



MARGARET RIVER WINE



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2017 Challenge results in Trophy Win for Margaret River

We are extremely pleased to announce that the results for the second Halliday Australian Cabernet Challenge 2017 which were judged in conjunction with the Langton's Margaret River Wine Show earlier this month.

Our patron James Halliday AM announced the results which are now available to view at www.australiancabernetchallenge.com.au.

Wine regions represented increased from 28 to 31 regions with 9 regions providing a regional winner, an increase from only 6 regions last year.

The Challenge provides an opportunity for Australian producers of Cabernet Sauvignon to participate in a varietal competition of great national and international interest.

Cabernet Sauvignon of all vintages are eligible and judged by region in a blind tasting without judges knowing which region they were officiating.

Wines achieving a Gold score of 95 points and over were selected to determine the best of region wine, then each regional winners was judged again for the Trophy.

Trophy Winner

Mandoon Estate Research Station Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

Best of Region

Coonawarra - St Hugo Vetus Purum Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

Geographe - Smallwater Estate Rob's Block Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

Great Southern - Forest Hill Vineyard Block 5 Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

Hilltops - McWilliam's Wines Reserve 660 Hilltops Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

Margaret River - Mandoon Estate Research Station Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

McLaren Vale - Serafino Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

Orange - Tamburlaine Reserve Orange Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

Wrattobully - Pepper Tree 'Block 21A' Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

Yarra Valley - DeBortoli Wines Melba Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

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The Margaret River Wine Association was started by a group of winemakers in the late 1970's. The Margaret River Grape Growers & Winemakers Association as it was known then, was incorporated in 1982 and at that time had only a handful of members.

The charter of the Association has remained constant over the years – primarily to represent the interests of the Margaret River wine industry and promote Margaret River wine. The Association was one of the first groups in Australia to register a geographic boundary for our region in 1996 and Margaret River was one of the first three wine regions in Australia to have its boundaries legally defined by the Australian government.

On behalf of Margaret River Wine Association members the Board is explicitly responsible for the governance, stewardship and future well-being of the Association and the progressive attainment of its constitutional objectives whose overarching strategic focus and intent being: “To consistently position Margaret River as one of the world’s most compelling regional fine wine experiences.”