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Superlative Success for Margaret River at the 2023 Decanter World Wine Awards

The results from this year's <u>Decanter World Wine Awards</u> have been announced and Western Australia's <u>Margaret River</u> has three wines in the competition's <u>Best in Show</u>.

The Margaret River wines awarded Best in Show were:

- **Domaine Naturaliste** Rebus Cabernet Sauvignon 2020
- Evans & Tate Redbrook Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2018
- House of Cards Ace of Spades Chardonnay 2022

From 57 countries 18,250 wines were tasted to select the Best in Show from across the world and Margaret River represented **6% of the Best in Show medal winners**.

Margaret River's superlative success reinforces the region's reputation of global excellence, particularly for Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay.

Whilst Margaret River is known to be one of the most geographically isolated wine regions in the world and produces only 2% of Australia's wine, this performance also represents 30% of Australia's 10 medals in the Best in Show list.

Margaret River's success also continued in the competition's other awards receiving three Platinum, fifteen Gold, 49 Silver and 34 Bronze medals.

When hearing that Margaret River was awarded 104 medals at the Decanter Wine Awards, Margaret River Wine Association CEO, Amanda Whiteland said "We are ecstatic with these results which recognise the uppermost quality of Margaret River wines on the global stage."

"It is really significant, not only because the DWWA is the world's largest wine competition, but also because of the huge number of 236 judges, including influential wine experts, Masters of Wine and Master Sommeliers that come together from 30 nations to make these selections."

"The exposure to Margaret River wines that these awards provide these international judges, consumers and trade is significant."

"I am sure the huge number of Margaret River wineries, over 30 wineries, that received one of the competition's top awards will be celebrating with a glass of something delicious tonight."

Tina Gellie, Decanter's Content Manager and Regional Editor for Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Canada, who spent a week touring the region in November 2022, said she was thrilled but not surprised by Margaret River's superlative performance.

'The region's unique terroir fingerprint and passion of the producers shines through in the wines, which was not only evident during my visit but clearly also to our expert judges at the DWWA. Congratulations to everyone who submitted wines this year."



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Margaret River Top Results

Best in Show	Evans & Tate	Redbrook Reserve	Cabernet Sauvignon 2018
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Best in Show Domaine Naturaliste Rebus Cabernet Sauvignon 2020 **Best in Show** House of Cards Ace of Spades Chardonnay 2022

Platinum Clairault Streicker Ironstone Block Old Vine Chardonnay 2020

Platinum Robert Oatley Pennant Chardonnay 2020

Platinum Xanadu Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

Gold Brown Hill Estate Ivanhoe Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

Gold Cape Mentelle Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

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Gold Domaine Naturaliste Morus Cabernet Sauvignon 2019
Gold Domaine Naturaliste Le Naturaliste Cabernet Franc 2020
Gold Fermoy Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2020
Gold Fermoy Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2018
Gold Flametree Wines S. R. S. Wallcliffe Chardonnay 2022

Gold Fraser Gallop Estate Parterre Chardonnay 2021
Gold Gralyn Estate Museum Rare Muscat NV

Gold Gralyn Estate Classic Muscat NV

Gold Peccavi The Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

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Additional Information

- Images <u>House of Cards</u>
- Quick link to DWWA 2023 results
- MRWA Media Kit can be download from https://margaretriver.wine/media/

About Margaret River Wine Association

The Margaret River Wine Association (MRWA) is the peak body for Margaret River grape growers and winemakers and represents their interests to promote, protect and enhance Margaret River fine wine.

The Association is an independent, non-profit organisation, financed by its members with additional funding sourced through sponsorship and grants. 200 wine producers and over 50 Grape Grower and Commercial organisations are members of MRWA.