



MARGARET RIVER WINE

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17 Trophies awarded at the Langton's 2017 Margaret River Wine Show

The 2017 Langton's Margaret River Wine Show attracted 110 exhibitors and 764 entries to Ramada Resort in Dunsborough this week. A staggering 427 medals were awarded, representing 56% entries and the depth of quality in the region.

In addition to the 80 Gold, 100 Silver and 247 Bronze medals, the following major trophies and awards were presented at the 16th Wine Show Gala Dinner held last night:

Langton's Trophy for Wine of Show

Nocturne Chardonnay 2016

Seguin Moreau Trophy for Red Wine of Show

Mandoon Estate Research Station Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

Labelmakers Group Trophy for White Wine of Show

Nocturne Chardonnay 2016

Vinline Mobile Bottling for Most Successful Exhibitor

Evans & Tate

Langton's Trophy for Best Wine of Provenance

Heydon Estate WG Grace Cabernet Sauvignon 2005, 2008, 2014

Singapore Airlines International Judge's Trophy

Redgate Wines Shiraz 2016

SCT Logistics Trophy for Best Cabernet Sauvignon

Mandoon Estate Research Station Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

Capel Storage & Transport Trophy for Best Chardonnay

Stella Bella Chardonnay 2016

Tonnellerie de Mercurey Trophy for Best Single Vineyard Red

Knotting Hill Jack Gordon Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

Portavin Trophy for Best Single Vineyard White

Nocturne Chardonnay 2016

Cospak / Saverglass Trophy for Best Cabernet Sauvignon Blend

Evans & Tate Metricup Road Cabernet Merlot 2014

VA Filtration / Memstar Trophy for Best Sauvignon Blanc

Flinders Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2017

SWAT Trophy for Best Blend of Sauvignon Blanc & Semillon

Rosily Vineyard Semillon / Sauvignon Blanc 2017

Nadalie Trophy for Best White other than Chardonnay

Juniper Estate Aquitaine Blanc 2016

CHEP Trophy for Best Shiraz

Domaine Naturaliste 2016 Rachis

Chr. Hansen Trophy for Best Rosé

Preveli Pinot Rosé 'Wild Thing' 2017

Laffort Trophy for Best Other Blend or Varietal

Hamelin Bay 2015 Rampant Red

Clairault | Streicker Viticultural Excellence Award

John Fogarty – Deep Woods Estate

Curtin Sensory Award Winner

Sarah Marrocco

The Wine Show Gala night also saw the announcement of the annual Viticulture Excellence Award which was won by John Fogarty of Deep Woods Estate. The Viticultural Excellence Award Judges said, “all three finalists this year were very, very strong applicants and it was a difficult award to judge. John Fogarty demonstrated innovative practices to restore neglected vineyards back to award winning quality across vast and diverse climates”.

Chair of Judges, Corrina Wright from Oliver’s Taranga said “This year’s judging team were again very impressed at the depth of quality at the show, particularly with the varieties that spearhead the region – Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon. The 80 gold medals attest to a region that is batting well above its size on the national scene. Not to be forgotten, a strong showing of silver and bronze medals, all wines that are exemplary examples of their variety and style. Sauvignon Blanc & Semillon continue to impress, and the rise and rise of delicious dry Rose from the region only seems to gather more momentum.”

Wine Show Chairman Cliff Royle said, “Corrina Wright and the wine show committee did a wonderful job in bringing together a fantastic group of judges this year. Judges from all over the country were complemented with two local judges and one

international judge from China. Our Chief Steward Trent Kelly did a super job and the back of house was run like clockwork, thank you to all those people who gave up their time to help over the past week. Margaret River has had a golden run with wine shows results this year, winning the trophy for the best Chardonnay of show at every capital city show. The Chardonnay classes were once again hotly contested with a range of styles being picked out by the judges, these wines would hold their own anywhere in the world. Thanks also to the support of our sponsors and event partners, without your assistance we simple couldn't run the Margaret River Wine Show, we look forward to a long association in partnership with each one of you".

Naming Rights Partner, Langton's Clayton Buffoni said "In line with the wines of the region, the show continues to grow into one of the most exciting events in the country. Additional trophy classes along with the recent sponsorship by Singapore Airlines of the International Judges Trophy are lending this regional show a true international weight. This has been our third year as sponsor of the event and we look forward to continuing the journey. It's been quite a ride."

Corrina Wright led the team of 21 judges and associate judges for the second year.

Beijing wine educator, Fongyee Walker MW joined as this year's International Judge, supported by Singapore Airlines, to provide an important international perspective to the show.

Langton's 2017 Margaret River Wine Show Judges were:

Corina Wright – Oliver's Taranga Chair of Judges

Fongyee Walker MW – International Judge

Glenn Barry – Knappstein

Pete Bissell – Balnaves of Coonawarra

Dave Brooks – Wine Marketing Labs

Brendan Carr – Xanadu Wines

Melanie Chester – Sutton Grange Estate

Steve Flamsteed – Giant Steps

Alex Hudak – Pure Wine Co

Sarah Pidgeon – Wynns

Randall Pollard – Heart & Soil

Adam Wadewitz – Shaw + Smith

Virginia Willcock – Vasse Felix

All results from the 2017 Langton's Margaret River Wine Show are available at www.margaretriver.wine

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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.”