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Tasmania triumphs with Bream Creek Pinot Noir crowned Australia's best

Bream Creek Vineyard has made a spectacular sweep at the 2025 Royal Queensland Awards (RQA) Wine Competition supported by King Street claiming three of the most prestigious accolades including the coveted title of Australia's best wine, plus \$17,000 in prize money.

The Tasmanian winery's Pinot Noir 2024 won the Angelo Puglisi Grand Champion Wine of Show, which comes with a \$12,000 fellowship. It also claimed the historic Stodart Trophy for Best Red Table Wine of Show and the Dr Bill Ryan Best Pinot Noir of Show, accompanied by a \$5,000 bursary.

RQA Wine Competition Chief Judge Julian Langworthy said it was an outstanding wine.

"It's a wine for the ages and one the Australian wine industry should be very proud of," he said.

"It has great clarity and beautiful complexity - it just rose to the top in the most beautiful way during judging."

Bream Creek Vineyard General Manager Rafe Nottage said it was a fantastic team achievement, from viticulture through to winemaking.

"These awards build on our Royal Queensland Awards Best Pinot Noir of Show trophy from last year and reflect the premium cool climate wines that Tasmania is renowned for," he said.

"Our 2024 pinot was shaped by a warmer-than-usual growing season - well, warmer for Tasmania - with the dark berry fruits, subtle spice and excellent tannin structure meaning the wine can be enjoyed now, but also confidently cellared."

Meanwhile, the new Best Organic or Biodynamic Wine of Show trophy was awarded to Tamburlaine Organic Wines for their Reserve Malbec 2024, while the Brown Family Wine Group took home the new Best Low Alcohol or Dealcoholised Beverage of Show for their Brown Brothers Moscato Zero.

In the Queensland-specific awards, Golden Grove Estate, located in Ballandean on the Granite Belt, was named The Star Entertainment Group Best Queensland Wine of Show for its 2024 Nero D'Avola. The region was further celebrated with Brad Allan of View Wine awarded The Star Emerging Queensland Winemaker of the Year.



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This year's competition attracted 1,211 entries from 185 wineries, judged over four days last week by a panel of 26 of the industry's most respected winemakers and sommeliers.

Mr Langworthy said the overall quality of the wines was exceptionally high, especially the Pinot Noir.

"Australian pinot is improving exponentially year on year and those classes were outstanding - we could have easily brought back 12 different pinots to be judged for Grand Champion."

The award-winning wines will now be showcased to consumers at the popular Grape Grazing by Night event at the Brisbane Showgrounds tomorrow night (Friday 11 July, 6-9pm). Wine lovers can still secure their spot, with tickets available at www.grapegrazingbynight.com.au.

2025 TROPHY AND PRIZE WINNERS

THE ANGELO PUGLISI GRAND CHAMPION TROPHY (Australia's best wine)

Bream Creek Vineyard - Pinot Noir 2024

THE MALDWYN AND IAN DAVIES BEST SPARKLING WINE OF SHOW

Printhie Wines - Swift 2016 Vintage

BEST WHITE TABLE WINE TROPHY

Stella Bella - Suckfizzle Chardonnay 2024

THE STODART TROPHY FOR BEST RED TABLE WINE

Bream Creek Vineyard - Pinot Noir 2024

BEST FORTIFIED WINE TROPHY

Morris Wines - Cellar Reserve Grand Topaque

THE STAR ENTERTAINMENT GROUP BEST QUEENSLAND WINE TROPHY

Golden Grove Estate - Nero D'Avola 2024

THE STAR EMERGING QUEENSLAND WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR

Brad Allan - View Wine by Sancerre Estate

BEST RIESLING TROPHY

Pinnacle Drinks - Mockingbird Hill Dr JWD Bain Clare Valley Riesling 2024

BEST SEMILLON TROPHY

Brokenwood Wines - ILR Reserve Semillon 2019

BEST SAUVIGNON BLANC TROPHY

House of Cards - 'Three Card Monte' Sauvignon Blanc 2025

BEST PINOT GRIS/GRIGIO TROPHY

Hahndorf Hill Winery - Pinot Grigio 2025



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THE FLEMING TROPHY FOR BEST CHARDONNAY

Stella Bella - Suckfizzle Chardonnay 2024

BEST WHITE VARIETAL TROPHY

Artwine Pty Ltd - Ti Amo Arneis 2025

BEST WHITE BLEND TROPHY

Stella Bella - Suckfizzle Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2023

THE DR BILL RYAN TROPHY FOR BEST PINOT NOIR OF SHOW

Bream Creek Vineyard - Pinot Noir 2024

BEST GRENACHE TROPHY SUPPORTED BY KING STREET

Yalumba Wines - Vat-11 Grenache 2024

BEST GRENACHE BLEND TROPHY

St Hugo Wines - Grenache, Shiraz, Mataro 2024

BEST SANGIOVESE, MONTEPULCIANO, NERO D'ÁVOLA, BARBERA, DOLCETTO, NEBBIOLO OR BLEND TROPHY

Marnong Wines - Single Vineyard Sangiovese 2024

WINE GUILD OF AUSTRALIAN INC (QUEENSLAND) TROPHY FOR BEST SHIRAZ

Jim Barry Wines - Barry Brothers 2022

BEST SHIRAZ BLEND TROPHY

Hamelin Bay Wines - Rampant Red 2023

THE ALAN COOK MBE TROPHY FOR BEST CABERNET SAUVIGNON TROPHY

Credaro Family Wines - 1000 Crowns Cabernet Sauvignon 2023

LIQUOR MERCHANTS OF AUSTRALIA LTD TROPHY FOR BEST CABERNET SAUVIGNON BLEND

Hamelin Bay Wines - Cabernet Malbec 2023

BEST RED VARIETAL TROPHY

Meditrina Beverages Pty Ltd - Coonawarra Cabernet Franc 2024

BEST RED BLEND TROPHY

De Bortoli Wines - Ancient Soils Tempranillo Touriga 2024

BEST SWEET WHITE WINE TROPHY

De Bortoli Wines - Noble One 2022

BEST ROSE TROPHY

Yering Station - Village Rose 2025



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BEST SMALL BATCH TROPHY SUPPORTED BY WINE FRIENDS

Golden Grove Estate - Sangiovese 2024

BEST ORGANIC OR BIODYNAMIC WINE TROPHY

Tamburlaine Organic Wines - Reserve Malbec 2024

BEST LOW ALCOHOL OR DEALCOHOLISED BEVERAGE PRIZE

Brown Family Wine Group - Brown Brothers Moscato Zero

BEST VALUE WHITE WINE PRIZE

Duxton Vineyards - Rewild Fiano 2025

BEST VALUE RED WINE PRIZE

Tumblong Hills (Tumblong Estates Pty Limited) - Table of Plenty Nero d'Avola 2023

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