



Australian Sparkling Wine Show Rules

All classes in the Australian Sparkling Wine Show (ASWS) are open to vigneron, wine makers and wine merchants. A wine merchant shall mean a 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 utilizing only Australian sourced grapes.
3. Entry is \$50.00 per wine entered. The ASWS is not registered for GST.
4. Entries close 31 August 2017. All entries shall be made via the Showrunner online entry system. Showrunner can be accessed at <http://australiansparklingwineshow.com.au/wine-show/>

Entries will also be accepted offline using the official ASWS entry form and submitted via fax or email. Offline entries will attract an administration fee of \$10 per wine submitted.

Wine exhibits to be delivered between 11th September and 29th September 2017.

Exhibits shall be delivered in cases properly marked with the exhibitors name to:

Australian Sparkling Wine Show Committee
c/o Black Spur Inn
436 Maroondah Highway
Narbethong, Victoria, 3778

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

5. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event of wines not being received by the due date, withdrawn by the exhibitor or disqualified by the Chief Steward.
6. A Wine entered into an inappropriate or incorrect class will not be automatically transferred.
7. 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.
8. The commercial name of each exhibit must be stated along with a batch number, production date or disgorging date for auditing purposes.
9. There is no limit to the number of entries in any class.
10. **Exhibits must be from a batch of finished bottle product.**
11. Minimum quantities to qualify for entry to the Australian Sparkling Wine Show is 40 dozen bottles (or equivalent) of tiraged stock, either disgorged, on lees or finished.



12. Each entry in each class shall consist of four (4) 750ml bottles, or equivalent.
13. The Australian Sparkling Wine Show accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to wines submitted for the competition.
14. All Exhibits shall become the property of the Australian Sparkling Wine Show Committee.
15. 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).
16. Labelling: All competition exhibits must bear the commercial label of the product nominated on the entry, or a sticker distinguishing the wine with the same wording as entry forms. Identification labels for bottles will be forwarded to Exhibitors on receipt of Entry Forms and Entry Fees. The supplied labels are to be affixed to all bottles prior to delivery. All hoods are to be removed prior to sending.
17. 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. Exhibitors are to complete the entry form to include the location where entries can be audited and a contact name.
18. The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry, and to question exhibitors on detail of entries.
19. Judging will be conducted by panels consisting of three 3 judges and 2 associate judges who will judge the wines independently. After judging is completed the judge's scores will be tallied and medals and trophies awarded. The chair of judges shall have the final power to arbitrate awards. Judges will be screened at all times from the exhibits.
20. Exhibits shall be judged out of a total of 60 points and Awards made as follows:
Gold Award 55.5 pts and above, **Silver Award** 51.0 - 55.0 pts, **Bronze Award** 46.5 - 50.5 pts
Only gold medal winning wines will be eligible to be awarded a trophy
21. The Champion Wine of Show Trophy will be selected by the judging panel from the Gold Medal Award winners.
22. 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.
23. 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. It should also be noted that any entry might be disqualified if:
 - the entry is not commercially bottled; and/or
 - the quantity claimed to be produced is found to be false; and/or
 - it does not meet all entry conditions