

2018 Australian Sparkling Wine Show Rules

All classes in the Australian Sparkling Wine Show (ASWS) are open to vignerons, wine makers and wine merchants. A wine merchant shall mean an individual, company or organisation that buys wine for resale or wholesale.

1. All exhibits shall conform to the respective Acts of the State & Commonwealth of Australia, which govern the production of Australian Wines and Brandy, including but not limited to: The Customs and Excise Act; Health Act; Spirit Act and the Regulations relevant to such Acts.

2. All entries to be wholly made in Australia utilising only Australian sourced grapes.

3. The minimum quantity to qualify for entry to all classes of the Australian Sparkling Wine Show is 40 dozen bottles (or equivalent) of tiraged stock, either disgorged, on lees or finished.

4. Entries:

*Entries open on 1 August 2018 and close 31 August 2018.

*An entry fee of \$65.00 is payable per exhibit. The ASWS is not registered for GST.

*There are no limits to the number of entries in any class.

*All entries are to be made via the Showrunner entry portal at:

<https://wineshow.awri.com.au/2018-australian-sparkling-wine-show>

*The production method by which an exhibit is charged with CO2 (Traditional, Transfer, Charmat etc) must be stated on the entry form.

*The tirage age in months (see Class explanatory notes) of all "bottle fermented" entries must be stated on the entry form.

*The residual sugar of each wine must be stated on the entry form.

*The regions of each wine must be stated on the entry form.

*A wine can only be entered once in the competition. Wines produced from common tirage stock or base wines must exhibit definable variation in liqueuring or composition.

*Each entry shall consist of four (4) 750ml bottles, or equivalent.

*Exhibits must be from a batch of finished bottle product.

* The commercial name of each exhibit must be stated along with a batch number, production date or disgorging date for auditing purposes.

5. Exhibit Preparation:

*All bottles must also bear the labels supplied by the ASWS. **A file containing the labels will be emailed at the close of entries**

*In addition to the competition labels each exhibit must also bear the commercial label of the product, or a sticker wine with the full product name as appears on the entry form.

*All hoods are to be removed prior to despatch.

6. Delivery:

*Delivery of exhibits will be accepted between (Monday 10th September and Friday 28th September 2018.)

*Exhibits shall be delivered in cases properly marked with the exhibitor's name and contact details to:

Delivery Address

**Australian Sparkling Wine Show
c/o Domaine Chandon
727 Maroondah Highway
Coldstream, Victoria, 3770**

All deliveries to clearly marked "Australian Sparkling Wine Show"

*Exhibits on which Freight has not been paid shall be excluded from the judging.

7. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event of wines not being received by the due date, withdrawn by the exhibitor or disqualified by the Chief Steward.

8. A Wine entered into an inappropriate or incorrect class will not be automatically transferred.

9. The Australian Sparkling Wine Show accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to wines submitted for the competition

10. All Exhibits shall become the property of the Australian Sparkling Wine Show Committee.

11. Trophy and Gold medal winners will be required to forward 6 bottles of their award winning wines for exhibitor tastings and promotional activities.

12. In addition it is a condition of entry that exhibitors will make available for purchase, by the Australian Sparkling Wine Show Committee, up to eighteen (18) bottles of any medal-winning wines for the following year's Australian Sparkling Wine Show events. The Australian Sparkling Wine Show Committee will pay a maximum of \$150.00 per dozen (including all taxes).

13. Auditing:

*The Australian Sparkling Wine Show Committee reserves the right to verify the origin and quantity held as per the requirements of these regulations, of any wine entered.

* Entry forms must state the location where entries can be audited including contact details.

* The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry, and to question exhibitors on detail of entries.

* An entry and exhibitor may be disqualified from the 2018 ASWS (and future shows) if it is found that:

- An entry is not commercially bottled; and/or
- The stock on hand claimed is found to be false; and/or
- it does not meet all entry conditions

14. Judging

- * Judging will be conducted by panels consisting of a Panel Chair, 2 Panel Judges and 2 Associate Judges.
- * Each judge will assess the wines independently using the 100 point system.
- * Judges will be screened at all times from the exhibits.
- * After judging is completed the Panel Chair and 2 Panel Judge's scores will be tallied and medals awarded.

15. Awards

- * Medals will be awarded as follows
 - Gold Medal** 95-100 pts,
 - Silver Medal** 90 -94.9 pts,
 - Bronze Medal** 85 – 89.9 pts
- * A Trophy will be awarded to the top scoring Gold medal winner in each class.
- * Where a large class is split between more than one panel the trophy will be awarded by the Chair of judges and the two Panel Chairs from all the Gold medal winning wines in the class
- * Where a gold medal is not awarded in a class no trophy will be awarded a trophy
- * The major ASWS trophy's, **Best Young Wine of Show** and Best **Mature Wine of Show** will be selected from individual class trophy winners that satisfy the eligibility criteria for each Trophy
- * The awarding of the major trophies will be conducted by a panel consisting of the Chair of Judges and two Panel Chairs.
- * The chair of judges shall have the final power to arbitrate awards

16. No protest will be entertained unless made within 7 days of the announcement of the Awards. However, it must be noted that the decision of the judges is final and no discussion will be entered into but the reason for the decision will be given

17. The wine show judging follows the recommendations of the Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology's Wine Show Committee. Exhibitors are expected to follow the Winemakers Federation of Australia Code of Practice for The Display of Awards.