



Media Release

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Top honours for South Australia's McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills at this year's Royal Queensland Wine Show

Shingleback's *D Block Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2010* has taken out Champion Wine of Show, winning the coveted Courier-Mail Trophy at the 2013 Royal Queensland Wine Show supported by Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers.

Chief Wine Judge PJ Charteris said the wine was beautiful and showed varietal precision, elegance and great drinkability.

Continuing the South Australian success story, *Block 14 Shiraz 2012* by The Lane Vineyard is the winner of The Stodart Trophy for the Best Gold Medal winning Young Dry Red Wine.

PJ Charteris said the 2011 and 2012 vintages were very strong with wines consistently bright, fresh and fruit focussed, probably courtesy of a couple of cooler vintages across the country.

"The medal breakdown of 5% Gold, 10% Silver and 20% Bronze, from total entries this year of 1,780, is consistent with the quality of recent vintages.

"Pinot and chardonnay were two of the shining lights with a noticeable improvement of pinot this year.

"Vermentino was also particularly strong; and the GSM or Rhone red classes were really showing some luscious wines. Almost lip-smacking," he said.

Queensland's Golden Grove Estate was the highest scoring Queensland wine exhibitor, earning a Gold Medal for its Malbec.

The RNA introduced a number of changes to this year's judging, including a new panel of judges with a good cross section of talent and expertise including winemakers, wine writers, biochemists and sommeliers.

PJ Charteris said this was the second year the Royal Queensland Wine Show had used the 100 point scoring system which gave the judges the opportunity to put more definition into their scoring.

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“The 100 point system is used much more widely in the media globally, which brings everything in line and makes the scores more relevant.”

“Our judges have earned their stripes this week,” said PJ. They have done a stellar job and had a lot of fun along the way.”

Trophy Winners for 2013

Note: the complete results schedule of medal winners will be available from the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show website www.rqfws.com.au from tomorrow Saturday, 6 July.

THE FANCY TEA TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Sparkling White Wine in Classes 61, 87 and 88.

Trophy sponsored by Fancy Tea - Exquisite Crystal Stemware and Vintage Tableware Hire

Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard - Class 89 Cat. No. 2 - Pirie Non Vintage Sparkling NV

THE TECHNOLOGY EFFECT TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Dry White Wine in Current Vintage Classes 1 to 6.

Trophy sponsored by Technology Effect

Jim Barry Wines Pty Ltd - Class 1 Cat. No. 7 - The Lodge Hill Dry Riesling 2013

THE ROYAL QUEENSLAND FOOD & WINE SHOW TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Young Dry White Wine in Classes 9 to 14.

Penfolds Wines PTY LTD - Class 11 Cat. No. 75 - Penfolds Bin A Chardonnay 2012

THE ROYAL QUEENSLAND FOOD & WINE SHOW TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Mature White Wine, Two Years and Older in Classes 25 to 28.

Brokenwood Wines - Class 27 Cat. No. 17 - Brokenwood ILR Reserve Semillon 2007

THE TMPOS TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Dry White Wine in Commercial Classes 54 to 59.

Trophy sponsored by TMPOS

Berton Vineyards Pty Ltd - Class 58 Cat. No. 21 - Berton Vineyards 2013

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THE A O FLEMING TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Chardonnay of the Show in Classes 11, 26 and 55.

Perpetual Trophy sponsored by Mr Andrew Fleming

Penfolds Wines PTY LTD - Class 11 Cat. No. 75 - Penfolds Bin A Chardonnay 2012

THE BRISBANE CLUB TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Aged Riesling 2 Years and Over in Classes 25 and 54.

Trophy sponsored by The Brisbane Club

Pewsey Vale Vineyard - Class 25 Cat. No. 4 - Pewsey Vale The Contours Riesling 2008

THE DOWN UNDER CELLARS TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Sweet White Wine of Show in Classes 15, 29 and 60.

Trophy sponsored by Down Under Cellars

De Bortoli Wines - Class 60 Cat. No. 4 - Deen DeBortoli Botrytis Semillon 2008

THE ALAN COOK MBE TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Mature Red Wine Two Years and older in Classes 30 to 38.

Trophy sponsored by Liquor Merchants of Australia Ltd

Shingleback - Class 30 Cat. No. 56 - D Block Reserve 2010

THE WINE GUILD OF AUSTRALIA INC (QUEENSLAND) TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal Winning Dry Red Wine in Commercial Classes 63 to 71.

Trophy sponsored by Wine Guild of Australia Inc (Queensland)

Devil's Lair Pty Ltd - Class 65 Cat. No. 37 - Devil's Lair Fifth Leg Shiraz 2012

THE ROYAL QUEENSLAND FOOD & WINE SHOW TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Pinot Noir of the Show in Classes 17, 31 and 64.

Echelon Wine Partners - Class 17 Cat. No. 22 - Last Horizon 2012

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THE BRISBANE CLUB TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Dry Red Shiraz Wine in Mature Class 32.

Trophy sponsored by The Brisbane Club

Domaine Chandon - Class 32 Cat. No. 157 - Domaine Chandon Heathcote Shiraz 2010

THE JOHN CHANDLER MEMORIAL TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Alternative Red or White variety to be judged by Associate Judges.

Trophy sponsored by Negotiants Australia

Golden Grove Estate - Class 86 Cat. No. 25 - Malbec 2011

THE CSG PRINT SERVICES TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Sweet Red Dessert Tawny of Show in Classes 47 to 50 and 77 to 80.

Trophy sponsored by CSG Print Services

Grant Burge Wines Pty Ltd - Class 50 Cat. No. 2 - Grant Burge Wines 20yo Tawny NV

THE THOMAS TROPHY

For the Best Fortified Wine of Show.

Trophy sponsored by Councillor David Thomas

Grant Burge Wines Pty Ltd - Class 50 Cat. No. 2 - Grant Burge Wines 20yo Tawny NV

THE DAN O'CONNOR TROPHY

Awarded to the Most Successful Exhibitor securing the highest number of points in Wine and Brandy Classes.

Perpetual Trophy sponsored by Councillor Dan O'Connor

De Bortoli Wines

THE JOHN G MARCHANT MEMORIAL TROPHY

For the Most Successful Queensland Exhibitor gaining the greatest number of points.

Trophy sponsored by Peter Marchant

Golden Grove Estate

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THE BEST SINGLE VINEYARD WHITE TROPHY

For the highest point scoring gold medal winning entry in class 85.

Devil's Lair Pty Ltd - Class 85 Cat. No. 32 - Devil's Lair Ninth Chamber Chardonnay 2011

THE BEST SINGLE VINEYARD RED TROPHY

For the highest point scoring gold medal winning entry in class 86.

Sleepy Hollow Wines Pty Ltd - Class 86 Cat. No. 57 - You Yangs View 2012

THE FLINDERS GROUP TROPHY

The Best Single Vineyard Wine of Show Trophy For the highest point scoring gold medal winning entry in classes 85 and 86.

Trophy sponsored by Flinders Group

Sleepy Hollow Wines Pty Ltd - Class 86 Cat. No. 57 - You Yangs View 2012

THE ROYAL QUEENSLAND FOOD & WINE SHOW TROPHY

For the best gold medal winning Queensland wine made and produced in Queensland by a Queensland winery to be judged by interstate judges only.

Golden Grove Estate - Class 86 Cat. No. 25 - Malbec 2011

THE STODART TROPHY

For the Best Gold Medal winning Young Dry Red Table Wine in Classes 16 to 24.

Perpetual Trophy sponsored by The Stodart Family

The Lane Vineyard - Class 18 Cat. No. 122 - Block 14 2012

THE COURIER-MAIL TROPHY

For the Grand Champion Wine of Show selected from all Trophy winning wines, excluding Current Vintage Whites, Young Reds and Fortified Wines.

Previous Winners of the Grand Champion Wine of Show:

2012 Annie's Lane At Quelltaler, Annie's Lane Cooper Trail Shiraz 2010 2011 - Treasury Wine Estate, Seppelt Drumbooy Riesling 2005 2010 - Foster's Group Ltd, Leo Buring Leonay Maturation

Release Riesling 2005 2009 - McWilliams Wines, Mount Pleasant Lovedale 2003 2008 - Foster's Group Ltd, Saltram No.1 Shiraz 2006 2007 - Oakridge Vineyards, Oakridge Chardonnay 2006 2006 - Majella Wines, Majella Cabernet 2004 2005 - Coldstream Australia, Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay 2003

Trophy sponsored by The Courier-Mail

Shingleback - Class 30 Cat. No. 56 - D Block Reserve 2010

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2013 Royal Queensland Wine Show judging panel

- Mr PJ Charteris – Chief Judge (Winemaker, Charteris Wines)
- Mr David Bicknell – Judge
- Mr David Brookes – Judge
- Mr Jim Chatto – Judge (Chief Winemaker, McWilliam's Wines Group)
- Ms Samantha Connew – Judge (Australian Wine Research Institute)
- Ms Sarah Crowe – Judge (Senior Winemaker, Bimbadgen)
- Mr James Godfrey – Judge (Group Fortified Winemaker, Treasury Wine Estates)
- Mr Tony Harper – Judge
- Mr Ian Hongell – Judge
- Mr Christopher Pfeiffer – Judge
- Mr Nick Ryan – Judge
- Ms Jane Skilton – Judge
- Ms Trina Smith – Judge (Senior Sparkling Winemaker, Treasury Wine Estates)
- Mr Adam Wadewitz – Judge (Senior Winemaker, Shaw + Smith)
- Mr Luke Fitzpatrick – Associate to Judge
- Mr Tom Hogan – Associate to Judge (Owner, Harry & Frankie wine bar)
- A/Prof Robert Learmonth – Associate to Judge
- Ms Gwyneth Olsen – Associate to Judge
- Mr Andy Williams – Associate to Judge (Consultant Winemaker in the Granite Belt Wine Region)

The Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) continues to surpass all expectations, growing in stature and popularity since its inception in 2009, and now attracts more than 2,600 entries and includes nine competitions: Cheese and Dairy Produce, Ice-Cream, Sorbet; Beef and Lamb; Sausage and Smallgoods; Chocolate and Beer.

The RQFWS will run through to September. Visit the brand new dedicated RQFWS website at www.rqfws.com.au

Remaining 2013 RQFWS competitions include:

AMIC Sausage King	7 July
AMIC Ham, Bacon and Smallgoods	27 July
Chocolate	10 – 11 September
Beer and Cider	TBC

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