

GIPPSLAND WINE SHOW 2010 - RULES (please read carefully)

Eligibility for Entry

- 1.01 The Wine Show is for commercially available wines made from wine grapes at least 85% of which are grown in the Gippsland Region as defined below. **At least 30 dozen 750ml or equivalent, must be available for sale at the time of entry.**

Definitions

- 2.01 For the purpose of this wine show, wines made from wine grapes grown within the boundaries of the following shires/city are grown in the Gippsland Region:-
- Cardinia Shire
 - Baw Baw Shire
 - Wellington Shire
 - La Trobe City
 - East Gippsland Shire
 - South Gippsland Shire
 - Bass Coast Shire
 - Casey Shire
- 2.02 Commercially available wines means wines available to be purchased by the general public from outlets including, but not exclusively, cellar doors, hotels, clubs, bottle shops, liquor outlets, restaurants and cafes at the time of the Wine show.

Entries

- 3.01 Entries to the show can only be made on the official entry form available from the Wine Show subcommittee of Wines of Gippsland Inc.
- 3.02 The fees for entries are: \$25 for each entry
- 3.03 Each entry is to consist of 3 (three) bottles of wine of the type and size in which the wine is normally commercially available. Entries with insufficient bottles will be disqualified. A further bottle sample may be called for palate tasting.
- 3.04 Each wine can only be entered once into the show.
- 3.05 Wineries can enter more than one wine per class ie. Multiple vintages/different varieties.
- 3.06 All columns of the entry form must be completed. The varieties and blend percentages in the appropriate classes must be clearly stated. The entry form must be signed by the entrant to indicate understanding and acceptance by the entrant of the rules and regulations of the wine show.
- 3.07 Entry fees must be paid before any entry is accepted into the wine show.
- 3.08 Exhibits must have the labels provided by the wine show administration firmly attached to each bottle. Exhibitors are not required to remove labels from bottles.**
- 3.09 Exhibits will be judged on points as per the Australian Wine Show Judging System.
- 3.10 No person other than the Judges or Stewards appointed by the Wine Show subcommittee of Wines of Gippsland Inc will have access to any wine show exhibit once submitted.
- 3.11 In all varietal classes at least 85% of the wine must be of the variety of the class or the wine must be entered in the appropriate blended class. In order for your wine not to be disqualified, the Chief Steward reserves the right to transfer a wine from one class to another.

General Conditions

- 4.01 All exhibits become the property of Wines of Gippsland Inc.
- 4.02 All exhibitors in the Wine Show shall accept the decisions of the Judges and Chief Steward appointed by the Wine Show Subcommittee of Wines of Gippsland Inc. as to the merit of their entries.

- 4.03 The Wine Show Subcommittee of Wines of Gippsland Inc reserves the right to inspect vineyards and wineries and audit records of any entrant to ensure the wines match wines entered into the show and to confirm the eligibility of wines entered into the show.
- 4.04 Entrants to the Wine Show agree to adhere to the Code of Practice for the Display of awards for any medals, awards or trophies awarded to wines at this wine show. The code of practice may be found at the AWBC web site – <http://www.awbc.com.au> and follow the links.
- 4.05 Wines of Gippsland Inc reserves the right, after discussion with the entrant, to limit the number of wines that any one entrant can make into this wine show.
- 4.06 For the purpose of this Wine Show a Dry Wine has less than 7 grams of sugar per litre.
- 4.07 Wines of Gippsland Inc reserves the right to purchase award winning wines or any wines from exhibitors for promotional purposes. The subcommittee will pay wholesale prices up to \$180.00 per dozen including GST and WET taxes for these wines. These purchases will be limited to a maximum of 4 (four) dozen per exhibit and must be available at the date of the wine show.

Awards

- 5.01 If the wine is awarded a medal and/or a trophy, a certificate or trophy will be presented. Please provide the exact commercial name of the wine and the exact winery name to appear on these certificates or trophies.
- 5.02 “BEST OF CLASS” certificates will be awarded to the winery receiving the highest pointed medal within each class. In the event no medals are awarded in a class, no certificate will be awarded.
- 5.03 If in the opinion of the Judges wines of a particular class are of insufficient quality to award a particular medal, award or trophy then, at the judges’ discretion that medal, award or trophy need not be made. Trophies will only be awarded to gold medal winning wines.
- 5.03 Medal awards will be made by Judges on the following scale:
- Gold Medal Award 55.5 points and over
 - Silver Medal Award 51.0 points but less than 55.5 points
 - Bronze Medal Award 46.5 points but less than 51.0 points
- 5.04 The MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR trophy will be awarded to the winery with the highest average point score. This will be determined by adding all the wine scores of each individual winery and dividing by the number of entries from that winery. To be eligible for this award, exhibitors will need to have at least 5 wines entered into the show.

Where two or more exhibitors have equal points, the winner shall be the exhibitor with the highest number of Gold Awards; this being equal, the highest number of Silver and so on

Disqualification

- 5.01 Any exhibitor breaking any rule or regulation of the wine show may be disqualified from this wine show and future wine shows.
- 5.02 Entries received without freight or other charges or entry fees paid will be disqualified.
- 5.03 No entry will be received from any disqualified exhibitor during their period of disqualification. Should an entry be received from a disqualified exhibitor, it will be deemed void and the entry fee and exhibit forfeited.

Protests

- 6.01 No protest shall be considered unless it is made within 7 (seven) days of the announcement of the awards. Any protest must be addressed to the Chief Steward and must be in writing, by email or facsimile. The decisions of the Judges and Chief Steward are final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into. It is at the discretion of the Judges and Chief Steward to make the reasons for their decisions available.