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Pinot Noir crowned Australia's best

A Pinot Noir from Tasmania has broken a six year winning streak by white wine varieties, to be crowned Australia's best at the Royal Queensland Wine Show (RQWS) Awards at the Brisbane Showgrounds today.

The Giant Steps Nocton Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018 is the first red wine to claim the Angelo Puglisi Grand Champion Wine of Show since 2013, with the award usually dominated by Chardonnay.

The top drop also won the prestigious Stodart Trophy for the best red table wine of show and Chief Judge Jim Chatto said it was well deserved.

"The Giant Steps Nocton stood head and shoulders above the pack for its clarity of fruit, exquisite perfume and profound structure," he said.

"As soon as I tasted it, I knew it was going to be hard to beat.

"Steve Flamsteed is an accomplished maker of fine Pinot Noir in the Yarra Valley - seems he's pretty handy in Tasmania too."

Yarra Valley winemakers and red wine varieties continued their success, with the new Chief Judge's Award going to Yarra Yering's Dry Red Wine No.3 2018.

"The Yarra Yering No.3 is a deliciously fragrant and harmonious blend," Mr Chatto said.

"It was a little unlucky, missing out on the Best Red Blend taste off by just one vote."

It was a white wine's time to shine in the new Wines of Provenance classes, where winemakers entered three different vintages of the same label in red and white varieties.

The King Street Best Wine of Provenance award came down to a Reisling and Cabernet, with the Leasingham Classic Clare Riesling from Leasingham Wines in South Australia winning the judges over.

The 24 judges tasted their way through 1,695 wines from 234 Australian wineries over four days last week and were pleased with the overall quality.

Mr Chatto said six per cent of wines were awarded gold medals, which spoke highly of the wine being made across the country.



“Being the first show on the Australian wine show calendar, light to medium bodied reds from 2018 performed very well,” he said.

“The rise and rise of ‘Mediterranean’ varieties such as Grenache and Tempranillo is very exciting.

“They’re often better suited to our hot and arid climate, and lifestyles, than the traditional cool climate French varieties our industry was founded on.”

The RQWS dates back to 1876, giving Australian wineries exposure by helping to promote the nation’s diverse growing regions, the winemakers and their exceptional drops.

Below are the 2019 Trophy winners. The full results catalogue is now available at www.rqfws.com.au

2019 TROPHY AWARD WINNERS

THE MALDWYN AND IAN DAVIES BEST SPARKLING WINE OF SHOW

Brown Family Wine Group - Brown Brothers Patricia Pinot Noir and Chardonnay Brut 2012

BEST RIESLING WINE OF SHOW

Pewsey Vale Vineyard - Pewsey Vale Vineyard The Contours Riesling 2013

BEST SEMILLON WINE OF SHOW

Australian Vintage Limited - McGuigan Bin 9000 Semillon 2013

BEST SAUVIGNON BLANC OR SEMILLON & SAUVIGNON BLANC BLEND WINE OF SHOW

Grape Expectations Vintners - Miles From Nowhere Sauvignon Blanc 2019

THE AO FLEMING BEST CHARDONNAY WINE OF SHOW

Capel Vale Winery - Capel Vale Wines Black Label Chardonnay 2018

BEST PINOT GRIS / GRIGIO WINE OF SHOW

Jacob’s Creek Wines - Jacob's Creek Classic Pinot Grigio 2019

BEST SINGLE WHITE VARIETAL WINE OF SHOW

Australian Vintage Limited - Nepenthe Winemakers Select Gewurztraminer 2018

BEST SWEET WHITE WINE OF SHOW

Brown Family Wine Group - Brown Brothers Patricia Noble Riesling 2015

BEST SINGLE VINEYARD WHITE TABLE WINE OF SHOW

Pewsey Vale Vineyard - Pewsey Vale Vineyard The Contours Riesling 2013

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Capel Vale Winery - Capel Vale Wines Black Label Chardonnay 2018



BEST ROSÉ WINE OF SHOW

Jacob's Creek Wines - Jacob's Creek Le Petit Rosé 2018

BEST CURRENT DRINKING LIGHT RED WINE OF SHOW

De Bortoli Wines - Villages Tempranillo Touriga 2018

THE DR BILL RYAN BEST PINOT NOIR OF SHOW

Giant Steps Wine - Giant Steps Nocton Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018

BEST GRENACHE, ASSOCIATED VARIETY OR BLEND WINE OF SHOW

Hentley Farm - Hentley Farm The Old Legend Grenache 2018

BEST SHIRAZ WINE OF SHOW

Windance Estate - Shiraz 2018

THE WINE GUILD OF AUSTRALIA INC (QUEENSLAND) BEST SHIRAZ/CABERNET BLEND WINE OF SHOW

Deep Woods Estate - Deep Woods Estate 'Ebony' Cabernet Shiraz 2017

THE ALAN COOK MBE TROPHY THE ALAN COOK MBE TROPHY BEST CABERNET, ASSOCIATED VARIETY OR BLEND WINE OF SHOW

Xanadu Wines - Xanadu Cabernet Sauvignon 2017

BEST SINGLE RED VARIETAL WINE OF SHOW

Agnew Wines - Cockfighters Ghost Single Vineyard Sangiovese 2017

BEST RED BLEND WINE OF SHOW

Hardys Tintara - Hardys Tintara Grenache Shiraz Touriga 2018

BEST SINGLE VINEYARD RED TABLE WINE OF SHOW

Giant Steps Wine - Giant Steps Nocton Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018

BEST FORTIFIED WINE OF SHOW

Baileys of Glenrowan - Baileys of Glenrowan Rare Topaque

KING STREET BEST WINE OF PROVENANCE

Leasingham Wines - Leasingham Classic Clare Watervale Riesling 2005, 2012, 2018

CHIEF JUDGE'S AWARD

Yarra Yering - Dry Red Wine No3 2018

THE STODART TROPHY BEST RED TABLE WINE OF SHOW

Giant Steps Wine - Giant Steps Nocton Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018

THE ANGELO PUGLISI GRAND CHAMPION WINE OF SHOW

Giant Steps Wine - Giant Steps Nocton Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018

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