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Giant victory for Victorian Pinot Noir crowned Australia's best

A pinot noir from Victoria has been crowned Australia's best wine at the Royal Queensland Wine Awards (RQWA) at the Brisbane Showgrounds.

The 2022 Sexton Vineyard Pinot Noir, produced by Giant Steps, beat 1,427 wines from 200 Australian wineries following four days of judging.

The winery took home \$17,000 in prizes for its pinot noir, claiming not only the \$12,000 fellowship for the Angelo Puglisi Grand Champion Wine of Show Trophy but also the new \$5,000 prize for the Dr Bill Ryan Best Pinot Noir of Show.

Cleaning up the major awards, the wine also won the sought-after Stodart Trophy for the Best Red Table Wine of Show.

Chief Judge Tom Carson said it was a wonderful wine from the Yarra Valley.

"This wine captivated the judges with its purity, fragrance, detail and concentration – it was beautifully balanced with incredible length of palate," he said.

"Pinot noir entries were up more than 20 per cent compared to last year, thanks to the new \$5,000 prize introduced by Andrew and Michael Ryan in honour of their late father Dr Bill Ryan."

Meanwhile, The Star Entertainment Group Best Queensland Wine of Show was taken out by Just Red Wines in the Granite Belt for their 2022 Daily Red Shiraz.

Mr Carson said wines from the 2022 vintage really stood out to the panel of 26 judges.

"The red wines in particular from the 2022 vintage were of an extremely high quality and the white wines were of a very high standard as well," he said.

"The wines entered in the White Varietals 2022 class were outstanding, with five gold medals awarded.

"This class featured new emerging varieties such as albarino, chenin blanc, pinot blanc and fiano, and the judges were really impressed by what's happening in that space."

The Royal Queensland Wine Awards has been running since 1876, aiming to improve, promote and provide guidance to the industry.

The general public can sample the award-winners tonight at the Grape Grazing by Night event at the Brisbane Showgrounds. Tickets are available at www.grapegrazingbynight.com.au



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2023 TROPHY AWARD WINNERS

THE ANGELO PUGLISI GRAND CHAMPION WINE OF SHOW (Australia's best wine)

Giant Steps Wine - Giant Steps Sexton Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022

THE STODART TROPHY FOR BEST RED TABLE WINE OF SHOW

Giant Steps Wine - Giant Steps Sexton Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022

BEST RIESLING WINE OF SHOW

Pressing Matters - Pressing Matters R0 Riesling 2022

BEST SEMILLON WINE OF SHOW

Glandore Wines - Glandore Cellarhands 2022

BEST SAUVIGNON BLANC OF SHOW

Pinnacle Drinks - Once & Well Frankies Garden Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc 2022

BEST PINOT GRIS / GRIGIO WINE OF SHOW

Burge Family Wine Estates - Corryton Burge Adelaide Hills Pinot Gris 2022

THE FLEMING TROPHY FOR BEST CHARDONNAY WINE OF SHOW

Stella Bella - Luminosa Chardonnay 2022

BEST WHITE VARIETAL WINE OF SHOW

Tumblonghills (Tumblong Estates Pty Limited) - Tumblong Hills Chenin Blanc 2022

BEST WHITE BLEND WINE OF SHOW

A. G. Oatley Wines - Robert Oatley Signature Series Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2022

THE DR BILL RYAN BEST PINOT NOIR OF SHOW

Giant Steps Wine - Giant Steps Sexton Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022

BEST GRENACHE WINE OF SHOW

Turkey Flat Vineyards - Turkey Flat Grenache 2021

BEST GRENACHE BLEND OF SHOW

Peter Lehmann Wines - Peter Lehmann Portrait GSM 2022

BEST SANGIOVESE, MONTEPULCIANO, NERO D'AVOLA, BARBERA, DOLCETTO, NEBBIOLO OR BLEND OF SHOW

Serafino Wines - Serafino Bellissimo Sangiovese 2022

THE WINE GUILD OF AUSTRALIAN INC (QUEENSLAND) BEST SHIRAZ WINE OF SHOW

Marnong Estate Pty Ltd - 2022 Marnong Estate Shiraz 2022



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BEST SHIRAZ BLEND WINE OF SHOW

Yarra Yering - New Territories Shiraz Touriga 2022

THE ALAN COOK MBE TROPHY BEST CABERNET SAUVIGNON WINE OF SHOW

Jim Barry Wines - Barry and Sons Cabernet 2021

LIQUOR MERCHANTS OF AUSTRALIA BEST CABERNET SAUVIGNON BLEND WINE OF SHOW

Jim Barry Wines - The Farm Cabernet Malbec 2021

BEST RED VARIETAL WINE OF SHOW

Hungerford Hill Operations Pty Ltd - Hungerford Hill Tempranillo 2022

BEST RED BLEND WINE OF SHOW

Yarra Yering - Dry Red Wine No. 3 2022

THE MALDWYN AND IAN DAVIES BEST SPARKLING WINE OF SHOW

Brown Family Wine Group - Pirie Sparkling Vintage 2019

BEST WHITE TABLE WINE OF SHOW

Stella Bella - Luminosa Chardonnay 2022

BEST SWEET WHITE WINE OF SHOW

De Bortoli Wines - Noble One 2021

BEST ROSÉ WINE OF SHOW

Jacob Creek Wines - Jacob's Creek Le Petit Rosé 2022

BEST FORTIFIED WINE OF SHOW

Morris Wines - Old Premium Muscat

THE KING STREET BEST SMALL BATCH WINE OF SHOW

Calabria Family Wines - 2022 Single vineyard Shiraz 2022

BEST INNOVATIVE WINE OF SHOW

Ricca Terra Vintners - Skin Contact Field Blend 2022

THE STAR ENTERTAINMENT GROUP BEST QUEENSLAND WINE OF SHOW

Just Red Wines - Daily Red Shiraz 2022

For further information about the Royal Queensland Awards and a complete list of wine results, visit the Royal Queensland Awards website at www.rqa.com.au.

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