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A toast to Australia's top drops

The nation's finest wines will be sniffed, swirled and tasted in a bid to find Australia's best drop at the Royal Queensland Wine Show (RQWS), with entries now open for the prestigious competition.

Chief Judge PJ Charteris, who was crowned Hunter Valley Winemaker of the Year in 2010, will once again lead a team of expert judges at the RQWS.

The show will continue to evolve in 2015 under Mr Charteris' direction and deliver even better results with the introduction of a sixth panel of judges.

This new panel will ensure the team continues to judge under optimal conditions and give every entry appropriate time for critical review.

The team of highly experienced and skilled judges will be the first to judge the 2015 vintage in Australia.

These results then set a benchmark for the industry and inform the consumer of this year's trends and what wines to look out for during the rest of the year.

The panel cover a diverse cross-section of technical and style judges, all with contemporary understanding demanded by the modern wine show system.

This wine show has a long history in Queensland, dating back to 1876 when the first Royal Queensland Show was held and it continues to grow year after year.

In 2014 there was an increase of almost 20 per cent in entry numbers with judges tasting 2076 wines from some of Australia's top wineries.

The RQWS endeavours to give Australian wineries exposure and helps promote the nation's diverse growing regions, passionate winemakers and their outstanding wines.

Entries close on May 1, with judging taking place from June 21-25 with a special public showcase to be held on July 3.

This showcase will not only be a great chance for the consumer to taste Australia's best wines, but get insider knowledge from some of our top wine judges and winemakers.

Guests will sample the best of the best in Australian cheese, beef, lamb and ice cream – all sourced from our prestigious Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show.

ENTRIES CLOSE 1 May



2015 Royal Queensland Food & Wine show

Media Release

JUDGING 21-25 June

AWARDS AND PUBLIC SHOWCASE 3 July

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