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Margaret River shines as world's top awarded wine region at International Wine & Spirits Competition

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The prestigious International Wine & Spirit Competition (IWSC) has confirmed Margaret River's global reputation, awarding the region **nine of this year's 40 Wine Trophies** – more than any other wine region in the world.

Some of the world's most eminent judges tasted more than 12,000 wines from over 90 countries this year, to announce the 40 Wine Trophy winners across still, sparkling, and fortified categories.

Australia emerged as the most successful country, collecting 25% of the trophies, followed by France with 15% (6 trophies), and Portugal and Spain with 10% each (4 trophies each). Margaret River stood out as the most successful region, securing 22.5% of all trophy winning wines.

Margaret River Wine Association CEO, Amanda Whiteland, said recognition from one of the world's most prestigious international wine competitions was a fantastic result for the region.

"These results not only reflect the outstanding quality of the recent vintages, but also highlights the region's long-term trajectory of excellence. Margaret River wines have never been more exciting!"

This follows Western Australia's strong showing in the IWSC Global Judging held in Margaret River earlier this year, where 39 wines were awarded Gold Medals. These were then shipped to the UK for final Trophy judging on 11 September.

IWSC CEO, Christelle Guibert, said, *"The exceptional medal results demonstrate how Western Australia continues to deliver world-class wines that resonate with global audiences."*

Results by Country / Region

- **10** Australia (9 Margaret River & 1 Rutherglen)
- **6** France (3 Champagne, 1 Provence, 1 Languedoc-Roussillon & 1 Southwest)
- **4** Portugal (2 Port, 1 Madeira & 1 Douro)
- **4** Spain (3 Andalucia & 1 Rioja)
- **2** England (Dorset & Sussex)
- **2** Italy (Lombardy & Veneto)
- **2** Armenia (Vayots Dzor & Aragatsotn)
- **2** Austria (Steiermark & Niederösterreich)
- **2** Georgia (Kakheti)
- **2** South Africa (Western Cape)
- **2** Turkey (South-East Anatolia & Thrace-Marmara)

- 1 Greece (Aegean Islands)
- 1 New Zealand (Marlborough)

IWSC 2025 Trophy Winners from Margaret River, Western Australia

- Amato Vino – Savagnin *Space Girls* 2024 — Trophy + Gold (95) - RRP \$45
- Deep Woods Estate – Reserve Chardonnay 2024 — Trophy + Gold (97) - RRP \$85
- Deep Woods Estate – Reserve Chardonnay 2023 — Trophy + Gold (97) - RRP \$85
- Nocturne – SV Forrest Chardonnay 2024 — Trophy + Gold (96) - RRP \$65
- Happs – Three Hills Chardonnay 2023 — Trophy + Gold (95) - RRP \$50
- Aravina Estate – *Stella Bdx* 2022 — Trophy + Gold (95) - RRP \$90
- Peccavi Estate – *The Estate* Cabernet Sauvignon 2022 — Trophy + Gold (95) - RRP \$150
- Snake and Herring – *Cannonball* Cabernet Sauvignon 2023 — Trophy + Gold (95) - RRP \$65
- Xanadu Wines – Cabernet Sauvignon 2023 — Trophy + Gold (98) - RRP \$45

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Additional Information:

- Full Trophy Results are published [HERE](#).
- Images from the 2025 [Judging](#) in Margaret River. Photo Credit: Ovis Creative.

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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. Over 175 wine producers and 50 grape grower and commercial organisations are members of MRWA.

About Margaret River

Margaret River is one of the Earth's most pristine, geographically secluded, coastal wine regions. This breathtaking destination of ancient landforms, lush forests and distinct Ironstone gravel soils enjoys a 'textbook perfect' climate for fine wines, with its consistent Mediterranean climate and intense maritime influence – here, the Indian and Southern Oceans meet.

Scarce and sought-after worldwide, Margaret River wines represent only 2% of the Australian annual crush. The elegant and powerful Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay expressions are most noteworthy and can be grown with a 'light touch' approach, as the grapes typically ripen with superb balance, refinement and structure. Artisan and family-owned producers dominate, and their preference for handcrafted winemaking and respectful creativity shines through.

A world-renowned wine destination, the region's 100 cellar doors, gourmet culinary experiences, stunning nature and spirited arts scene attracts over 1.5 million overnight visitors per year.