10 1	91.0	Silver
Macaulay Wines	2024	Piquepoul	McLaren Vale	10 2	85.0	Bronze
Alpha Box and Dice	2025	X Picpoul	Fleurieu	10 3	89.0	Bronze
Muto Wine	2025	Picpoul	Riverland	10 4	83.0	
Ministry of Clouds	2025	Picpoul	McLaren Vale	10 5	93.0	Silver
Mercer Wines	2025	Picpoul Blanc	Central Ranges	10 6	89.0	Bronze
Mr. Riggs Wine Co.	2024	Picpoul	McLaren Vale	10 7	95.0	Gold

Class 10 Comments:

re trademarks of the variety.

Class 11: Chenin Blanc

				Class #	Score	Medal
Sherrah Wines	2025	Chenin Blanc	McLaren Vale	11 1	85.0	Bronze
Tumblong Hills	2024	Tumblong Hills	Gundagai	11 2	0.0	Not Received
Collector	2023	Parasol Chenin Blanc	Gundagai	11 3	82.0	
John Gehrigh Wines	2025	Chenin Blanc	King Valley	11 4	85.0	Bronze
In Good Hands	2024	Chenin Blanc	Margaret River	11 5	96.0	Gold
Grandis Wines	2025	Unearthed Chenin Blanc	Hunter Valley	11 6	88.0	Bronze
Nikola Estate	2025	Chenin Blanc	Swan Valley	11 7	93.0	Silver
Woody Nook	2025	Estate Chenin Blanc	Margaret River	11 8	0.0	Withdrawn
Yayoi Wines	2024	Vallée of the Kings	Swan Hill	11 9	86.0	Bronze
Wines of Merritt	2024	Metricup Chenin	Margaret River	11 10	84.0	
Vino Volta	2023	Funky and Fearless Chenin Blanc	Swan Valley	11 11	89.0	Bronze
Hither & Yon	2025	Chenin Blanc	McLaren Vale	11 12	87.0	Bronze
In Good Hands	2023	Chenin Blanc	Margaret River	11 13	86.0	Bronze
Nikola Estate	2023	Nikola Estate Regional Chenin Blanc	Swan Valley	11 14	95.0	Gold
SOUTH BY SOUTH WEST	2025	CHENIN BLANC	Margaret River	11 15	88.0	Bronze
SOUTH BY SOUTH WEST	2024	CHENIN BLANC	Swan Valley	11 16	93.0	Silver

Class 11 Comments:

A range of styles, from oaked to fresh, crisp more aromatic wines. Best wines showed great balance of fruit, acid and in some cases oak. Lesser wines tended to be a bit neutral and in a couple of cases quite developed.



Class 12: Grenache Blanc

				Class #	Score	Medal
Los Hermanos	2024	Garnacha Blanca	Heathcote	12 1	88.0	Bronze
Maxwell Wines	2025	Grenache Blanc	McLaren Vale	12 2	87.0	Bronze
Vinoque	2022	Grenache Blanc	Heathcote	12 3	0.0	Not Received
Willunga 100	2025	Grenache Blanc McLaren Vale	McLaren Vale	12 4	96.0	Gold
Ricca Terra	2025	Ricca Terra	Riverland	12 5	88.0	Bronze
Yalumba Wines	2025	Yalumba Vine Vale Grenache Blanc	Barossa	12 6	84.0	
Ricca Terra	2024	Una Vita Grenache Blanc	Barossa	12 7	95.0	Gold

Class 12 Comments:

varied class with some wines very neutral in character. better wines showed character, texture and drinkability. two very different styles awarded gold.

Class 13: Other white French varietal wines (min. 85% single variety)

				Class #	Score	Medal
Sentio	2025	Aligoté	King Valley	13 1	90.0	Silver
Artwine	2023	Masterpiece Grenache Gris	Clare Valley	13 2	86.0	Bronze
Grant Nash	2025	Gee Gee	McLaren Vale	13 3	84.0	
Hugo Wines	2025	Grenache Gris	McLaren Vale	13 4	95.0	Gold
Billy Button	2024	The Mixed Up Manseng	King Valley	13 5	90.0	Silver
Gapsted Estate	2023	Grand Manseng	Alpine Valleys	13 6	87.0	Bronze
d'Arenberg	2024	The Money Spider	McLaren Vale	13 7	88.0	Bronze
ARC WINES	2024	Savagnin	McLaren Vale	13 8	0.0	Not Received
Golding Wines	2023	La Francesa Savagnin	Lenswood	13 9	84.0	
SOUMAH	2025	Hexham Vineyard Savarro	Yarra Valley	13 10	91.0	Silver
Cri de Coeur	2019	Savagnin 'Sous Voile'	Mornington Peninsula	13 11	95.0	Gold

Class 13 Comments:

Mixed bag of wines with a high general standard and golds going to two thoroughly different styles. Mostly good, clean wines with texture and delicacy.



Class 14: Albarino

			Class #		Score	Medal
Briar Ridge	2025	Limited Release Albarino	Hunter Valley	14 1	90.0	Silver
Saverio	2025	Albarino	Riverland	14 2	88.0	Bronze
ND Wines	2025	Albarino	McLaren Vale	14 3	91.0	Silver
Lingo	2024	South Australian Albarino	Riverland	14 4	89.0	Bronze
Fetherston	2024	'Magnolia' Albarino	King Valley	14 5	91.0	Silver
La Cantina King Valley	2025	Albarino	King Valley	14 6	83.0	
Tahbilk	2025	Albarino	Nagambie Lakes	14 7	85.0	Bronze
Weathercraft	2024	Barrel Fermented Albariño	Beechworth	14 8	96.0	Gold
Kati Allo	2024	Albarino	Riverland	14 9	95.0	Gold
Yeates Wines	2025	Albariño	Mudgee	14 10	88.0	Bronze
Pikes Wines	2025	Luccio Albarino	Clare Valley	14 11	88.0	Bronze
Deep Woods Estate	2025	Single Vineyard Albarino	Margaret River	14 12	84.0	
Nepenthe	2024	Pinnacle Albarino	Adelaide Hills	14 13	89.0	Bronze
The Little Wine Company	2025	Albarino	Hunter Valley	14 14	91.0	Silver
Sapling Yard	2025	Albarino	Hilltops	14 15	93.0	Silver
Orbis Wines	2025	Albarino	McLaren Vale	14 16	88.0	Bronze
CENTENNIAL VINEYARDS	2024	RESERVE ALBARINO	Southern Highlands	14 17	86.0	Bronze
Stanton & Killeen	2025	Alvarinho	Rutherglen	14 18	89.0	Bronze
Kati Allo	2025	Albarino	Riverland	14 19	92.0	Silver

Class 14 Comments:

Good strike rate, quite high quality across the class in terms of fruit weight and handling. Amazing diversity of styles and winemaking from very fragrant and pure to fuller and structured, to orange and exotic. Top wine is waxy, fresh and saline.

Class 15: Arinto

Class # Score Medal

Class 15 Comments:



Class 16: Gewurztraminer

			Class #	Score	Medal
Tamburlaine Organic Wines	2025	Wine Lovers Gewurztraminer	16 1	88.0	Bronze
Henschke	2025	Joseph Hill	16 2	88.0	Bronze
Ros Ritchie Wines	2025	Dead Man's Hill Vineyard	16 3	89.0	Bronze
Pike & Joyce Wines	2025	'Epice' Gewurztraminer	16 4	84.0	
Chaffey Bros. Wine Co	2024	Bluhempunkt Gewürztraminer	16 5	85.0	Bronze
Shadowfax	2025	Gewurztraminer	16 6	84.0	
Werkstatt	2025	2025 Whitfield Gewürztraminer	16 7	93.0	Silver
Topper's Mounatin	2023	Finder Gewurztraminer	16 8	84.0	
Saddler's Creek Wines	2025	Winemaker's Craft Gewurtztraminer	16 9	90.0	Silver

Class 16 Comments:

There was plenty of varietal character in these wines with a range of structure in play. The successful wines had well-integrated residual sugar and there is savoury interest across several wines.

Class 17: Gruener Veltliner

			Class #	Score	Medal
Shy Susan	2024	Gruener Veltliner	17 1	85.0	Bronze
Hahndorf Hill	2024	White Mischief	17 2	85.0	Bronze
Collector	2024	Ledger Grüner Veltliner	17 3	90.0	Silver
Wangolina	2024	A-Series Grüner Veltliner	17 4	90.0	Silver
Hahndorf Hill	2024	Gru	17 5	96.0	Gold
Berrigan Wines	2025	Shining Rock Vineyard Gruener Veltliner	17 6	0.0	Not Received
Bloomfield	2025	Grüner	17 7	83.0	
Hand Crafted	2024	Gruener Veltliner	17 8	90.0	Silver
Pike & Joyce Wines	2025	'Separe' Gruener Veltliner	17 9	93.0	Silver
Linear Wines	2025	Gruener Veltliner	17 10	85.0	Bronze
Longview Vineyard	2025	Macclesfield Gruener Veltliner	17 11	86.0	Bronze
Henschke	2025	Percival's Mill	17 12	86.0	Bronze
Billy Button	2025	'The Groovy' Gruener Veltliner	17 13	95.0	Gold
Alpha Box and Dice	2025	Obligato	17 14	87.0	Bronze
K1 Wines	2025	Gruener Veltliner	17 15	85.0	Bronze
K1 Wines	2024	Gruener Veltliner	17 16	95.0	Gold
Ravensworth	2023	2023 Grüner Veltliner	17 17	84.0	



Precious Little	2025	Gruner Veltliner	Adelaide Hills	17	18	84.0	
Chain of Ponds	2025	Unchained Gruner Veltliner	Adelaide Hills	17	19	89.0	Bronze
Hahndorf Hill	2023	Reserve	Adelaide Hills	17	20	87.0	Bronze
Foxeys Hangout	2025	Foxeys Grüener	Mornington Peninsula	17	21	86.0	Bronze

Class 17 Comments:

A strong class. A handful of wines had clumsy oak use. Successful wines covered a broad spectrum of flavour ripeness, showing that well balanced wines could be made from a diverse spread of flavour. Some wines did not hit the mark with sugar, phenolics and acid balance, the best really knew how to tailor it to a point.

Class 18: Other white varietal wines (not Italian or French; min. 85% single variety)

				Class #		Score	Medal
Gapsted Estate	2024	Valley Selection Arinto	Nagambie Lakes	18	1	87.0	Bronze
Alles Klar	2024	Engertico	Riverland	18	2	89.0	Bronze
Lino Ramble	2024	Dot To Dot	McLaren Vale	18	3	83.0	
Stanton & Killeen	2025	Arinto	Rutherglen	18	4	86.0	Bronze
Kati Allo	2025	Assyrtiko	Riverland	18	5	95.0	Gold
Chaffey Bros. Wine Co.	2024	Kontrapunkt Kerner	Eden Valley	18	6	84.0	
VS&B	2025	Schatz Sylvaner	King Valley	18	7	91.0	Silver
Topper's Mountain	2023	Keeper Tempranillo Blanco	New England Australia	18	8	87.0	Bronze
Trentham Estate	2025	Cellar Reserve Verdejo	Murray Darling NSW	18	9	91.0	Silver
Plume Estate Vineyard	2025	Verdejo	Perth Hills	18	10	89.0	Bronze

Class 18 Comments:

A variety of origins but a class that lacked expressiveness overall, partly because intensity of flavour and aroma was a little light.

Class 19: White blends

				Class #		Score	Medal
Mother Block	2025	Skin Contact	Murray Darling Vic	19	1	95.0	Gold
By Fabiano	2024	Greco Fiano	McLaren Vale	19	2	93.0	Silver
Ricca Terra	2024	Bronco Buster	Riverland	19	3	89.5	Bronze
Blood Moon Wines	2025	Moonrise	Murray Darling Vic	19	4	84.0	
11th House	2024	Sorella	Alpine Valleys	19	5	93.0	Silver
Wangolina	2025	Seasons Miksi	Mount Benson	19	6	82.0	



Mother Block	2025	White	Murray Darling Vic	19	7	89.0	Bronze
Muto Wine	2025	Close Contact	Riverland	19	8	90.0	Silver
Sutton Grange Winery	2022	Fairbank Field Blend	Bendigo	19	9	0.0	Not Received
Coriole	2024	Sandalwood	McLaren Vale	19	10	90.0	Silver
Langmeil Winery	2024	Three Gardens Viognier Marsanne Roussanne	Barossa Valley	19	11	85.0	Bronze
Rutherglen Estate	2023	Shelleys Block	Rutherglen	19	12	84.0	
Lark Hill Biodynamic Wines	2024	'Mr.V'	Canberra District	19	13	86.0	Bronze
Renaissance	2024	VRM	Rutherglen	19	14	88.0	Bronze
Ravensworth	2023	Ravensworth 2023 The Grainery	Canberra District	19	15	84.0	
Renaissance	2023	VRM	Rutherglen	19	16	93.0	Silver

Class 19 Comments:

A large selection of callbacks, on the whole fuller bodied wines presented, phenolics either adding interest and complexity or pulling wines down being flat and forward. Top wine truly complex, lots of aromatics and phenolic interest.

Class 20: Rosé

				Class #	Score	Medal	
First Ridge	2025	Sangiovese Rose`	Mudgee	20	1	88.0	Bronze
La Prova	2025	Aglianico Rosato	Adelaide Hills	20	2	93.0	Silver
Smallwater Estate	2025	Roze	Geographe	20	3	88.0	Bronze
Hedonist Wines	2025	Rose	McLaren Vale	20	4	84.0	
Wines of Merritt	2024	Margaret River Rosé	Margaret River	20	5	90.0	Silver
Pietro Wines	2025	Monte100%	McLaren Vale	20	6	84.0	
Hither & Yon	2025	Rosato	McLaren Vale	20	7	84.0	
Ricca Terra	2024	Terra do Rio	Barossa	20	8	85.0	Bronze
Dal Zotto	2025	Rosato	King Valley	20	9	84.0	
Izway Wines	2025	Rosato	Barossa Valley	20	10	83.0	
Scarpantoni Estate	2025	Gamay Rose	McLaren Vale	20	11	84.0	
Shy Susan	2024	Nebbiolo Rose	Alpine Valleys	20	12	85.0	Bronze
Vigna Bottin Wines	2025	Rosato	McLaren Vale	20	13	85.5	Bronze
Mercer Wines	2025	Rosato	Orange	20	14	0.0	Not Received
Kati Allo	2025	Tempranillo Rose	Riverland	20	15	84.0	
rokkwell	2025	Nebbiolo Rosé	Granite Belt	20	16	85.0	Bronze
Trentham Estate	2025	The Family Sangiovese Rose	Murray Darling NSW	20	17	89.0	Bronze



Tar & Roses	2025	Tar&Roses Rose Mediterraneo	Central Victoria	20	18	0.0	Not Received
Athletes of Wine	2023	Rosato	King Valley	20	19	84.0	
Ricca Terra	2025	Colour of Calmness	Riverland	20	20	82.0	
Fighting Gully Road	2024	Rose'	Beechworth	20	21	87.0	Bronze
Yalumba Wines	2025	Yalumba Y Series Sangiovese Rose		20	22	89.0	Bronze
By Fabiano	2024	Rosato	McLaren Vale	20	23	86.0	Bronze
cradle of hills	2024	Gigi Rose	McLaren Vale	20	24	84.0	
Vino Intrepido	2024	The Sharpest Thorn	Nagambie Lakes	20	25	83.0	
Tumblong Hills	2025	Tabel Of Plenty	Gundagai	20	26	0.0	Not Received
Marie	2024	Rose	Riverina	20	27	84.0	
Artwine	2025	Temptress Rose	Clare Valley	20	28	95.0	Gold
Chapel Hill	2025	The Parson Adelaide Sangiovese Rose	Fleurieu	20	29	95.0	Gold
In Good Hands	2025	Sangiovese Rose	Margaret River	20	30	86.0	Bronze
Athletes of Wine	2024	Rose Sangiovese	King Valley	20	31	87.0	Bronze
Mazza	2024	Mazza Bastardo	Geographe	20	32	86.0	Bronze
Michelini Wines	2023	Nebbiolo Rose	Alpine Valleys	20	33	83.0	
Baileys of Glenrowan	2024	Small Batch Organic Rose	Glenrowan	20	34	92.0	Silver
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2025	'Chica' Mencia Rose	McLaren Vale	20	35	84.0	
Saddler's Creek Wines	2025	Saddler's Rosé	Broke Fordwich	20	36	90.0	Silver
Pikes Wines	2025	Luccio Sangiovese Rose	Clare Valley	20	37	86.0	Bronze

Class 20 Comments:

Some wines were either a bit sweet and simple, some of the textural wines were overly focussed on structure over fruit. The best wines had all of the elements (fruit concentration, acid, sugar, phenolics all in balance). There was an interesting array of styles present and it was possible for good wines to come from this range.

Class 21A: Sangiovese - 2024 and younger

				Class #	Score	Medal
Dal Zotto	2024	Sangiovese	King Valley	21A 1	90.0	Silver
The Ethereal One	2024	Fleurieu Sangiovese	Fleurieu	21A 2	83.0	
Frederick STEvenson	2024	Sangiovese	Adelaide Hills	21A 4	84.0	
Hedonist Wines	2024	Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	21A 5	97.0	Gold
Berrigan Wines	2024	Shining Rock Vineyard Sangiovese	Adelaide Hills	21A 6	0.0	Not Received
La Cantina King Valley	2024	Sangiovese	King Valley	21A 7	81.0	
DogRidge	2024	IL CUCCILO Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	21A 8	0.0	Not Received



Hungerford Hill	2024	Sangiovese	Hilltops	21A	9	83.0	
Artwine	2024	The doghouse Sangiovese	Clare Valley	21A	10	95.0	Gold
Lark Hill Winery	2024	Estate Grown Sangiovese	Canberra District	21A	11	82.0	
Vino Intrepido	2024	Novel Concept	Heathcote	21A	12	85.0	Bronze
Blood Moon Wines	2025	Sang des Etoiles	Heathcote	21A	13	84.0	
Tonon Vineyard & Winery	2024	Sangiovese	Perth Hills	21A	14	90.0	Silver
Linear Wines	2024	Sangiovese	Gundagai	21A	15	90.0	Silver
One Line	2024	Sangiovese	Rutherglen	21A	16	90.0	Silver
Athletes of Wine	2024	Hillside Sangiovese	King Valley	21A	17	90.0	Silver
Small Victories Wine Co	2024	Sangiovese	Adelaide Hills	21A	18	86.0	Bronze
Pikes Wines	2024	Luccio Sangiovese	Clare Valley	21A	19	87.5	Bronze
Pikes Wines	2024	Il Premio Sangiovese	Clare Valley	21A	20	86.0	Bronze
Fighting Gully Road	2024	Beechworth Sangiovese	Beechworth	21A	21	84.0	
Alpha Box and Dice	2024	Blood of Jupiter	McLaren Vale	21A	22	90.0	Silver
Sapling yard	2024	Sangiovese	Tumbarumba	21A	23	83.0	
Marnong Wines	2024	Single Vineyard Sangiovese	Sunbury	21A	24	87.0	Bronze
Santa & D'Sas	2024	2024 The KING & I Sangiovese	King Valley	21A	25	89.0	Bronze
Skimstone	2024	Skimstone Sangiovese	Mudgee	21A	26	87.0	Bronze
De Bortoli Wines	2024	Bellariva Sangiovese	Heathcote	21A	27	96.0	Gold
La Prova	2024	Sangiovese	Adelaide Hills	21A	28	95.0	Gold
Main & Cherry	2024	Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	21A	29	85.0	Bronze
Sutton Grange Winery	2024	Fairbank Sangiovese	Central Victoria	21A	30	0.0	Not Received
Indigo Vineyard	2024	Sangiovese	Beechworth	21A	31	96.0	Gold
David Hook Wines	2024	Sangiovese	Central Ranges	21A	32	92.0	Silver
Coriole	2024	Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	21A	33	89.0	Bronze

Class 21A Comments:

very mixed bag of wines. many wines quite simple and correct but uninspiring. better wines showed brightness of fruit with body and structure



Class 21B: Sangiovese - 2023 and older

					Class #	Score	Medal
Rock of Solitude	2023	Sangiovese	South West Australia	21B	1	87.0	Bronze
Saverio	2023	Sangiovese	Riverland	21B	2	89.0	Bronze
Michelini Wines	2023	Sangiovese	Alpine Valleys	21B	3	84.0	
Fighting Gully Road	2023	Block 2 Sangiovese	Beechworth	21B	4	84.0	
Cradle of hills	2023	Ciao Bella Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	21B	5	87.0	Bronze
Vigna Bottin Wines	2023	Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	21B	6	88.0	Bronze
d'Arenberg	2022	The Mind Palace Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	21B	7	85.0	Bronze
Reillys Wines	2016	Dry Land Sangiovese	Clare Valley	21B	8	84.0	
Ottelia	2022	Sangiovese	Padthaway	21B	9	0.0	Not Received
Ravensthorpe	2023	Ravensthorpe 2023 Estate Sangiovese	Canberra District	21B	10	93.0	Silver
Trentham Estate	2023	Cellar Reserve Sangiovese	Murray Darling Vic	21B	11	84.0	
Valle del Re	2023	Sangiovese	King Valley	21B	12	87.0	Bronze
Billy Button	2023	'The Rustic' Sangiovese	Alpine Valleys	21B	13	88.0	Bronze
Longleat Wines	2023	Zingari	Goulburn Valley	21B	14	87.0	Bronze
Coriole	2023	Sandalwood Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	21B	15	95.0	Gold
Tenafeate Creek Wines	2023	One Tree Hill Sangiovese	Mount Lofty Ranges	21B	16	91.0	Silver
Stone Dwellers	2023	Sangiovese	Strathbogie Ranges	21B	17	86.0	Bronze
Mr. Brightside	2023	Sangiovese	Adelaide Hills	21B	18	89.0	Bronze
Vinoque	2022	Sangiovese	Heathcote	21B	19	89.0	Bronze
GKLR	2022	Sangiovese	Heathcote	21B	20	90.0	Silver

Class 21B Comments:

A class with some significant age differences between wines and some wines looked older than they were. Most whole bunch use was done well. Heavily oaked wines generally did not do as well as these wines have developed in bottle. The best wines still had beautiful purity of cherry fruit and innate complexity.

Class 22: Nebbiolo

					Class #	Score	Medal
Trentham Estate	2024	The Family Nebbiolo	Murray Darling NSW	22	1	84.0	
Pike & Joyce Wines	2024	'Innesti' Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	22	2	92.0	Silver
Vineyard 28	2023	Nebbiolo	Geographe	22	3	91.0	Silver
Billy Button	2023	'The Elusive' Nebbiolo	Alpine Valleys	22	4	86.0	Bronze
Ottelia	2024	Nebbiolo	Coonawarra	22	5	0.0	Not Received
VS&B	2022	Thorley Nebbiolo	Beechworth	22	6	84.0	



Tar & Roses	2024	Tar&Roses Nebbiolo	Pyrenees	22	7	0.0	Not Received
Serafino Wines	2025	Bellissimo Nebbiolo	McLaren Vale	22	8	82.0	
Topper's Mountain Wines	2017	Keeper Nebbiolo	New England Australia	22	9	83.0	
Catlow & Company	2024	Nebbiolo	Beechworth	22	10	84.0	
Angels Rise	2023	Nebbiolo	McLaren Vale	22	11	84.0	
Aptitude	2024	Macclesfield	Adelaide Hills	22	12	92.0	Silver
La Prova	2024	Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	22	13	84.0	
Saverio	2024	Nebbiolo	Hilltops	22	14	84.0	
Longview Vineyard	2024	Fresco Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	22	15	87.0	Bronze
Topper's Mountain Wines	2023	Finder Nebbiolo	New England Australia	22	16	89.0	Bronze
Sentio	2024	Black Springs Nebbiolo	Beechworth	22	17	96.0	Gold
Longview Vineyard	2023	Saturnus Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	22	18	85.0	Bronze
SOUMAH	2022	Hexham Vineyard Nebbiolo	Yarra Valley	22	19	88.0	Bronze
Ridgemill Estate	2023	WYP	South Burnett	22	20	81.0	
Saddler's Creek Wines	2022	Winemaker's Craft Nebbiolo	Hilltops	22	21	82.0	
Saffron Gramophone	2023	Nebbiolo	North East Victoria	22	22	95.0	Gold
Green Door	2023	Amphora Nebbiolo	Geographe	22	23	86.0	Bronze
Pizzini	2022	L'Aquila Nebbiolo	King Valley	22	24	84.0	
GKLR	2024	Nebbiolo	Heathcote	22	25	84.0	

Class 22 Comments:

Much debate over a hugely divergent range of call backs, from more classic varietal Nebbiolo to modern fruit driven approachable styles. Golds were award to wines that showed aromatic complexity and tannins which encompassed fruit, elongated the wines and had a balanced presence across the palate from front to back.

Class 23: Barbera

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Bellwether	2025	Ant series Barbera	Wrattenbully	23	1	86.0	Bronze
Collector	2025	Overland Barbera	Hilltops	23	2	95.0	Gold
First Ridge	2023	Barbera	Mudgee	23	3	84.0	
Tumblong Hills	2023	Tabel Of Plenty	Gundagai	23	4	0.0	Not Received
Billy Button	2023	'The Affable' Barbera	Alpine Valleys	23	5	89.0	Bronze
The Little Wine Co	2023	Barbera	Hunter Valley	23	6	85.0	Bronze
Longview Vineyard	2024	Jupiter Barbera	Adelaide Hills	23	7	90.0	Silver
Skimstone	2024	Skimstone Barbera	Mudgee	23	8	86.0	Bronze



David Hook Wines	2023	Barbera	Central Ranges	23	9	87.0	Bronze
Vigna Bottin Wines	2022	Barbera	McLaren Vale	23	10	83.0	
Alpha Box and Dice	2024	Enigma	Adelaide Hills	23	11	83.0	
Aptitude	2024	Kuitpo Barbera	Adelaide Hills	23	12	84.0	
First Drop Wines	2023	Moderno Adelaide Hills Barbera	Adelaide Hills	23	13	84.0	
Mercer Wines	2024	Barbera	Orange	23	14	90.0	Silver
Serafino Wines	2024	Serafino Bellissimo Barbera	McLaren Vale	23	15	95.0	Gold
Golden Grove Estate	2024	Barbera	Granite Belt	23	16	96.0	Gold

Class 23 Comments:

best wines showed vibrant fruit and balanced acidity and sensible use of oak. Some wines suffered from excessive oak and others struggled with the naturally high acidity of Barbera

Class 24: Sagrantino

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Vino Intrepido	2022	Sacred & Profane Sagrantino	Heathcote	24	1	90.0	Silver
Mercer Wines	2024	Sagrantino	Orange	24	2	0.0	Not Received
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2023	Sagrantino	McLaren Vale	24	3	87.0	Bronze
David Hook Wines	2023	Sagrantino	Central Ranges	24	4	84.0	
Bondar Wines	2024	Sagrantino	McLaren Vale	24	5	84.0	
Andrew Peace Wines	2022	Australia Felix Sagrantino	Swan Hill	24	6	87.0	Bronze
Andrew Peace Wines	2021	Australia Felix Sagrantino	Swan Hill	24	7	93.0	Silver
Fierce III	2021	Sagrantino	Barossa Valley	24	8	90.0	Silver

Class 24 Comments:

challenging class but overall well made wines. best wines showed some control of tannin and acid and achieved a savoury complexity

Class 25: Aglianico

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Billy Button	2021	'Flame Robin' Aglianico	Alpine Valleys	25	1	92.0	Silver
Purple Hands Wines	2023	After Five Wine Co	Barossa Valley	25	2	95.0	Gold
Billy Button	2022	'The Unexpected' Aglianico	Alpine Valleys	25	3	84.0	
Lethbridge Wines	2022	Aglianico	Murray Darling NSW	25	4	87.0	Bronze



Wangolina	2024	A-Series Aglianico	Limestone Coast	25	5	96.0	Gold
I'll fly away ...	2023	Aglianico	Murray Darling NSW	25	6	80.0	
Chalmers	2024	Aglianico	Heathcote	25	7	88.0	Bronze

Class 25 Comments:

The top wine is an absolute cracker, such a seriously delicious wine. The tannins of Aglianico are so interesting, ultra fine grained, woven in and out of the other facets of the palate. Be careful with oak.

Class 26A: Montepulciano - 2024 and younger

				Class #	Score	Medal
The Ethereal One	2024	Fleurieu Montepulciano	Fleurieu	26A 1	89.0	Bronze
Saddler's Creek Wines	2024	Single Suitcase Montepulciano	McLaren Vale	26A 2	84.0	
Wangolina	2024	A-Series Montepulciano	Limestone Coast	26A 3	87.0	Bronze
Lino Ramble	2025	Earnest	McLaren Vale	26A 4	87.0	Bronze
Ricca Terra	2024	Ricca Terra	Riverland	26A 5	83.5	
Mercer Wines	2024	Montepulciano	Central Ranges	26A 6	0.0	Not Received
Russell and Sutor Wines	2025	Alejandro Montepulciano	Murray Darling NSW	26A 7	85.0	Bronze
The Little Wine Co	2024	Monte	Hilltops	26A 8	92.0	Silver
Coriole	2024	Montepulciano	McLaren Vale	26A 9	88.0	Bronze
Brown Brothers	2024	Limited Release Montepulciano	Heathcote	26A 10	88.0	Bronze
Wilfred	2024	Monte	McLaren Vale	26A 11	84.0	
Woodstock Wine	2024	Next Gen Montepulciano	McLaren Vale	26A 12	86.0	Bronze
Marnong Wines	2024	Single Vineyard Montepulciano	Sunbury	26A 13	89.0	Bronze
Kangarilla Road	2024	Montepulciano	Riverland	26A 14	85.0	Bronze
Russell and Sutor Wines	2024	Alejandro Montepulciano	Murray Darling NSW	26A 15	83.0	
Frederick Stevenson	2024	Montepulciano	Eden Valley	26A 16	84.0	
Sapling Yard	2024	Montepulciano	Hilltops	26A 17	83.0	
Chalk Hill	2024	Small Batch Release Montepulciano	McLaren Vale	26A 18	84.0	
SOUTH BY SOUTH WEST	2024	MONTEPULCIANO	Geographe	26A 19	90.0	Silver

Class 26A Comments:

a sound class with little highlights. Some wines too young with raw tannins, and in general many wines struggled with astringent tannins



Class 26B: Montepulciano - 2023 and older

			Class #	Score	Medal
Hither & Yon	2023	Montepulciano	26B 1	90.0	Silver
Claymore Wines	2023	Losing My Religion Montepulciano	26B 2	86.0	Bronze
Zonte's Footstep	2023	Rosso Cova	26B 3	86.0	Bronze
Purple Hands Wines	2023	Oenotri	26B 4	87.0	Bronze
Pindarie	2023	The Straggler	26B 5	85.0	Bronze
Mr. Riggs Wine Co.	2023	Montepulciano d'Adelaide	26B 6	88.0	Bronze
Vigna Bottin	2023	Montepulciano	26B 7	89.0	Bronze
McGuigan Wines	2023	Mastercraft Montepulciano	26B 8	90.0	Silver
Purple Hands Wines	2021	After Five Wine Co Montepulciano	26B 9	88.0	Bronze
Paisley	2023	Tartan	26B 10	86.0	Bronze
Tenafeate Creek Wines	2023	One Tree Hill Montepulciano	26B 11	95.0	Gold
Purple Hands Wines	2022	Oenotri	26B 12	85.0	Bronze
Purple Hands Wines	2023	After Five Wine Co	26B 13	89.0	Bronze
Bellwether	2022	Ant series Montepulciano	26B 14	84.0	
d'Arenberg	2022	The Hunjee Heartstring Montepulciano	26B 15	87.0	Bronze
Ravensworth	2023	Ravensworth 2023 Hilltops Montepulciano	26B 16	89.0	Bronze
Atze's Corner	2022	Mob	26B 17	86.0	Bronze
First Ridge	2023	Montepulciano	26B 18	89.0	Bronze
Regional Classic	2021	Heathcote Montepulciano	26B 19	91.0	Silver

Class 26B Comments:

A class with a lot of generous fruit. Some of the young wines suffered from reductive issues which interfered with the accessibility of the fruit. Oak use needs a careful eye as some otherwise good wines were overpowered by the oak and the drying oak tannins.

Class 27A: Nero d'Avola 2025

			Class #	Score	Medal
In Praise of Shadows	2025	'Nera' Nero D'Avola	27A 1	95.0	Gold
Lino Ramble	2025	Tom Bowler	27A 2	88.0	Bronze
Wilfred	2025	Nero	27A 3	93.0	Silver
SHERRAH Wines	2025	Nero d'Avola	27A 4	88.0	Bronze
Coriole	2025	Nero	27A 5	87.0	Bronze
Aphelion	2025	Welkin Nero d'Avola	27A 6	85.0	Bronze
Scarpantoni Estate	2025	McLaren Vale Nero D 'Avola	27A 7	90.0	Silver



Class 28: Other red Italian varietal wines (min. 85% single variety)

				Class #	Score	Medal
Wangolina	2024	A-Series Dolcetto	Limestone Coast	28 1	96.0	Gold
Vino Volta	2023	Love Sick Puppy	Geographe	28 2	88.0	Bronze
Lethbridge Wines	2023	Dolcetto	Adelaide Hills	28 3	83.0	
Unico Zelo	2023	Jungle Jungle Dolcetto	Langhorne Creek	28 4	84.0	
Vino Intrepido	2023	Dulcet Tones	Macedon Ranges	28 5	95.0	Gold
Berton Vineyards	2024	Alfresco Lagrein	Riverina	28 6	93.0	Silver
Longleat Wines	2024	Zingari	Goulburn Valley	28 7	84.0	
Hand Crafted by Geoff Hardy	2021	Lagrein	Limestone Coast	28 8	84.0	
Wangolina	2023	A-Series Lagrein	Limestone Coast	28 9	87.0	Bronze
Alles Klar	2023	□ItaliaSpiderman	Riverland	28 10	84.0	
SOUMAH	2024	Hexham Vineyard Marzemino	Yarra Valley	28 11	90.0	Silver
Michelini Wines	2023	Marzemino	Alpine Valleys	28 12	87.0	Bronze
Mount Towrong	2024	Mount Towrong Negroamaro	Heathcote	28 13	84.0	
Chalmers	2023	Bush Vine Negroamaro	Murray Darling Vic	28 14	83.0	
Ziliotto Wines	2024	2024 Negroamaro	Hunter Valley	28 15	82.0	
Coriole	2025	Negroamaro	McLaren Vale	28 16	92.0	Silver
Silent Noise	2025	Uva di Troia	Riverland	28 17	83.0	
Chalmers	2023	Piedirosso	Heathcote	28 18	82.0	
Billy Button	2023	'The Renegade' Refosco	Alpine Valleys	28 19	84.0	
Billy Button	2022	'The Renegade' Refosco	Alpine Valleys	28 20	90.0	Silver
Chalmers Project	2025	Schioppettino	Heathcote	28 21	90.0	Silver
Blood Moon Wines	2025	Promise	Heathcote	28 22	95.0	Gold
Tempus Two	2025	Copper Teroldego	Murray Darling Vic	28 23	95.0	Gold
Lark Hill	2024	Teroldego	Heathcote	28 24	82.0	
Michelini Wines	2023	Teroldego	Alpine Valleys	28 25	82.0	

Class 28 Comments:

Really intriguing bracket; some dark, extracted wines with oak and some lighter wines that didn't pull through, but there were wines that had a judges consensus with great energy and aromatic excitement held through the palate with structure.



Class 29A: Tempranillo - 2024 and younger

				Class #	Score	Medal
Hedonist Wines	2024	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	29A 1	88.0	Bronze
Gill Estate Rivah	2024	Tempranillo	Murray Darling Vic	29A 2	87.0	Bronze
Hickinbotham of Dromana	2024	Tempranillo	Mornington Peninsula	29A 3	0.0	Not Received
Tonon Vineyard & Winery	2024	Xavier Tempranillo	Perth Hills	29A 4	85.0	Bronze
One Line	2024	Tempranillo	Rutherglen	29A 5	90.0	Silver
McLaren Vale	2024	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	29A 6	90.0	Silver
Tamburlaine Organic Wines	2024	Point 65 Tempranillo	Central Ranges	29A 7	86.0	Bronze
St Aidan	2024	Tempranillo	Geographe	29A 8	88.0	Bronze
Mercer Wines	2024	Tempranillo	Orange	29A 9	0.0	Not Received
Golden Grove Estate	2024	Joven Tempranillo	Granite Belt	29A 10	86.0	Bronze
Big Easy Radio	2024	Cosmic Antennae	McLaren Vale	29A 11	93.0	Silver
Hastwell & Lightfoot	2024	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	29A 12	88.0	Bronze
Mallee Estate	2024	Tempranillo	Riverland	29A 13	88.0	Bronze
Estate Reserve	2024	Tempranillo	Frankland River	29A 14	88.0	Bronze
Main & Cherry	2024	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	29A 15	89.0	Bronze
Hidden Creek	2024	Tempranillo Crianza	Granite Belt	29A 16	84.0	
Hungerford Hill	2024	Tempranillo	Hilltops	29A 17	90.0	Silver
Linear Wines	2024	Tempranillo	Hilltops	29A 18	93.0	Silver
Hidden Creek	2024	Tempranillo Joven	Granite Belt	29A 19	82.0	
Alpha Box and Dice	2025	Mistress	Adelaide Hills	29A 20	97.0	Gold
Los Hermanos	2024	Tempranillo	King Valley	29A 21	85.0	Bronze
The Lane Vineyard	2024	Gathering Series Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	29A 22	84.0	
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2024	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	29A 23	89.0	Bronze
Mount Majura Vineyard	2024	Tempranillo	Canberra District	29A 24	84.0	
Russell and Suitor Wines	2025	Francas Tempranillo	Riverland	29A 25	95.0	Gold
Grandis Wines	2024	Unearthed Tempranillo	Hilltops	29A 26	90.0	Silver
Hither & Yon	2024	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	29A 27	85.0	Bronze
Willunga 100	2024	W100 Tempranillo McLaren Vale	McLaren Vale	29A 28	90.0	Silver
Pindarie	2024	The Risk Taker	Barossa Valley	29A 29	84.0	
La Linea	2024	Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	29A 30	0.0	Not Received
Geddes Wines	2024	Seldom Inn	McLaren Vale	29A 31	88.0	Bronze

Class 29A Comments:

A strong class with several good wines. Some notable issues with reduction and dominating oak were seen across a number of entries, holding them back from even higher scores. In general, it was encouraging to see good ripeness and elegant fruit tannins in many wines. The best were able to bring freshness, structure and concentration together with poise.



Class 29B: Tempranillo - 2023 and older

			Class #	Score	Medal
Reillys	2023	Dry Land Tempranillo	29B 1	90.0	Silver
Brown Brothers	2023	Origins Series Tempranillo	29B 2	86.0	Bronze
Ridgemill Estate	2023	Special Reserve	29B 3	86.0	Bronze
Mr. Riggs Wine Co.	2023	Yacca Paddock Tempranillo	29B 4	90.0	Silver
Billy Button	2023	'The Alluring' Tempranillo	29B 5	83.0	
Claymore Wines	2023	The Miseducation of Carissa Major Tempranillo	29B 6	92.0	Silver
Mazza	2022	Mazza Tempranillo	29B 7	89.0	Bronze
Rutherglen Estate	2023	Tempranillo	29B 8	93.0	Silver
Shy Susan	2023	Tempranillo	29B 9	86.0	Bronze
Red Knot by Shingleback	2023	Classified McLaren Vale Tempranillo	29B 10	84.0	
Green Door	2023	Amphora Tempranillo	29B 11	82.0	
Hugo Wines	2023	Tempranillo	29B 12	95.0	Gold
Woodfired	2022	Tempranillo	29B 13	84.0	
Fighting Gully Road	2022	Beechworth Tempranillo	29B 14	82.0	
Heirloom Vineyards	2023	Adelaide Hills Tempranillo	29B 15	96.0	Gold
Mayford Wines	2023	Mayford Tempranillo	29B 16	83.0	
Stanton & Killeen	2023	Tempranillo	29B 17	84.0	
Weathercraft	2022	One Acre Project Tempranillo	29B 18	90.0	Silver
Mr. Mick	2023	Tempranillo	29B 19	83.0	
Zonte's Footstep	2023	Madrugador	29B 20	90.0	Silver
Peter Lehmann Wines	2022	Hill & Valley Tempranillo	29B 21	90.0	Silver
Ladera	2021	Tempranillo	29B 22	91.0	Silver

Class 29B Comments:

quite varied but overall good quality class. best wines showed complexity, good tannin structure and well handled oak. Some lesser wines tended to be either overripe or excessively oak/extracted

Class 30: Mataro / Mourvedre / Monastrell

			Class #	Score	Medal
Bondar Wines	2024	Monastrell	30 1	95.0	Gold
Chapel Hill	2024	The MV McLaren Vale Mourvedre	30 2	85.0	Bronze
Dandelion Vineyards	2023	March Hare of the Barossa Mataro	30 3	90.0	Silver
Alliance	2023	Alliance	30 5	85.0	Bronze



Langmeil Winery	2023	Resurrection Mataro	Barossa Valley	30	6	85.0	Bronze
Seppeltsfield Wines	2025	Barossa Mataro	Barossa Valley	30	7	90.0	Silver
Land of The Vines	2022	Mataro	McLaren Vale	30	8	85.0	Bronze

Class 30 Comments:

mixed class. better wines showed good varietal expression and balanced well managed tannins

Class 31: Graciano

				Class #	Score	Medal
Samuel's Gorge	2024	Graciano	McLaren Vale	31	1	87.0 Bronze
Russell and Suito Wines	2024	Alejandro Graciano	Murray Darling NSW	31	2	93.0 Silver
Woody Nook	2024	Limited Release Graciano	Margaret River	31	3	0.0 Not Received
Russell and Suito Wines	2025	Alejandro Graciano	Murray Darling NSW	31	4	84.0
Mazza	2022	Mazza Graciano	Geographe	31	5	83.0
Mount Majura Vineyard	2024	Graciano	Canberra District	31	6	91.0 Silver

Class 31 Comments:

a small class of varied styles. best wine showed balance of tannins that can be challenging with this variety

Class 32: Mencia

				Class #	Score	Medal
Brothers McLean	2024	Mencia	Pyrenees	32	1	86.0 Bronze
La Linea	2024	Mencia	Adelaide Hills	32	2	0.0 Not Received
Hither & Yon	2024	Mencia	McLaren Vale	32	3	90.0 Silver
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2025	Mencia	McLaren Vale	32	4	95.0 Gold
Bloomfield	2024	Mencia	Limestone Coast	32	5	96.0 Gold
Wangolina	2023	A-Series Mencia	Limestone Coast	32	6	92.0 Silver
Ministry of Clouds	2024	Mencia	McLaren Vale	32	7	90.0 Silver
d'Arenberg	2022	The Anthropocene Epoch	McLaren Vale	32	8	84.0
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2024	Mencia	McLaren Vale	32	9	85.0 Bronze
CENTENNIAL VINEYARDS	2024	RESERVE BRIDGE CREEK MENCIA	Orange	32	10	85.0 Bronze



Class 32 Comments:

Split class between the top medals of aroma, balance and brightness and very drinkable; a very exciting variety for Australia. Lesser wines were either underdone (herbal undertone) or dry red and lacking character.

Class 33: Touriga Nacional

			Class #	Score	Medal
Grandis Wines	2024	Unearthed Touriga Nacional	33 1	92.0	Silver
Land of Tomorrow	2023	McLaren Vale Touriga	33 2	88.0	Bronze
Mazza	2020	Mazza Touriga Nacional	33 3	85.0	Bronze
Seppeltsfield Wines	2025	Barossa Touriga	33 4	93.0	Silver
Rock of Solitude	2023	Touriga	33 5	84.0	
Next Crop Wines	2022	Finniss Hills Touriga	33 6	88.0	Bronze
Battle of Bosworth	2025	Exile	33 7	90.0	Silver
First Drop Wines	2023	Nacional McLaren Vale Touriga Nacional	33 8	85.0	Bronze
Heirloom Vineyards	2024	McLaren Vale Touriga	33 9	92.0	Silver
Muto Wine	2023	Touriga Nacional	33 10	78.0	

Class 33 Comments:

Three strong wines, with high silvers, but not a convincing gold either due to oak, round plump fruit, or balance. To be fair there was atleast one judge on each one for gold.

Class 34: Malbec

			Class #	Score	Medal
Bremerton	2023	Special Release Malbec	34 1	0.0	Not Received
Orchid Series	2023	King Malbec	34 2	89.0	Bronze
BigEasyRadio	2024	Forget Babylon	34 3	85.0	Bronze
Zonte's Footstep	2023	Violet Beauregard	34 4	84.0	
Briar Ridge	2024	Limited Release Malbec	34 5	96.0	Gold
Langmeil Winery	2023	Black Beauty Malbec	34 6	92.0	Silver
Tamburlaine Organic Wines	2024	Reserve Malbec	34 7	84.0	
Hungerford Hill	2024	Malbec	34 8	84.0	
Mr. Mick	2024	Malbec	34 9	84.0	
Gill Estate Rivah	2024	Malbec	34 10	84.0	
St Aidan	2024	Malbec	34 11	84.0	



Wines of Merritt	2024	Wilyabrup Malbec	Margaret River	34	12	91.0	Silver
The Ethereal One	2023	Fleurieu Malbec	Fleurieu	34	13	84.0	
Saffron Gramophone	2024	Malbec	North East Victoria	34	14	95.0	Gold
Mayford Wines	2024	'Patricia McKenzie' Malbec	Alpine Valleys	34	15	86.0	Bronze
Estate Reserve	2023	Malbec	Frankland River	34	16	85.0	Bronze
Tamburlaine Organic Wines	2024	Point 65 Malbec	Orange	34	17	88.0	Bronze
Jacksons Hill	2024	Panoramic Malbec	Riverina	34	18	84.0	

Class 34 Comments:

There were lots of good wines here, showing the grape. Some had too much oak or density but there were wines with intensity driven by the grape, with lots of fresh fruit and balancing structure.

Class 35: Cabernet Franc

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Briar Ridge	2024	Limited Release Cabernet Franc	Limestone Coast	35	1	86.0	Bronze
Parker	2024	Small Batch Wine Cabernet Franc	Coonawarra	35	2	92.0	Silver
Wines of Merritt	2024	Wilyabrup Cabernet Franc	Margaret River	35	3	82.0	
Pikes Wines	2024	Rising Ground Cabernet Franc	Clare Valley	35	4	84.0	
Tamburlaine Organic Wines	2024	Reserve Cabernet Franc	Orange	35	5	95.0	Gold
Yayoi Wines	2024	Mon Grand Frère	Macedon Ranges	35	6	83.0	
Leconfield Coonawarra	2024	Cabernet Franc	Coonawarra	35	7	90.0	Silver

Class 35 Comments:

Top wine a true Classic Cabernet Franc, refined tannins, med bodied. In silver a more modern style with much appeal and a complex wonder that divided judges.

Class 36: Gamay

				Class #	Score	Medal	
John Gehrig Wines	2024	Gamay	King Valley	36	1	86.0	Bronze
Precious Little	2025	Gamay	Adelaide Hills	36	2	86.0	Bronze
Sentio	2025	Gamay	King Valley	36	3	0.0	Not Received
Saffron Gramophone	2024	Gamay	North East Victoria	36	4	87.0	Bronze
The Lane Vineyard	2024	Gathering Series Gamay	Adelaide Hills	36	5	84.0	
Yarra Valley Estate Vineyard	2025	Gamay	Yarra Valley	36	6	0.0	Not Received



Golding Wines	2024	Ombre Gamay	Lenswood	36	7	85.0	Bronze
PHI	2025	Gamay	Yarra Valley	36	8	85.0	Bronze
Hand Crafted by Geoff Hardy	2024	Gamay	Adelaide Hills	36	9	0.0	Not Received
Lyons Will Estate	2024	Gamay	Macedon Ranges	36	10	95.0	Gold
Hesketh	2025	Woodside	Adelaide Hills	36	11	89.0	Bronze
Ministry of Clouds	2024	Gamay	Adelaide Hills	36	12	88.0	Bronze
Saffron Gramophone	2023	Gamay	North East Victoria	36	13	84.0	
Pike & Joyce	2025	'Nouvelle' Gamay	Adelaide Hills	36	14	90.0	Silver
Sidewood Estate	2024	Sidewood Estate Gamay	Mount Lofty Ranges	36	15	83.0	
Aptitude	2024	Woodside Gamay	Adelaide Hills	36	16	90.0	Silver
Sapling Yard	2024	Gamay	Tumbarumba	36	17	84.0	
Lino Ramble	2025	Earnest	Adelaide Hills	36	18	93.0	Silver
Alpha Box and Dice	2025	Ancient Youth	Adelaide Hills	36	19	82.0	

Class 36 Comments:

Good varietal expression evident, a couple of simple wines, some over-ripe, over oaked, but one absolute beauty - a unanimous gold!

Class 37: Zinfandel / Primitivo

				Class #	Score	Medal	
By Fabiano	2022	Primitivo	McLaren Vale	37	1	90.0	Silver
Big Easy Radio	2024	Pinball Wizard	McLaren Vale	37	2	91.0	Silver
Smallwater Estate	2024	Zinfandel	Geographe	37	3	85.0	Bronze
Kangarilla Road	2021	Primitivo	McLaren Vale	37	4	83.0	
By Fabiano	2024	Primitivo Naturale	McLaren Vale	37	5	95.0	Gold
In Good Hands	2024	Zinfandel	Margaret River	37	6	96.0	Gold

Class 37 Comments:

A small class with very different styles. The best showed ripeness without being overly alcoholic. Tannins were a feature. Some daring and adventurous winemaking was evident, which worked in some wines.



Class 38: Saperavi

				Class #	Score	Medal
Saverio	2024	Saperavi	Riverland	38 1	88.0	Bronze
La Cantina King Valley	2024	Saperavi	King Valley	38 2	83.0	
Mallee Estate	2024	Kati Allo Saperavi	Riverland	38 3	83.0	
Russell and Sutor Wines	2024	Alejandro Saperavi	Murray Darling NSW	38 4	90.0	Silver
Russell and Sutor Wines	2025	Alejandro Saperavi	Murray Darling NSW	38 5	87.0	Bronze
Kominos Wines	2025	Saperavi	Granite Belt	38 6	0.0	Not Received
Mallee Estate	2025	Kati Allo Saperavi	Riverland	38 7	84.0	
Hugh Hamilton Wines	2023	The Oddball	McLaren Vale	38 8	87.0	Bronze
Arla Gardens	2023	Moppa, Saperavi		38 9	86.0	Bronze
Gapsted Estate	2022	Saperavi	Alpine Valleys	38 10	84.0	
Ballandean Estate	2024	Saperavi	Granite Belt	38 11	92.0	Silver
Kominos Wines	2025	Saperavi Oak matured	Granite Belt	38 12	84.0	

Class 38 Comments:

This appears to be a variety where producers are finding their way in terms of style. Some examples spoke more of their winemaking than the grape; those that showed more varietal typicity tended to lack juicy flow to balance tannins. Some seemed to be picked overripe. Overall, a fresh, juicy flow to the fruit would be sought across the board to bring them into drinkable, moreish balance.

Class 39: Other red varietal wines (not Italian; min. 85% single variety)

				Class #	Score	Medal
Lino Ramble	2025	Earnest	McLaren Vale	39 1	87.0	Bronze
Alpha Box and Dice	2025	Pâté	McLaren Vale	39 2	90.0	Silver
orbis wines	2025	trousseau	McLaren Vale	39 3	86.0	Bronze
Geddes	2024	Seldom Inn Carignan	McLaren Vale	39 4	84.0	
Alpine Road	2023	Cienna	Swan Hill	39 5	84.0	
orbis wines	2025	cinsaut	McLaren Vale	39 6	84.0	
Mount Majura Vineyard	2024	Mondeuse	Canberra District	39 7	93.0	Silver
Leconfield Coonawarra	2022	Petit Verdot	Coonawarra	39 8	84.0	
Kati Allo	2025	Petit Verdot	Riverland	39 9	90.0	Silver
Padthaway Estate	2024	PV Petit Verdot	Padthaway	39 10	84.0	
Muto Wine	2023	Tinta Barroca	Riverland	39 11	84.0	
Andrew Peace Wines	2020	Zweigelt	Swan Hill	39 12	84.0	

Class 39 Comments:

As expected, a mixed bag of structures and fruit profiles. Perhaps surprisingly, only a couple of wines were expressive of character - more of a middle of the road feel - so there is a question of what the wines are trying to highlight in the fruit or place.



Class 40A: Red Blends - 2024 and younger

				Class #	Score	Medal
Chain of Ponds	2024	Unchained Tempranillo Barbera	Adelaide Hills	40A 1	87.0	Bronze
Reulyn Wine Co	2024	Cari Besos	Margaret River	40A 2	0.0	Not Received
Battle of Bosworth	2024	Heretic	McLaren Vale	40A 3	90.0	Silver
Hungerford Hill	2024	Tempranillo Graciano	Hilltops	40A 4	85.0	Bronze
Storm King Wine Co	2024	Mataro Graciano	Granite Belt	40A 5	83.0	
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2025	Brioni's Blend	McLaren Vale	40A 6	95.0	Gold
Pindarie	2024	T.S.S	Barossa Valley	40A 7	84.0	
Ancient Soils	2024	Tempranillo Touriga	Heathcote	40A 8	84.0	
Dalwood Estate	2024	Tempranillo Touriga	Hunter Valley	40A 9	78.0	
Seppeltsfield Wines	2024	Barossa Touriga, Tinta Amarela	Barossa Valley	40A 10	88.0	Bronze
SOUMAH	2024	Barbera Nebbiolo d'Soumah	King Valley	40A 11	84.0	
Aptitude	2024	Connubio Dolcetto Sangiovese	Adelaide Hills	40A 12	84.0	
Saverio	2025	Mediterranean Red	Riverland	40A 13	83.0	
Mother Block	2025	Red	Murray Darling Vic	40A 14	88.0	Bronze
Trentham Estate	2024	Cellar Reserve Nero Saperavi	Murray Darling NSW	40A 15	87.0	Bronze
SOUTH BY SOUTH WEST	2024	BARBERA NEBBIOLO	Geographe	40A 16	84.0	

Class 40A Comments:

A class that promised spice, complexity and balanced structures delivered quite a few wines where the fruit quality didn't manage to shine and tannin balance was often questionable. The best wines seemed intentional, with interesting fruit, energy and balance but these were fewer than further between than hoped.

Class 40B: Red blends - 2023 and older

				Class #	Score	Medal
Bremerton	2023	Special Release Tempranillo/Graciano	Langhorne Creek	40B 1	0.0	Not Received
Shadowfax Minnow	2023	Red Blend	Port Phillip	40B 2	84.0	
Brown Brothers	2023	Winemaker's Series Tempranillo Graciano	Heathcote	40B 3	79.0	
Stanton & Killeen	2023	Terra Mae	Rutherglen	40B 4	85.0	Bronze
Ricca Terra	2023	Bullets Before Cannonballs	Riverland	40B 5	87.0	Bronze
Langmeil Winey	2023	Massimo Montepulciano Primitivo	Barossa Valley	40B 6	86.0	Bronze
Big Easy Radio	2023	Funtime Fountain	McLaren Vale	40B 7	90.0	Silver
Purple Hands Wines	2023	Colours of the South	Barossa Valley	40B 8	95.0	Gold
Athletes of Wine	2023	Rosso	King Valley	40B 9	82.0	
Reillys	2021	Dry Land Sagrantino Sangiovese Shiraz	Clare Valley	40B 10	84.0	



Class 43: Wines of Provenance

			Class #		Score	Medal
Lark Hill	NV	Gruner Veltliner	43	1	90.0	Silver
Billy Button	NV	'The Versatile' Vermentino	43	2	88.0	Bronze
Billy Button	NV	'The Demure' Pinot Blanc	43	3	95.0	Gold
Billy Button	NV	'The Honest' Fiano	43	4	87.0	Bronze
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	NV	Fiano	43	5	93.0	Silver
Cri de Coeur	NV	Savagnin 'Sous Voile'	43	6	96.0	Gold
Billy Button	NV	Schioppettino	43	7	93.0	Silver
Billy Button	NV	'The Affable' Barbera	43	8	83.0	
Mayford Wines	NV	Tempranillo	43	9	85.0	Bronze

Class 43 Comments:

Always a fascinating class to judge, and one that highlights the potential of alternative varieties in fine wine with potential to age. The higher scoring entries showed a consistent style through the three wines, with oldest wines fresh and vital. The top entry was an exciting example of the evolution of understanding of a variety and how it is handled, thrilling wines.