

New bargain blend snares top trophy

A new blend of shiraz and cabernet sauvignon defeated wines up to six times its price to win top honours in the judging of The Great Australian Red on Wednesday. Annie's Lane Queltaler Watervale Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010, which retails for AUD\$25, made history as the lowest-priced wine to win The Great Australian Red competition, a wine show dedicated to Australia's shiraz cabernet blends.

"When I first proposed the blend, there was a lot of pressure against it from my marketing team, suggesting that consumers don't perceive it as a premium style," said an ecstatic Treasury Wine Estates' Annie's Lane Winemaker, Alex MacKenzie, who was inspired to resurrect the style after tasting identical blends from the same Clare Valley vineyard dating back to the 1970s. "It's a classic style that is part of the history of the Clare," he said.

MacKenzie takes both the top trophy for The Great Australian Red and the Trophy for the Best Shiraz-dominant blend to the Clare Valley for the first time. Other trophy winners have a strong record of past success in the competition. Yalumba FDR1A Cabernet Shiraz 2010 was awarded Best Cabernet-dominant blend, the Best Wine \$20 and under went to Lake Breeze Wines Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2009 and The Best Wine \$50 and over was snared by Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2008.

The judging day coincided with the launch of Australia's most expensive release this year, Penfolds Bin 620 Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz 2008 (AUD\$1000), a past trophy winner in the competition.

The Great Australian Red organisers Matthew Jukes and Tyson Stelzer said the day exemplified the diversity of Australia's shiraz cabernet blend to trump every price point.

The Great Australian Red 2011 received an all-time record of 106 entries, reflecting the growing importance of the blend in a time when many wine shows are experiencing declining entries.

Trophies and Gold Medals

Annie's Lane Queltaler Watervale Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

Gold medal, Trophy for the best Shiraz-dominant Blend, Trophy for The Great Australian Red 2011

The Yalumba Wine Company FDR1A 2010

Gold medal and Trophy for the Best Cabernet-dominant Blend

Lake Breeze Wines Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2009

Gold medal and Trophy for the Best Wine \$20 and under

Penfolds Wines Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2008

Gold medal and Trophy for the Best Wine \$50 and over

Thorn-Clarke Wines Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010

Gold medal

Wolf Blass Wines Black Label 2006

Gold medal



Silver medals

Bleasdale Vineyards Petrel Shiraz Cabernet Malbec 2010 Silve	r medal
Charles Cimicky Wines Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010 Silve	r medal
Flaxman Wines The Stranger 2010 Silve	r medal
Fox Creek Wines JSM Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc 2009 Silve	r medal
Glaetzer Wines Anaperenna 2010 Silve	r medal
Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2006 Silve	r medal
Jim Barry Wines PB Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2008 Silve	r medal
Katnook Estate The Caledonian 2009 Silve	r medal
Lake Breeze Wines Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2008 Silve	r medal
Longview Vineyard Red Bucket Shiraz Cabernet 2009 Silve	r medal
Majella Wines Malleea 2008 Silve	r medal
Majella Wines The Musician 2010 Silve	r medal
McWilliams Wines McWilliams 1877 2008 Silve	r medal
Morambro Creek Jip Jip Rocks Shiraz Cabernet 2010 Silve	r medal
Penfolds Wines Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2009 Silve	r medal
Penfolds Wines Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010 Silve	r medal
Penley Estate Penley Estate Condor Shiraz Cabernet 2009 Silve	r medal
Shaw Vineyard Estate Premium Cabernet Shiraz 2009 Silve	r medal
The Yalumba Wine Company FDR1A 2009 Silve	r medal
The Yalumba Wine Company The Reserve 2006 Silve	r medal
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The Yalumba Wine Company The Signature 2008 Silve	r medal
Ulithorne Paternus Cabernet Shiraz 2008 Silve	r medal
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label 2009 Silve	r medal
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Wynns Coonawarra Estate The Gables Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz 2010 Silve	r medal
Wynns Coonawarra Estate V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2009 Silve	r medal

Bronze medals

Anvers Wines Braba Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010	Bronze medal
Anvers Wines Razorback Road Shiraz Cabernet 2009	Bronze medal
Bleasdale Vineyards Petrel Shiraz Cabernet Malbec 2009	Bronze medal
Bremerton BOV Best of Vintage 2007	Bronze medal
Bremerton Tamblyn 2009	Bronze medal
Conte Estate Wines Middle Tatta Shiraz Cabernet 2008	Bronze medal
Devil's Lair Margaret River Hidden Cave Cabernet Shiraz 2010	Bronze medal
Ferngrove Wines The Stirlings 2008	Bronze medal
God's Hill Wines Soulmate 2008	Bronze medal
Henry's Drive Parson's Flat Shiraz Cabernet 2008	Bronze medal
Hollick Wines Stock Route Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2009	Bronze medal
Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2009	Bronze medal
Jacob's Creek Wines St Hugo Shiraz Cabernet 2009	Bronze medal



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No medals

Bleasdale Vineyards Petrel Shiraz Cabernet Malbec 2008

Bleasdale Vineyards The Broad-side 2009

Brothers in Arms Formby & Adams Cutting Edge 2007

Brothers in Arms No 6 Shiraz Cabernet 2006

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Chalice Bridge Estate The Quest Single Vineyard Shiraz Cabernet 2008

Cumulus Wines Inkberry Shiraz Cabernet 2010

De Bortoli Wines Sacred Hill Shiraz Cabernet 2010

Elderton Wines Ode to Lorraine Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2008

Erin Eyes Wines Cabernet Shiraz 2009

Fox Creek Wines Shadow's Run Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

Haan Wines Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2009

Hardys Nottage Hill Cabernet Shiraz 2010

Bronze medal



Karatta Wines Shiraz Cabernet 2007 Killibinbin Vineyards Scaredy Cat 2007 Mudgee Grape Growers Association Mudgee Gold 2009 Peter Lehmann Wines Art Series Shiraz Cabernet 2010 Shaw Vineyard Estate Premium Shiraz Cabernet 2008 Sons of Eden Pumpa 2009 Soul Growers Cabernet Shiraz 2009 Taltarni Vineyards Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2008 Taltarni Vineyards Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2007 Taylor's Wines Taylor's Promised Land Shiraz Cabernet 2008 The Islander Estate Vineyards Bark Hut Rd 2005 Woodstock Wine Estate Shiraz Cabernet 2010 Yering Station Little Yering Cabernet Shiraz 2009

Withdrawn

Corduroy Wines Shiraz Babernet 2010 Elderton Wines Ode to Lorraine Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2009 Metala Wines Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

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