



THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN RED

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Carry on the great work. Push this idea, because I still think in my heart that when you get the best of cabernet and the best of shiraz – not the second, third or fourth cab off the rank – you can blend beautifully. This certainly is something that I am very supportive of.

LEN EVANS, AO, OBE

THE INAUGURAL THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN
RED JUDGES' DINNER, 24 JULY 2006



RESULTS 2023

History has been made in an extraordinary and unprecedented result, as the soon to be released Yalumba The Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2018 became the first four times winner of The Great Australian Red, when the judging returned to the National Wine Centre in Adelaide on Friday, for the first time since 2019.

The 2012 vintage of The Caley became the first wine in the history of the competition to win the top trophy twice, when it was anointed The Great Australian Red 2014 and 2015. It then became the first to win three times, when the 2016 vintage was awarded The Great Australian Red by an English judging panel in London in 2022. The 2018 vintage was also in the running at the time as the winner of the trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend.

Friday's result brings Yalumba Senior Red Winemaker Kevin Glestonbury's trophy tally to a record 19 since the inaugural judging of The Great Australian Red in 2006.

In receiving his trophy on Friday night, Glestonbury announced, 'As a maker of this amazing blend, shiraz cabernet or cabernet shiraz, Matthew and Tyson are absolute legends, because they champion this as much as I do, and as much as all winemakers who love this blend. These two guys have pushed it up. We just do what we do and try to make the best we can, and these guys really hone in on the differences that we all try to achieve. It's such an honour to receive this again. Two years in a row – I am blown away!'

The odds of one wine winning The Great Australian Red four times running are less than one in 30 million, and this impossible result is testament to the dedication of Glestonbury and his team at Yalumba, and to the consistency of a unique judging system in which the scores of all 13 judges count for every entry.

This consistency in both winemaking and judging was reflected across the trophy results this year, with all seven trophies awarded to the four brands with the longest track records of success in The Great Australian Red, led by Wolf Blass Wines, winner of the Trophy for the Best Winery of Show 2023, with runners up Yalumba Wines, Pepperjack Wines and Jacob's Creek.

The Antipodes Trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend 2023 was the most hotly-contested trophy of the competition, with six gold-medal-winning wines in the running. With the scores of every judge tallied for every wine, there were a total of almost 200 points up for grabs, and the result could not have been any closer: just one point and one first place vote separated the first, second and third place wines, with Yalumba The Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2018 taking the honours.

In all, 71 entries yielded eight gold medals, 23 silver medals and 23 bronze medals, one of the strongest results in the 18 year history of the competition.

In reflecting on the show, Chair of Judges Wynns Coonawarra Chief Winemaker Sue Hodder said, 'It was incredible to taste all of those beautifully savoury wines. This was one of the best shows I have ever had the opportunity to be involved with!'



TROPHIES 2023

The Great Australian Red 2023

Yalumba The Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2018

Trophy for the Best Wine \$35 and Under

Pepperjack Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Trophy for the Best Wine \$35-\$75

Wolf Blass Grey Label 2016

Trophy for the Best Wine \$75 and Over

Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2018

The Openbook Howden Trophy for the Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend

Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2018

The Antipodes Trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend

Yalumba Wines The Caley Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2018

Trophy for the Best Winery of Show

Wolf Blass Wines

Runners Up: Yalumba Wines, Pepperjack Wines, Jacob's Creek

GOLD MEDALS

Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2018

Pepperjack Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Wirra Wirra Vineyards The Holy Thirst 2018

Wolf Blass Black Label 2012

Wolf Blass Grey Label 2021

Wolf Blass Grey Label 2016

Yalumba Wines The Caley Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2018

Yalumba Wines The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2019

SILVER MEDALS

Bremerton Wines Best of Vintage Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

Elderton Wines Ode to Lorraine 2021

Gipsie Jack The Terrier Shiraz Cabernet 2021

Glaetzer Anaperenna Shiraz Cabernet 2021

Hayes Family Wines Bon Ami Cabernet & Shiraz 2019

Hickinbotham Clarendon Vineyard The Peake 2021

Jim Barry Pb 2021

Jim Barry Pb 2018

Kaesler "WOMS" Shiraz Cabernet 2018

Majella Wines The Mallee by Majella 2018

Majella Wines The Musician by Majella 2021

Paisley Wines Maeve Shiraz Cabernet 2019

Paulmara Estates The Marriage 2021

Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

Seppeltsfield No EC4 Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2018

Springs Road Wines Kangaroo Island Cabernet Shiraz 2018

St Hugo Cabernet Shiraz 2019

Thorn-Clarke Wines Shotfire Shiraz Cabernet 2020

Wolf Blass Black Label 2021

Wolf Blass Black Label 2018

Wynns Coonawarra Estate V&A Lane Selected Vineyards Cabernet Shiraz 2019

Wynns Coonawarra Estate V&A Lane Selected Vineyards Cabernet Shiraz 2013

Yalumba Wines The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2021



BRONZE MEDALS

Accolade Wines Hardys VIII 2016
Bleasdale Vineyards Wellington Road Shiraz Cabernet 2021
Bremerton Wines Tamblyn Cabernet Shiraz Malbec Merlot 2020
Elderton Wines Ode to Lorraine 2020
Gipsie Jack The Terrier Shiraz Cabernet 2019
Heartland Heartland One 2018
Hickinbotham Clarendon Vineyard The Peake 2020
Howard Park A.S.W Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2020
Hugh Hamilton Wines The Larrikin 2020
Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Kirrihill Wines E.B.'s The Peacemaker Cabernet Shiraz 2018
Langmeil Winery Legendary Cabernet Shiraz 2020
Mount Benson Estate Mount Benson Estate 2019 Syrah Cabernet Sauvignon 2019
Mr. Riggs Wine Co The Chap 2018
Paragon Wine Estate Chapel Hill Small Batch #4 McLaren Vale Cabernet Shiraz 2020
Paragon Wine Estate Krondorf Barossa Shiraz Cabernet 2021
Penfolds Blend 10 Barossa Valley Shiraz and Coonawarra Cabernet 2018
Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2019
St Hugo Cabernet Shiraz 2020
Tahbilk Old Vines Cabernet Shiraz 2017
Willunga Hundred Pty Ltd W100 2021 McLaren Vale Cabernet Shiraz 2021
Wirra Wirra Vineyards Church Block 2021
Wirra Wirra Vineyards Church Block 2018



RESULTS 2022

The Great Australian Red is a wine competition created by Matthew Jukes and Tyson Stelzer to recognise and celebrate the blend that defines Australia: cabernet sauvignon and shiraz.

The cabernet shiraz blend is Australia's definitive wine style, its only unique and ageworthy flagbearer to stand confidently alongside the benchmark red wines of Bordeaux, Burgundy, the Rhône, Piedmont, Tuscany and California.

Now in its sixteenth year, the competition is recognised in wine circles domestically and internationally as one of Australia's key specialist wine shows and an important showcase of Australia's greatest red wines.

On 31 August 2022, Matthew and Tyson were proud to host their first ever judging outside of Australia, setting two panels of some of the top palates in the UK loose in the judging room. They backed this up by assembling the full line up of entries for the scrutiny of the public at 67 Pall Mall in the first ever comprehensive, offshore tasting of The Great Australian Red.

RESULTS 2022

44 entries yielded five gold medals, 16 silver medals and 19 bronze medals, the highest ever proportion of medals in the 16 year history of The Great Australian Red.

Yalumba The Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012 was the winner of The Great Australian Red 2014 and 2015, the first wine in the history of the competition to win the top trophy twice. This wine has now made history again as the first to win three times, with the 2016 vintage awarded The Great Australian Red 2022. The 2018 vintage was also in the running as the winner of the trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend.

The winner of the trophy for the Best Wine \$25-\$60 was Elderton Wines Ode to Lorraine 2020, the first trophy won by this label since the 2002 vintage was the winner of the trophy for the Best Cabernet-dominant blend in the inaugural competition in 2006. The 2020 vintage was the first made by Brock Harrison, a past judge of The Great Australian Red.

TROPHIES 2022

The Great Australian Red 2022

Yalumba The Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2016

Trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend

Yalumba The Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2018

Trophy for the Best Wine \$25-\$60

Elderton Wines Ode to Lorraine 2020

Trophy for the Best Wine \$60 and over

Yalumba The Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2016



GOLD MEDALS

Elderton Wines Ode to Lorraine 2020
Heartland Wines One 2016
Penfolds Superblend 802.B Cabernet Shiraz 2018
Yalumba The Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2018
Yalumba The Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2016

SILVER MEDALS

Chapel Hill Small Batch Cabernet Shiraz 2020
Dutschke Wines Jackson Cabernet Shiraz 2018
Dutschke Wines There Comes a Time Shiraz Cabernet 2020
Glaetzer Wines Anaperenna Shiraz Cabernet 2020
Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Kirrihill Wines E.B.'s The Peacemaker Clare Cabernet Shiraz 2018
Majella Wines The Mallee by Majella 2016
St Hugo Cabernet Shiraz 2020
St Hugo Cabernet Shiraz 2018
Swinney 'Franklands' Frankland River Cabernet Syrah 2020
Tapanappa Whalebone Vineyard Cabernet Shiraz 2017
Taylors Masterstroke Cabernet Shiraz 2018
The Thief? Old Vine Shiraz Cabernet 2021
Wirra Wirra The Holy Thirst Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2018
Yalumba FDR1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2016
Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2018

BRONZE MEDALS

Burge Family Wine Estates Barossa Boy Double Trouble Shiraz Cabernet 2019
Chaffey Bros Wine Co Superbarossa 2020
Chaffey Bros Wine Co Superbarossa 2018
Collett Scott Collett Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2016
Goode Wine Company Wangolina Limestone Coast Shiraz Cabernet 2021
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Heartland Wines Spice Trader 2018
Majella Wines The Musician by Majella 2020
Majella Wines The Musician by Majella 2019
Metala Wines White Label Shiraz Cabernet 2021
Salomon Norwood Heritage Red 2020
Schild Estate Narrow Road Vineyard Shiraz Cabernet 2019
St Hugo Cabernet Shiraz 2019
Taylors Masterstroke Cabernet Shiraz 2017
Terre a Terre Crayères Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2019
Terre a Terre Crayères Vineyard Reserve 2018
The Thief? Shiraz Cabernet 2021
Tyrrell's Vat 8 Shiraz Cabernet 2021
Wirra Wirra Church Block 2020



RESULTS 2019

DIVERSITY TRIUMPHS IN THE LIPMAN KARAS GREAT AUSTRALIAN RED

The results of The Great Australian Red 2019 exemplify the diversity of Australia's definitive blend of cabernet sauvignon and shiraz, with trophy winners hailing from both small boutique family wineries and large brands, spanning prices from \$18 to \$130.

The winner of the Lipman Karas Trophy for The Great Australian Red 2019 and The Trophy for the Best Wine \$60 and Over was Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2017, making this the first label in the 14 year history of the competition to win three times, following in the footsteps of the 2009 vintage (in 2013) and the 2004 vintage (in 2007).

Wolf Blass was also the winner of The Riedel Trophy for The Best Winery of Show, with all five of its entries winning medals (two gold, one silver and two bronze).

'Wolf Blass has been one of the most successful exhibitors in the history of The Great Australian Red and Black Label 2017 is simply the greatest wine we have ever tasted from this legendary estate,' said competition founders Matthew Jukes and Tyson Stelzer. 'This beautiful wine is a perfect blend of innate power and impeccable balance, and a worthy winner of The Great Australian Red 2019.'

Wolf Blass chief winemaker Chris Hatcher said, 'We are honoured to be awarded The Great Australian Red, particularly as the calibre of Australia's blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz continues to rise.

'The philosophy behind Black Label is simple: to take the year's very best wines and weave them together. The Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2017 has been carefully blended to create a sophisticated, multi-layered red wine with a complex composition of intense fruit and great structure. It is a powerful expression of that philosophy.'

The winner of The Lallemand Trophy for the Best Wine \$25 to \$60 and The Trophy for the Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend was Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2017, a label fast establishing a tremendous record in this competition, after the 2016 vintage took out the top trophy two years running (2017 and 2018).

The Kemenys Trophy for the Best Wine \$25 and Under went to Majella Wines The Musician Cabernet Shiraz 2017, exemplifying the fantastic value for money of the cabernet shiraz blend, with a retail price of just \$18. Winning a gold, silver and four bronze medals, Majella joined Jacob's Creek as the runner up to The Best Winery of Show.

Jacob's Creek was also the winner of The Trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend with its Expedition Barossa Valley Cabernet Shiraz 2015.

The Great Australian Red 2019 attracted 99 entries, judged at the National Wine Centre in Adelaide by Matthew and Tyson alongside Michael Fragos (chair of judges), Kevin Glastonbury, Leigh Ratzmer, Clare Dry, Katie Spain, Tim Pelquest Hunt, Craig Stansborough, Sam Watkins, Ben Wilcox, Margot Muir and Jessica Hill Smith.

The Great Australian Red 2019 is grateful to its sponsors Lipman Karas, Riedel, Lallemand, Kemeny's, Antipodes and Openbook Howden.

TROPHIES

The Lipman Karas Trophy for the Great Australian Red 2019
Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2017

The Riedel Trophy for The Best Winery of Show
Wolf Blass Wines
Runners up: Majella and Jacob's Creek

The Kemenys Trophy for the Best Wine \$25 and Under
Majella Wines The Musician Cabernet Shiraz 2017

The Lallemand Trophy for the Best Wine \$25 to \$60
Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2017

The Trophy for the Best Wine \$60 and Over
Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2017

The Trophy for the Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend
Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2017

The Trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend
Jacob's Creek Wines Expedition Barossa Valley Cabernet Shiraz 2015

GOLD MEDALS

Jacob's Creek Wines Expedition Barossa Valley Cabernet Shiraz 2015
Langmeil Winery Legendary Cabernet Shiraz 2016
Majella Wines The Musician Cabernet Shiraz 2017 Pepperjack
Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2017
Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2017
Wolf Blass Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2017

SILVER MEDALS

Anaperenna Shiraz Cabernet by Ben Glaetzer 2018
Bendbrook Wines Yarnspinner Shiraz Cabernet 2017
Chapel Hill Winery Cabernet Shiraz 2018
Crabtree Watervale Wines Robert Crabtree Shiraz Cabernet 2017
Hardys Anniversary Cabernet Shiraz 2016
Hentley Farm H-Block Shiraz Cabernet 2017
Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Jim Barry Pb 2017
Jim Barry Pb 2016
Majella Wines Malleea 2017
Naked Run Hill 5 Shiraz Cabernet Clare Valley 2018
Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2017
Pepperjack Premium Cut Cabernet Shiraz 2017
Pinnacle Drinks Cat Amongst The Pigeons Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2018
Shaw Wines Estate Cabernet Shiraz 2017
Vintage Longbottom Henry's Drive Shiraz Cabernet 2017
Wines by Geoff Hardy K1 Tzimmukin Adelaide Hills 2016



Wolf Blass Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2016 Yalumba
FDRIA Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2017 Yalumba
FDRIA Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2016 Yalumba
FDRIA Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2015
Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2017
Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2016

BRONZE MEDALS

Barossa Boy Wines Double Trouble Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2017
Barossa Boy Wines Double Trouble Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2016
Bleasdale Vineyards Wellington Rd Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2017
Brothers in Arms No 6 Shiraz Cabernet 2016
Cellarmaster Wines Hutt River Clare Valley Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 Cellarmaster
Wines Stonyfell Black Langhorne Creek Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2018 Cellarmaster Wines
Vasarelli Pasquale's Selection McLaren Vale Shiraz Cabernet 2017 Crabtree Watervale Wines
Robert Crabtree Shiraz Cabernet 2016
Elderton Wines Ode to Lorraine 2015
Grant Burge Wines Nebu Cabernet Shiraz 2017
Grant Burge Wines Nebu Cabernet Shiraz 2016
Hares Chase Marananga Cabernet Shiraz 2018
Hares Chase Marananga Cabernet Shiraz 2017
Heartland Wines One Langhorne Creek 2015
Heartland Wines Spice Trader Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Hentley
Farm The Quintessential Shiraz Cabernet 2017
Hugh Hamilton Wines Three-Card Monte 2017
Hugo Family Estate Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2017
Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2012 Lake
Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2016
Majella Wines Malleea 2016
Majella Wines Malleea 2015
Majella Wines Malleea 2014
Majella Wines The Musician Cabernet Shiraz 2016
Pinnacle Drinks Stonyfell The Baton Langhorne Creek Shiraz Cabernet 2016 Pinnacle
Drinks Stonyfell The Cellars Langhorne Creek Shiraz Cabernet 2018 St Hugo Wines
Cabernet Shiraz 2016
Willunga 100 Cabernet Shiraz 2016
Wines by Geoff Hardy KI Tzimmukin Adelaide Hills 2017
Wirra Wirra Vineyards Church Block 2017
Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2016
Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz Malbec 2012
Yalumba Samuel's Collection Barossa Shiraz & Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 Yalumba The
Signature Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2015
Zema Estate Saluti Cabernet Shiraz 2016



RESULTS 2018

VALUE WINE WINS THE LIPMAN KARAS GREAT AUSTRALIAN RED... TWICE

A stunning shiraz cabernet blend with a street price under \$30 has triumphed over wines priced up to \$295 to win The Lipman Karas Great Australian Red two years in a row.

Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2016 was the grand champion winner of competition in 2017 and has returned for a repeat performance in 2018, also snaring The Orora Closures Stelvin Trophy for The Best Shiraz- Dominant Blend.

Pepperjack winemaker Richard Mattner was inspired to refine this blend after judging The Great Australian Red in 2016. He blended the wine from McLaren Vale, Langhorne Creek and Barossa fruit shortly after judging that year.

This is not the first back-to-back repeat result in The Great Australian Red. Yalumba Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012 was the winner of the competition in 2014 and repeated the performance in 2015. For a second wine to win back-to-back is a one in 100 million chance, a grand testament to both the calibre of the wine and the consistency of the judging.

'It is remarkable that any wine could win The Great Australian Red two years in a row,' said Tyson Stelzer, cofounder of the competition alongside Matthew Jukes. 'All the more incredible with the third-highest entry count in 13 years of the competition, judged by a completely different set of 13 judges to last year's line up!'

The Lipman Karas Great Australian Red employs a uniquely rigorous judging system in which every wine is judged by not the usual three but 13 judges. Two panels of six judges (no associates) each assess the same wines simultaneously. Two panel chairs (Matthew and Tyson) then compare notes with the chairman (who also tastes every wine) and come to a consensus on medals.

With two gold and three silver medals, Wolf Blass was the most successful exhibitor, narrowly trouncing Jacob's Creek/St Hugo and Pepperjack to take out the hotly-contested Riedel Trophy for Winery of Show. Wolf Blass Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2016 was the winner of The Openbook Howden Trophy for The Best Wine \$25-\$60 and Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2016 took out The Quervin Trophy for The Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend.

Wolf Blass has been one of the most successful exhibitors across the thirteen years of the competition, and was also the winner of The Riedel Trophy for Winery of Show in 2014 and 2012.

In testimony to the dexterity of the Pernod Ricard winemaking team in crafting this blend at both premium and value price points, Jacob's Creek Wines Limited Release Shiraz Cabernet 2016 was awarded The Antipodes Trophy for The Best Wine Over \$60 and George Wyndham I Am George Shiraz Cabernet 2016 won The Kemenys Trophy for The Best Wine Under \$25.

'We are looking forward to pouring these champions of Australia's iconic red blend for the key influencers across the wine world,' commented Matthew. 'We are delighted to partner with our headline sponsor, Lipman Karas, to showcase all our winners in Hong Kong and London next year.'

The Great Australian Red 2018 attracted 108 entries, judged at the National Wine Centre in Adelaide by Matthew and Tyson alongside Andrew Hardy (chair of judges), Daniel Swincer, Bruce Gregory, Stuart Blackwell, Mark Bulman, Adam Carnaby, Marie Clay, Alex MacClelland, David Bowley, Mark Saturno and Tom Barry.

The Great Australian Red 2018 is grateful to its sponsors Lipman Karas, Riedel, Kemeny's, Antipodes, Orora Stelvin, Quervin and Openbook Howden.

TROPHIES

The Lipman Karas Trophy for The Great Australian Red 2018
Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

The Riedel Trophy for The Best Winery of Show
Wolf Blass Wines

The Kemenys Trophy for The Best Wine Under \$25
George Wyndham I Am George Shiraz Cabernet 2016

The Openbook Howden Trophy for The Best Wine \$25-\$60
Wolf Blass Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2016

The Antipodes Trophy for The Best Wine Over \$60
Jacob's Creek Wines Limited Release Shiraz Cabernet 2016

The Orora Closures Stelvin Trophy for The Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend
Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

The Quervin Trophy for The Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2016

GOLD MEDALS

Hentley Farm H-Block 2016
Houghton Wines Anniversary Release Cabernet Shiraz 2014
Jacob's Creek Wines Limited Release Shiraz Cabernet 2016
Majella Wines Mallea by Majella 2016
Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2016
Pepperjack Premium Cut Cabernet Shiraz 2016
St Hugo Wines Private Collection Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2016
Wolf Blass Wines Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2016

SILVER MEDALS

1847 Wines 170 Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2016
Bleasdale Vineyards Wellington Road Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2016
Crabtree Watervale Wines Robert Crabtree Shiraz Cabernet 2016
George Wyndham I Am George Shiraz Cabernet 2016
Glaetzer Wines Anaperenna Shiraz Cabernet 2017
Hardy's Anniversary Cabernet Shiraz 2016
Hugo Family Estate Shiraz Cabernet 2017
Hugo Family Estate Shiraz Cabernet 2016
Jacob's Creek Wines Expedition Barossa Valley Cabernet Shiraz 2015
Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Jacob's Creek Wines Limited Release Shiraz Cabernet 2014
Jim Barry Wines The Barry Brothers Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2016
Kaesler Wines WOMS 2016
Lake Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2016



Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2016 Shaw
Vineyard Estate Cabernet Shiraz 2016
St Hugo Wines Cabernet Shiraz 2016 St Hugo
Wines Cabernet Shiraz 2014
Vasarelli Pasquale's Selection Single Vineyard McLaren Vale Shiraz Cabernet 2016 Wolf Blass
Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz Malbec 2015
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz Malbec 2014 Wolf
Blass Wines Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2014

BRONZE MEDALS

Barossa Boy Wines Double Trouble Shiraz Cabernet 2016 Bendbrook Wines Yarn Spinner Shiraz Cabernet 2017 Bethany Wines
First Village Shiraz Cabernet 2017
Bleasdale Vineyards Wellington Road Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Brothers in
Arms Killibinbin The Shadow 2016
Casella Wines Young Brute 2015
Cat Amongst the Pigeons Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 Chaffey
Bros Wine Co SuperBarossa 2016
Chapel Hill Winery Cabernet Shiraz 2016 Collet
Wines Scott Collet 2015
Crabtree Watervale Wines Robert Crabtree Shiraz Cabernet 2017
Gipsie Jack Wine Company Gipsie Jack The Terrier Shiraz Cabernet 2016 Grant Burge
Wines Nebu Cabernet Shiraz 2016
Henschke Keyneton Euphonium 2015
Hentley Farm The Quintessential Shiraz Cabernet 2016 Hungerford
Hill Heavy Metal Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2017 Jacob's Creek
Wines Limited Release Shiraz Cabernet 2015 Jim Barry Wines PB
Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2016
Jim Barry Wines PB Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2015 Majella
Wines Malleca by Majella 2015
Majella Wines Malleca by Majella 2014 Majella
Wines Malleca by Majella 2013 Majella Wines
Musician by Majella 2017 Majella Wines
Musician by Majella 2016
Morambro Creek The Bryson 'Barrel Select' 2016
Oparina Cabernet Shiraz 2015
Penfolds Koonunga Hill Seventy-Six Shiraz Cabernet 2016
Pepperjack Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Peter
Lehmann Wines Futures Shiraz Cabernet 2014 Pikes Wines
Wilfred's Block Cabernet Shiraz 2017 Salomon Estate
Norwood Shiraz Cabernet 2016
St Hallett Wines Blockhead Shiraz Cabernet 2017 St
Hugo Wines Cabernet Shiraz 2015
Stonyfell The Baton Langhorne Creek Shiraz Cabernet 2016
Stonyfell The Cellars Langhorne Creek Shiraz Cabernet 2017
Sweetwater Estate Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2017
Tahbilk Old Vines Cabernet Shiraz 2015
Wirra Wirra Vineyards Church Block Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot 2016 Wynns
Coonawarra Estate V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2015
Wynns Coonawarra Estate V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2016
Yalumba FDR1A Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2015 Yalumba
The Scribbler Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2016 Yalumba The
Signature Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2016



RESULTS 2017

NEW LABELS TRIUMPH IN THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN RED

The winners of The Great Australian Red 2017 represent an exciting set of relative newcomers, showcasing a continued and exciting evolution for Australia's definitive blend of cabernet sauvignon and shiraz.

In a resounding statement of the value of this blend, the winner of The Great Australian Red 2017 was Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2016, a stunning blend with a street price under \$30.

Pepperjack winemaker Richard Mattner blended the wine from McLaren Vale, Langhorne Creek and Barossa fruit after judging The Great Australian Red in 2016.

Pepperjack Certified made its debut at The Great Australian Red in 2015, when the inaugural 2013 vintage won the Trophy for the Best Wine \$25-\$60.

'It's a thrill to see exciting new labels emerging in a category that has traditionally been the domain of the longstanding players,' said Tyson Stelzer, cofounder of the competition alongside Matthew Jukes.

'It is a great pleasure to judge these wine with such respected wine trade professionals and when it came to the "great reveal", late in the day, we were all thrilled and surprised to see some newer names coming up trumps,' noted Matthew.

'It shows that The Great Australian Red is a dynamic category of wines which attracts some of the finest wine talent in the country from the vines all of the way to the glass.

'Tyson and I cannot wait to tell the world about this year's crop of stunning wines and we are in no doubt that consumers will be delighted to see that value and excellence walk hand in hand at The Great Australian Red.'

Pepperjack won medals for all five of its entries in the competition, and was subsequently awarded The Riedel Trophy for the Best Winery of Show, narrowly pipping Jacob's Creek and past winner Wolf Blass for this hotly-contested Trophy.

The Saverglass Australia Trophy for the Best Wine over \$60 and The Quervin Trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend were won by Jacob's Creek Expedition Barossa Valley Cabernet Shiraz 2015, a new premium label from this longstanding champion of Australia's iconic red blend.

The Kemeny's Trophy for the Best Wine Under \$25 went to Stonyfell The Baton Shiraz Cabernet 2015, a beautifully affordable and delicious blend of Langhorne Creek fruit created by Nigel Dolan at Cellarmasters.

The Great Australian Red 2017 attracted 96 entries, which were judged at the National Wine Centre in Adelaide by Matthew and Tyson alongside PJ Charteris (chair of judges), Tim James, Ian Hongell, Doug Govan, Sam Wigan, Jeremy Maxwell, James Parham, Peta Baverstock, James Hamilton, Nick Knapstein and Anna Hooper.

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TROPHIES

The Trophy for The Great Australian Red 2017

Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2016

The Riedel Trophy for the Best Winery of Show

Pepperjack Wines

The Kemény's Trophy for the Best Wine Under \$25

Stonyfell The Baton Shiraz Cabernet 2015

The Mycellars.com.au Trophy for the Best Wine \$25-\$60

Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2016

The Saverglass Australia Trophy for the Best Wine over \$60

Jacob's Creek Expedition Barossa Valley Cabernet Shiraz 2015

The Orora Stelvin Trophy for the Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend

Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2016

The Quervin Trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend

Jacob's Creek Expedition Barossa Valley Cabernet Shiraz 2015

GOLD MEDALS

Jacob's Creek Jacob's Creek Expedition Barossa Valley Cabernet Shiraz 2015 Pinnacle

Drinks Stonyfell The Baton Shiraz Cabernet 2015

St Hugo St Hugo Cabernet Shiraz 2014

Treasury Wine Estates Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2016 Treasury

Wine Estates Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2012

SILVER MEDALS

Battle of Bosworth Wines Battle of Bosworth 'Best of Vintage' Shiraz Cabernet 2012

Glaetzer Wines Pty Ltd Glaetzer Anaperenna Shiraz Cabernet 2016

Hardys 165th Anniversary Cabernet Shiraz 2014

Hentley Farm H-Block 2015

Jacob's Creek Jacob's Creek Limited Release Shiraz Cabernet 2015

Jacob's Creek Limited Release Shiraz Cabernet 2014

Longview Vineyard Pty Ltd Longview LV Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

Majella Wines Mallea by Majella 2015

Majella Wines Musician by Majella 2016

The Yalumba Wine Company The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2015

Treasury Wine Estates Pepperjack Premium Cut Cabernet Shiraz 2016

Treasury Wine Estates Pepperjack Shiraz Cabernet 2016

Treasury Wine Estates Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2015

Treasury Wine Estates Wolf Blass Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2015

Treasury Wine Estates Wolf Blass Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2014

Treasury Wine Estates Wynns Coonawarra Estate V & A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2015

BRONZE MEDALS

Atlas Wines Rabbit & Spaghetti Shiraz Cabernet Malbec 2016
 Battle of Bosworth Wines Battle of Bosworth 'White Boar' Shiraz Cabernet 2013 Bleasdale
 Vineyards Wellington Road Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2015
 Brand's Laira of Coonawarra Old Station Cabernet Shiraz 2015 Casella
 Family Brands Young Brute 2015
 Cellarmasters Vasarelli Pasquales Shiraz Cabernet 2015 Chaffey
 Bros Wine Co SUPERBAROSSA 2016
 Chaffey Bros Wine Co SUPERBAROSSA 2015
 Chaffey Bros Wine Co SUPERBAROSSA 2014
 Chaffey Bros Wine Co SUPERBAROSSA 2013
 De Bortoli Wines Sacred Hill Shiraz Cabernet 2016
 Elderton Wines Ode to Lorraine Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot 2014
 Fox Creek Wines Fox Creek JSM Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon-Cabernet Franc 2015 George
 Wyndham I Am George Shiraz Cabernet 2016
 Henry's Drive Henry's Drive Shiraz Cabernet 2014 Hentley
 Farm The Quintessential 2015
 Jacob's Creek Jacob's Creek Barossa Signature Shiraz Cabernet 2015 Jacob's Creek
 Jacob's Creek Expedition Barossa Valley Cabernet Shiraz 2014 Jacob's Creek Jacob's
 Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2013
 Jacob's Creek Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2012 Jim Barry
 Wines PB Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2015
 Jim Barry Wines PB Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2014 Majella
 Wines Mallea by Majella 2014
 Majella Wines Mallea by Majella 2013
 Morambro Creek Pty Ltd Jip Jip Rocks Shiraz Cabernet 2016
 Morambro Creek Pty Ltd The Bryson 'Barrel Select' 2015 Peter
 Lehmann Wines Futures Shiraz Cabernet 2014
 Pinnacle Drinks Cat Amongst the Pigeons Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2016 Pinnacle
 Drinks Stonyfell The Cellars Shiraz Cabernet 2015
 S C Pannell Koomilya Cabernet Shiraz 2015
 Shaw Vineyard Estate Shaw Vineyard Estate 2015 Cabernet Shiraz 2015 St
 Hugo St Hugo Cabernet Shiraz 2015
 St Hugo St Hugo Cabernet Shiraz 2013
 Tahbilk Pty Ltd Old Vine Cabernet Shiraz 2015
 The Yalumba Wine Company FDR1A Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2016 The
 Yalumba Wine Company FDR1A Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2014 The
 Yalumba Wine Company FDR1A Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2013 Treasury
 Wine Estates Annie's Lane Quelltaler Shiraz Cabernet 2016 Treasury Wine
 Estates Annie's Lane Quelltaler Shiraz Cabernet 2014
 Treasury Wine Estates Lindemans Coonawarra Limestone Ridge Shiraz Cabernet 2015 Treasury
 Wine Estates Lindemans Coonawarra Limestone Ridge Shiraz Cabernet 2014 Treasury Wine
 Estates Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2015
 Treasury Wine Estates Penfolds Koonunga Hill Seventy-Six Shiraz Cabernet 2015
 Treasury Wine Estates Pepperjack Premium Cut Cabernet Shiraz 2014
 Treasury Wine Estates Pepperjack Shiraz Cabernet 2015
 Treasury Wine Estates Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2014
 Treasury Wine Estates Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2013
 Treasury Wine Estates Wolf Blass Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2013



RESULTS 2016

VALUE AND PRESTIGE TRIUMPH IN THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN RED

The winners of The Great Australian Red 2016 showcase the apogee of Australia's definitive blend, exemplifying the exquisite synergy between cabernet and shiraz in producing outstanding wines from the very cheapest to the most expensive of all, traversing cool and warm regions and even state boundaries.

In a resounding statement of the versatility of Australia's unique blend, trophies this year were won by an \$11 blend, the least expensive entrant, and by a \$250 flagship wine, the most expensive. Gold medals and trophies went to regions as geographically diverse as the Barossa and Eden Valleys, Clare Valley, Adelaide Hills, Nagambie Lakes and even a trans-continental blend of McLaren Vale and Frankland River.

The winner of The Great Australian Red 2016 was Hardy's 165th Anniversary Cabernet Shiraz 2014, a brand new and yet to be released blend of a core 110 year old Eileen Hardy McLaren Vale shiraz vineyard and the 45 year old Justin cabernet vineyard in Frankland River, the source of Houghton Jack Mann. This new and contemporary style harks back to the inter-state blends that defined the early history of Australia's greatest blend.

The Trophy for the Best Wine under \$25 was won by Tatchilla Partners Cabernet Shiraz 2015, a pristinely drinkable quaffer that epitomises the performance of this blend in outclassing straight shiraz and cabernet in the bargain stakes, with a current street price under \$10.

In another demonstration of the value of this blend, the winner of the Trophy for the Best Wine \$25-\$60 was a \$28 blend, Annie's Lane Quelltaler Shiraz Cabernet 2014, a previous winner of The Great Australian Red.

Co-founder of the competition, Matthew Jukes, commented that "No other blend anywhere in the world can produce such exemplary wines at both the cheapest and the most expensive price points."

The Great Australian Red 2016 was the eleventh judging of the competition hosted by Matthew Jukes and Tyson Stelzer. "Since the inaugural The Great Australian Red in 2006, we have been impressed by the ongoing refinement in the category as winemakers focus fanatically on marrying these two varieties together seamlessly," Tyson observed.

The Great Australian Red 2016 attracted 102 entries, which were judged at The National Wine Centre in Adelaide by Matthew and Tyson alongside Tom Carson (chair of judges) and Ben Bryant, Steven Frost, Pete Kelly, Liz Heidenreich, Mary Retallack, Richard Mattner, Tash Mooney, Corey Ryan, Dominic Coulter and Sharon Romero.

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TROPHIES

The Great Australian Red 2016

Hardy's 165th Anniversary Cabernet Shiraz 2014

The Riedel Trophy for the Best Winery of Show

Yalumba Wine Company

The Kemeny's Trophy for the Best Wine \$25 and Under

Tatachilla Partners Cabernet Shiraz 2015

The MyCellars.com.au Trophy for the Best Wine \$25-\$60

Annie's Lane Quelltaler Shiraz Cabernet 2014

The Saverglass Trophy for the Best Wine \$60 and Over

Hardy's 165th Anniversary Cabernet Shiraz 2014

The A.P. John Coopers Trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend

Tahbilk Old Vine Cabernet Shiraz 2014

The Orora Closures Stelvin Trophy for the Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend

Jim Barry PB Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2014

GOLD MEDALS

Annie's Lane at Quelltaler Shiraz Cabernet 2014
Fox Creek Wines JSM Shiraz-Cabinet Sauvignon-Cabernet Franc 2014
Hardys 165th Anniversary Cabernet Shiraz 2014
Jim Barry Wines PB 2014
Tahbilk Pty Ltd Old Vine Cabernet Shiraz 2014
Tatachilla Wines Partners Cabernet Shiraz 2015
The Lane Vineyard John Crighton 2012
The Yalumba Wine Company Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2013

SILVER MEDALS

Devil's Lair Pty Ltd Margaret River The Hidden Cave Cabernet Shiraz 2014
Glaetzer Wines Pty Ltd Anaperenna Shiraz Cabernet 2015
Heartland Wines Spice Trader 2013
Henry's Drive Vignerons Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Hentley Farm H Block 2014
Hesketh Wine Company Lehmann Hesketh, MK 01 2013
Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Lindemans Wines Pty Ltd Coonawarra Limestone Ridge Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Majella Wines The Musician by Majella 2014
Metala Wines Shiraz Cabernet 2014
Peter Lehmann Wines Futures Shiraz Cabernet 2014
Skillogalee "Take Two" Shiraz/Cabernet 2014



The Yalumba Wine Company FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2012
The Yalumba Wine Company The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2012
Thorn-Clarke Wines Shiraz Cabernet Petit Verdot 2015
Wolf Blass Wines Pty Ltd Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2014
Wolf Blass Wines Pty Ltd Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2012
Wolf Blass Wines Pty Ltd Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2013
Wolf Blass Wines Pty Ltd Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2012
Wynns Coonawarra Estate Pty Ltd V & A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2014

BRONZE MEDALS

Australian Vintage Ltd McGuigan The Philosophy 2010
Battle of Bosworth Wines White Boar' 2012
Bleasdale Vineyards The Petrel 2015
Bleasdale Vineyards The Broadside 2015
Chaffey Bros Wine Co Superbarossa 2015
Gipsie Jack Wine Company Gipsie Jack "The Terrier" Shiraz/Cabernet 2014
Heartland Wines Illicium 2014
Heartland Wines Heartland ONE 2013
Hentley Farm The Quintessential Shiraz Cabernet 2014
Hither and Yon Shiraz Cabernet 2014
Jacob's Creek Expedition Barossa Valley Cabernet Shiraz 2014
Kellermeister Ralph's Original' Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Lake Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2014
Lindemans Wines Pty Ltd Coonawarra Limestone Ridge Shiraz Cabernet 2014
Longview Vineyards Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2014
Majella Wines The Mallee by Majella 2012
Majella Wines The Musician by Majella 2015
Metala Wines Shiraz Cabernet 2015
Morambro Creek Pty Ltd The Bryson 'Barrel Select' 2014
Morambro Creek Pty Ltd Jip Jip Rocks 2015
Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet 2014
Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2014
Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2013
Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd Greg Norman Shiraz Cabernet 2014
Pepper Tree Wines Strandlines Cabernet Shiraz 2014
Pepper Tree Wines Strandlines Cabernet Shiraz 2013
Pinnacle Drinks Stonyfell LHC Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Shaw Vineyard Estate Cabernet Shiraz 2009
St Hugo Cabernet Shiraz 2014
St Hugo Cabernet Shiraz 2012
Taltarni Vineyards Reserve 2014
Taltarni Vineyards Reserve 2013
Taylors Wines Promised Land Shiraz Cabernet 2015
The Lane Vineyard John Crighton 2013
The Yalumba Wine Company The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2014
The Yalumba Wine Company The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2013
W Salter & Son Pepperjack Shiraz Cabernet 2014
W Salter & Son Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Wolf Blass Wines Pty Ltd Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2013
Wolf Blass Wines Pty Ltd Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2014
Woodstock Wine Estate Deep Sands Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2014



RESULTS 2015

LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE IN THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN RED

It seems lightning can strike the same place twice, with the winner of The Great Australian Red 2014 turning on a repeat performance and taking the same honour in 2015. The yet to be released Yalumba The Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012 was the winner of The Great Australian Red 2015, the first wine in the ten year history of the competition to win the top trophy twice.

In another unprecedented back-to-back performance, Lake Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2013 won *The Kemeny's Trophy for the Best Wine \$25 and Under*, repeating the performance of the 2012 vintage of the same wine in winning this trophy in 2014.

The sub-\$25 class was again hotly contested this year, with 33 entries sharing three gold medals, eight silver and 13 bronze, a higher medal count even than the \$60 and above class.

"Every year our judges are astounded by the calibre of the value-for-money class," said Tyson Stelzer, who co-hosts the competition with Matthew Jukes. "It's testimony to the shiraz cabernet blend in producing the most consistent and affordable reds in the country."

Glaetzer Wines Anaperenna Shiraz Cabernet 2014 was the winner of *The Orora Closures Stelvin Trophy for the Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend*, something of a nostalgic moment in the history of the competition, since the 2004 vintage of the same wine was the inaugural winner of The Great Australian Red in 2006.

Another estate familiar with medals in The Great Australian Red, Wynns Coonawarra Estate claimed its first trophy with V & A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2012, awarded *The A.P. John Coopers Trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend*.

Another first in the trophy honours, the inaugural vintage of W Salter & Son Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2013 made a rousing debut in claiming *The MyCellars.com.au Trophy for the Best Wine \$25-\$60*.

With two golds, two silvers and a bronze medal across its nine entries, Yalumba Wine Company was the winner of *The Riedel Trophy for the Best Winery of Show*. Penfolds Wines was runner up, with one gold, two silvers and two bronzes across its five entries.

Yalumba Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012 was the winner of *The Tonnellerie Saint Martin Trophy for the Best Wine \$60 and Over* and went on to be voted The Great Australian Red 2015 in the closest trophy judging in the history of the competition. So close were the scores across all 13 judges that a change in the ranking of the five trophy winning wines by any one judge would have changed the outcome – testimony to the calibre of these five blends.

The Great Australian Red 2015 was chaired by Brian Walsh and panel chaired by Matthew Jukes and Tyson Stelzer. Judges were Tim Dolan (Peter Lehmann), Tim Knappstein (Riposte), Sam Barry (Clos Clare), Ben Glaetzer (Glaetzer Heartland), Andrew Wood (Waywood), Natalie Cleghorn (Yalumba), Adam Wadewitz (Shaw + Smith), Paul Hotker (Bleasdale), Brock Harrison (Jacob's Creek) and Tony Love (The Advertiser).

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TROPHIES

The Great Australian Red 2015

Yalumba Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012

The Riedel Trophy for the Best Winery of Show

Yalumba Wine Company
Runner up: Penfolds Wines

The Kemeny's Trophy for the Best Wine \$25 and Under

Lake Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2013

The MyCellars.com.au Trophy for the Best Wine \$25-\$60

W Salter & Son Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2013

The Tonnellerie Saint Martin Trophy for the Best Wine \$60 and Over

Yalumba Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012

The A.P. John Coopers Trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend

Wynns Coonawarra Estate Pty Ltd V & A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2012

The Orora Closures Stelvin Trophy for the Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend

Glaetzer Wines Pty Ltd Anaperenna Shiraz Cabernet 2014

GOLD MEDALS

Chaffey Bros. Wine Co. Superbarossa 2014
 Glaetzer Wines Pty Ltd Anaperenna Shiraz Cabernet 2014
 Jacob's Creek Jacob's Creek 1819 The Birth of Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2010
 Lake Breeze Bernoota 2013
 Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet 2014
 Salomon Estate Norwood 2012
 W Salter & Son Pepperjack Certified Shiraz Cabernet 2013
 Wynns Coonawarra Estate Pty Ltd V & A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2012
 Yalumba Wine Company Caley Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2012
 Yalumba Wine Company The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2013

SILVER MEDALS

Bleasdale Vineyards The Broad-Side 2014
 Devil's Lair Pty Ltd Devil's Lair Margaret River The Hidden Cave Cabernet Shiraz 2013
 Gipsie Jack Wine Company Terrier Shiraz Cabernet 2013
 Heartland Wines Illicium 2014
 Ingoldby Ingoldby Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2013
 Jacob's Creek Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2013
 Lindemans Wines Pty Ltd Lindemans Coonawarra Limestone Shiraz Cabernet 2012
 Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet 2013
 Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2013
 Pinnacle Drinks Cat Amongst the Pigeons Shiraz Cabernet 2013
 Pinnacle Drinks Stonyfell Langhorne Creek Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2013

Scarpantoni Estate Riserva 2012
 Thorn-Clarke Wines Terra Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Petit Verdot 2014
 W Salter & Son Pepperjack Shiraz Cabernet 2013
 Wines by Geoff Hardy K1 by Geoff Hardy Tzimmukin 2009
 Wolf Blass Wines Pty Ltd Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2013
 Wolf Blass Wines Pty Ltd Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2012
 Wolf Blass Wines Pty Ltd Wolf Blass Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2013
 Wynns Coonawarra Estate Pty Ltd Wynns Coonawarra Estate V & A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2013
 Yalumba Wine Company FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2013
 Yalumba Wine Company The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2012

BRONZE MEDALS

Annie's Lane at Quelltaler Annie's Lane Quelltaler Shiraz Cabernet 2012
 Australia Kensington Wines Pty Ltd Kensington Cabernet Shiraz Brave Goose Vineyard 2014 Battle
 of Bosworth Battle of Bosworth White Boar 2012
 Bleasdale Vineyards Petrel Reserve 2012
 Bleasdale Vineyards The Pasquin 2013
 Bleasdale Vineyards The Petrel 2013
 Bleasdale Vineyards The Petrel 2014
 Burch Family Wines Howard Park Cellar Collection Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2013
 Chateau Tanunda 1960 Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2013
 Elderton Wines Ode to Lorraine Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot 2013
 Flaxman Wines The Stranger 2012
 George Wyndam George Wyndam Founders Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2012
 Heartland Wines Heartland ONE 2013
 Heartland Wines Spice Trader 2013
 Henry's Drive Vignerons Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
 Jacob's Creek Jacob's Creek Expedition Cabernet Shiraz 2013
 Jim Barry Wines Pb Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2013
 Jim Barry Wines Pb Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
 Jim Barry Wines Pb Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
 Jim Barry Wines The Barry Brothers Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2014
 Lake Breeze The Drake 2010
 Lindemans Wines Pty Ltd Lindemans Coonawarra Limestone Shiraz Cabernet 2013
 Longview Vineyard Longview Shiraz Cabernet 2013
 Majella Wines Musician by Majella 2013
 Metala Wines Metala Shiraz Cabernet 2013
 Morambro Creek Wines Jip Jip Rocks 2014
 Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2012
 Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd Rawson's Retreat Shiraz Cabernet 2015
 Pepper Tree Wines Pepper Tree Strandlines Cabernet Shiraz 2013
 Peter Lehmann Wines Research Road District Shiraz Cabernet 2013
 Salomon Estate Norwood 2013
 Smith & Cru P/L Cradle of Hills 201 Maritime Cabernet Shiraz 2012
 St Hugo Wines St Hugo Shiraz Cabernet 2012
 Tatachilla Wines Partners Cabernet Shiraz 2014
 The Lane Vineyard John Crighton 2012
 Thorn-Clarke Wines Shotgun Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2013
 WD Wines Hesketh/Lehmann No.02 2013
 Wines by Geoff Hardy K1 by Geoff Hardy Tzimmukin 2010
 Yalumba Wine Company The Scribbler Cabernet Sauvignon & Shiraz 2012



RESULTS 2014

RECORD RESULTS HIGHLIGHT THE RISE OF AUSTRALIA'S DEFINITIVE BLEND

The calibre of Australia's definitive blend of cabernet sauvignon and shiraz continues to rise, with a record number of medals awarded in The Great Australian Red competition, judged at The National Wine Centre of Australia in Adelaide on Wednesday.

"There is no other wine style anywhere in the world that can produce such outstanding quality at both an affordable price and at a super-premium level," said Matthew Jukes, who co-hosts the competition with Tyson Stelzer.

The 100 entries in the ninth judging of The Great Australian Red this year produced a record 13 gold medals, 29 silver medals, 47 bronze medals and an unprecedented medal tally of 89. "This was not simply a case of generous judging," Stelzer announced at the trophy presentation in Adelaide on Thursday.

Those winemakers dedicated to the cabernet shiraz blend are working tirelessly to refine the style, evidenced by a record medal tally four years running. The results this year also showcase the outstanding quality of the 2010, 2013 and, most of all, the 2012 vintages. 2012 claimed a clean sweep of all six trophies in this year's competition.

An unprecedented four gold medals in the \$25 and under class was testimony to the outstanding value for money offered by this blend, with the \$18 Gipsie Jack The Terrier Shiraz Cabernet 2012 outclassing a formidable field of higher priced wines to win The Orora Closures Stelvin Trophy for the Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend.

The Great Australian Red continues to track the evolution of the cabernet shiraz blend, and this year the competition judged a range of brand new flagship blends, from Jacob's Creek, Heartland, McGuigan and Yalumba. The winner of The Great Australian Red 2014 was Yalumba Caley Cabernet Shiraz 2012, an all new blend, set for future release, from this longstanding champion of cabernet shiraz.

The Great Australian Red utilises a uniquely rigorous judging system in which two judging panels of 6 judges each judge every wine. The judgements of the two panels are then reconciled by the chairman, who also tastes every wine. In this way, 13 scores count against every wine, affording multiple opportunities for every wine to be promoted or knocked back. "If every wine show were this collaborative, I would pay more attention to wine show results!" quipped one judge during the tasting.

The unique dual panel judging system of The Great Australian Red also highlights bottle variation in a manner that is not always able to be identified in other judging contexts. This year, three cork-sealed bottles were rejected for cork taint and three inconsistent screw capped bottles were rejected. "We urge makers to focus on consistency and quality control during bottling and to embrace closures that do not carry cork taint," Stelzer emphasised.

The Great Australian Red 2014 was chaired by James Halliday and panel chaired by Matthew Jukes and Tyson Stelzer. Judges were Elena Brooks (Dandelion), Mike Brown (Gemtree), Andrew Hardy (Petaluma), Brock Harrison (Orlando), Adam Holmberg (Tyrrell's), Matt Koch (Rosemount), Kate Laurie (Deviation Road), David O'Leary (O'Leary Walker) and Sarah Pigeon (Wynns).



TROPHIES

The Great Australian Red 2014

Yalumba Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012

The Riedel Trophy for the Best Winery of Show

Wolf Blass Wines

Runner up: Yalumba Wines

The Kemenys Trophy for the Best Wine \$25 and Under

Lake Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2012

The MyCellars.com.au Trophy for the Best Wine \$25-\$60

Yalumba Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012

The Tonnellerie Saint Martin Trophy for the Best Wine \$60 and Over

Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012

The A.P. John Coopers Trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend

Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2012

The Orora Closures Stelvin Trophy for the Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend

Gipsie Jack The Terrier Shiraz Cabernet 2012

GOLD MEDALS

Bleasdale Vineyards Petrel Reserve 2012

Gipsie Jack Wine Company The Terrier Shiraz Cabernet 2012

Ingoldby Ingoldby Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2012

Jim Barry Wines Pb Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

Lake Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2012

Naked Run Wines Hill 5 Shiraz Cabernet 2013

Penfolds Wines Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz

2012 Sons of Eden Pampa 2012

St Hugo Wines Vetus Purum Shiraz Cabernet 2010

Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2009

Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2012

Yalumba Caley Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012

Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010

SILVER MEDALS

Anvers Wines Razorback Road Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Anvers Wines Razorback Road Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Australian Vintage Ltd McGuigan 'The Philosophy' Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010
Bleasdale Vineyards The Petrel 2013
Cellarmasters David Owen The Advocate 2012
Cellarmasters Langhorne Creek Area Red Blend 2012
Chaffey Bros. Wine Co Superbarossa 2013
Dutschke Wines Jackson Cabernet Shiraz 2012
Fox Creek Wines JSM Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc 2012
Henry's Drive Vignerons Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2010
Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Jim Barry Wines The Barry Brothers Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2013
Lindemans Wines Lindemans Coonawarra Limestone Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Longview Vineyard Longview Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Majella Wines Mallee by Majella 2010
Majella Wines Musician by Majella 2013
Morambro Creek Wines The Bryson 2012
Pinnacle Stonyfell Langhorne Creek Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Rosemount Estates Est 1888 McLaren Vale Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Taylors Wines Promised Land Shiraz Cabernet 2013
W Salter & Son Pepperjack Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2006
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2010
Wolf Blass Wines Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2010
Wynns Coonawarra Estate Gables Cabernet Shiraz 2012
Wynns Coonawarra Estate V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2010
Wynns Coonawarra Estate V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2012
Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz - Museum Release 2005

BRONZE MEDALS

Annie's Lane Quelltaler Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Australian Vintage Ltd McGuigan 'The Philosophy' Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012
Bleasdale Vineyards Petrel Reserve 2010
Bleasdale Vineyards The Pasquin 2013
Brothers in Arms No.6 Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Cellarmasters Stonyfell Bin 62 Shiraz Cabernet Malbec 2012
Dutschke Wines Single Barrel 2010
Geoff Merrill Wines Cabernet Shiraz 2010
Gipsie Jack Wine Company The Terrier Shiraz Cabernet 2013



Glaetzer Wines Anaperenna Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Heartland Wines Heartland One 2012
Heartland Wines Spice Trader 2013
Heartland Wines Stickleback Red 2012
Jim Barry Wines Pb Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2009
Jim Barry Wines Pb Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
K1 by Geoff Hardy Tzimmukin 2009
K1 by Geoff Hardy Tzimmukin 2010
Majella Wines Malleea by Majella 2012
Metala Wines Metala Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Morambro Creek Wines Jip Jip Rocks 2013
Penfolds Wines Cellar Reserve Cabernet Shiraz 2012
Penfolds Wines Koonunga Hill Seventy-six Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Penley Estate Condor 2013
Pepper Tree Wines Strandlines Grand Reserve Cabernet Shiraz 2010
Pepper Tree Wines Strandlines Grand Reserve Cabernet Shiraz 2012
Rosemount Estates Blends Shiraz Cabernet 2014
Soul Growers Resurgence Shiraz Cabernet 2013
St Hugo Wines St Hugo Shiraz Cabernet 2010
St Hugo Wines St Hugo Shiraz Cabernet 2012
St Hugo Wines Vetus Purum Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Taltarni Vineyards Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2008
Taltarni Vineyards Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2009
Taltarni Vineyards Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Ulithorne Wines Paternus Cabernet Shiraz 2011
Wangolina Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Wicks Estate Eminence 2009
Wicks Estate Eminence 2012
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2008
Wolf Blass Wines Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2012
Wolf Blass Wines White Label Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Wyndham Estate George Wyndham Founders Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2011
Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012
Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2013
Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz - Museum Release 2008
Yalumba The Scribbler Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012
Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012



RESULTS 2013

AUSTRALIA'S DEFINITIVE BLEND SETS NEW RECORDS

The outstanding consistency of Australia's blends of cabernet and shiraz was exemplified in record-setting results of The Great Australian Red, judged at the Art Gallery of South Australia on Tuesday.

This year recorded the highest ever medal tally in The Great Australian Red competition, a wine show hosted by Matthew Jukes and Tyson Stelzer to highlight the blend that defines Australia, cabernet sauvignon and shiraz. In total, 77 medals were awarded, representing a record of more than three-quarters of all entries. The judging also recorded the highest proportion of gold and silver medals awarded in the history of the competition, more than one-third of entries. Such unprecedented results evidence the ever rising standard of Australia's signature blend.

In another first, the winner of The Great Australian Red 2013 and The Tonnellerie Saint Martin Trophy for the Best Wine \$50 and Over was *Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2009*. This makes a hat trick for this label, the first to win The Great Australian Red three times, following the success of the 2004 vintage in 2007 and 2005 in 2008. This year, Wolf Blass was also the recipient of The A.P. John Coopers Trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend for its *Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010*.

In its fortieth year since it was first made, the success of Wolf Blass Black Label confirms the exemplary position of this historic label as the most successful in The Great Australian Red to date, amassing an unparalleled medal count of seven trophies, nine gold medals, ten silver medals and six bronze medals across eight years of judging.

The Riedel Trophy for the Best Winery of Show was awarded to Yalumba Wines (with two gold, two silver and four bronze medals), narrowly ahead of runner up Wolf Blass Wines (with two gold, two silver and two bronze medals). A worthy recipient of this trophy, Yalumba's success is founded on the most comprehensive portfolio of cabernet shiraz blends in the country. Its four wines have been awarded a tally of trophies and gold medals spanning every one of the eight judgments of The Great Australian Red to date. A regular medal winner in this competition, *Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010* this year claimed The MyCellars.com.au Trophy for the Best Wine \$20-\$50.

The hotly contested Get Wines Direct Trophy for the Best Wine \$20 and Under went to a surprise newcomer, an exciting new label created by the inaugural winner of The Great Australian Red, Ben Glaetzer. *Heartland Spice Trader Shiraz Cabernet 2012* was also awarded The Amcor Closures Stelvin Trophy for the Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend. This quintessential value for money Langhorne Creek red blend was released in September 2013 at a retail price of just \$16, proof of the versatility of shiraz cabernet at a bargain price.

A total of 99 entries were received in The Great Australian Red 2013, a little lower than the 2012 record of 118 entries, reflecting in part the challenging 2011 vintage in south-eastern Australia. Many makers did not produce a cabernet shiraz blend in this cold and wet season. Nonetheless, a record medal tally this year reflects an exemplary set of wines, evidence of the meteoric rise of Australia's great blend of cabernet and shiraz.

The Great Australian Red 2013 is grateful to its judges Robert Hill Smith (chairman), Matthew Jukes (panel chair), Tyson Stelzer (panel chair), Peter Godden (AWRI, Arrivo), Paul Smith (Wirra Wirra), Marty Edwards (The Lane), Doug Govan (Victory Hotel), Helen McCarthy (Thorn Clarke), Brett Schutz (Tim Adams), Mike Press (Mike Press Wines), Rebecca Willson (Bremerton), Matt O'Leary (Wolf Blass) and Andre Bondar (Mitolo) and stewards Sarah Belsham (chief steward), Jeremy Maxwell (Maxwell Wines), Adam Holmberg (Tyrrell's), Brock Harrison (Jacob's Creek) and Jess Henderson (Kilikanoon) and its sponsors Amcor Closures Stelvin, A. P. John Coopers, Get Wines Direct, MyCellars.com.au, Openbook Howden, Riedel and Tonnellerie Saint Martin.

TROPHIES

The Great Australian Red 2013

Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2009

The Riedel Trophy for the Best Winery of Show

Yalumba Wines

Runner up: Wolf Blass Wines

The Get Wines Direct Trophy for the Best Wine \$20 and Under

Heartland Spice Trader Shiraz Cabernet 2012

The MyCellars.com.au Trophy for the Best Wine \$20-\$50

Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010

The Tonnellerie Saint Martin Trophy for the Best Wine \$50 and Over

Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2009

The A.P. John Coopers Trophy for the Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend

Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010

The Amcor Closures Stelvin Trophy for the Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend

Heartland Spice Trader Shiraz Cabernet 2012

GOLD MEDALS

Heartland Spice Trader Shiraz Cabernet 2012

Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2010

Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2009

Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010

Yalumba The Reserve Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2006

SILVER MEDALS

Annie's Lane Quelltaler Shiraz Cabernet 2012

Anvers Wines Razorback Road Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Bleasdale Vineyards Petrel Reserve 2012

Cellarmasters Langhorne Creek Area Red Blend 2010

Devil's Lair Margaret River The Hidden Cave Cabernet Shiraz 2012

Dutschke Wines Single Barrel Cabernet Shiraz 2010

Fox Creek JSM Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc 2011

Glaetzer Wines Anaperenna 2012

Heartland One 2012

Jim Barry Brothers' Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Jim Barry PB Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

Lake Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2010

SILVER MEDALS (CONTINUED)

Majella Wines Mallee by Majella 2009
Majella Wines Musician by Majella 2012
Metala Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Penfolds Cellar Reserve Cabernet Shiraz 2012
Penley Estate Condor Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
Pepper Tree Strandlines Grand Reserve Cabernet Shiraz 2010
Rosemount Estate 1888 McLaren Vale Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Rouge Homme Shiraz Cabernet 2012
St Hallett Wines Gamekeeper's Shiraz Cabernet 2010
St Hugo Icon Shiraz Cabernet 2010
Tapanappa Whalebone Vineyard Cabernet Shiraz 2010
Ulithorne Paternus Cabernet Shiraz 2011
Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2008
Wolf Blass Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2010
Wyndham Estate George Wyndham Founders Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2012
Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010

BRONZE MEDALS

Battle of Bosworth Best of Vintage 2010
Bleasdale Vineyards Petrel Reserve 2010
Bremerton Best of Vintage BOV 2009
Chaffey Bros The Superbarossa 2010
Geoff Merrill Cabernet Shiraz 2009
Henry's Drive Pillar Box Red 2010
Henry's Drive Shiraz Cabernet 2010
Henry's Drive Shiraz Cabernet 2009
Hither & Yon Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2010
Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2009
Jim Barry PB Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
Jim Barry PB Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2009
Lake Breeze The Drake 2009
Lindemans Coonawarra Limestone Shiraz Cabernet 2010
Longview Vineyards Longview Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Majella Wines Mallee by Majella 2010
McWilliams Wines 1877 2009
Metala Shiraz Cabernet 2010
Mike Press MP1 Adelaide Hills Shiraz Cabernet 2009
Morambro Creek The Bryson 2010
Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2010

BRONZE MEDALS (CONTINUED)

Penfolds Koonunga Hill Shiraz Cabernet 2012
R Brands Evil Incarnate 2009
Rawson's Retreat Shiraz Cabernet 2013
Smith & Cru Cradle of Hills Cabernet Shiraz 2010
St Hugo Shiraz Cabernet 2009
Tahbilk Old Vines Cabernet Shiraz 2010
The Colonial Estate In Exile 2011
The Colonial Estate In Exile 2010
The Lane John Crighton Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2009
Wangolina Station Shiraz Cabernet 2011
WayWood Wines 97 Shiraz Cabernet 2010
Wicks Estate Eminence 2012
Wicks Estate Eminence 2009
Wines by Geoff Hardy K1 Tzimmukin 2007
Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2011
Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2007
Wynns Coonawarra Estate V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2010
Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2011
Yalumba The Reserve Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2008
Yalumba The Scribbler Barossa Cabernet Shiraz 2010
Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2009



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VALUE WINE WINS THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN RED 2012

For the second year in a row, a bargain blend of cabernet sauvignon and shiraz eclipsed wines up to eight times its price to claim the top trophy in The Great Australian Red 2012. Thorn-Clarke Wines Shotgun Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010, which retails for AUD\$25, is the equal lowest-priced wine to win The Great Australian Red competition, a wine show hosted by Matthew Jukes and Tyson Stelzer, dedicated to Australia's definitive blend of cabernet and shiraz.

The small Barossa estate starred the show, winning three trophies and two gold medals with just two entries, unprecedented in the seven year history of the competition. Thorn-Clarke Wines Terra Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Petit Verdot 2010 was the winner of The Get Wines Direct Trophy for The Best Wine Under \$20. A new wine to the Australian market this year, it's priced at just AUD\$16.

"Thorn-Clarke's remarkable achievement is further confirmation that the blend of cabernet and shiraz not only represents Australia's most definitive icon wines but also the best value red wines on the shelves," said host and judge Tyson Stelzer.

Big names also featured among the winners, with a yet-to-be-released icon label from Jacob's Creek winning The Amcor Closures Stelvin Trophy for The Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend. St Hugo Icon Shiraz Cabernet 2010 will sit above Jacob's Creek Johann as a new flagship for the company.

The Riedel Trophy for The Best Winery of Show was introduced this year, and Wolf Blass Wines was a worthy winner, featuring as a trophy recipient in most years of the competition to date. Wolf Blass Wines claimed medals for every one of its eight entries this year, including two trophies, three gold medals, two silver medals and three bronze medals.

The Great Australian Red 2012 received a record 118 entries and awarded a record 87 medals, representing almost three-quarters of all entries. Jukes and Stelzer attribute this to the growing interest in this blend, its rising calibre as more winemakers give it more focused attention, and of the exceptional standard of the 2010 vintage, which accounted for all five trophy-winning wines.



TROPHIES

The Great Australian Red 2012:

Thorn-Clarke Wines Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010

The Riedel Trophy for The Best Winery of Show:

Wolf Blass Wines

The Get Wines Direct Trophy for The Best Wine Under \$20:

Thorn-Clarke Wines Terra Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Petit Verdot 2010

The MyCellars.com.au Trophy for The Best Wine \$20-\$50:

Thorn-Clarke Wines Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010

The Saverglass Australia Trophy for The Best Wine Over \$50:

Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2010

The Amcor Closures Stelvin Trophy for The Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend:

Jacob's Creek Wines St Hugo Icon Shiraz Cabernet 2010

The A.P. John Coopers Trophy for The Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend:

Wolf Blass Wines Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2010

GOLD MEDALS

Jacob's Creek Wines St Hugo Icon Shiraz Cabernet 2010

Thorn-Clarke Wines Shotfire Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010

Thorn-Clarke Wines Terra Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Petit Verdot 2010

Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2009

Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2010

Wolf Blass Wines Grey Label Cabernet Shiraz 2010

Yalumba The Reserve Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2006

SILVER MEDALS

Annie's Lane Quelltaler Shiraz Cabernet 2010
 Anvers Wines Razorback Road Shiraz Cabernet 2010
 Dutschke Wines Jackson Cabernet Shiraz 2010
 Godfrey Wines Polished Shiraz Cabernet 2010
 Hollick Wines Stock Route Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
 Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2010
 Jacob's Creek Wines t Hugo Shiraz Cabernet 2010
 Jacob's Creek Wines St Hugo Winemaker Series Cabernet Shiraz
 2009 Jim Barry Wines PB Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
 Majella Wines Mallee by Majella 2009
 Majella Wines Mallee by Majella 2010
 McWilliams Wines McWilliams 1877 2009
 Naked Run Wines Hill 5 2010
 Penfolds Wines Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2010
 Penfolds Wines Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
 Pepper Tree Wines Strandlines Grand Reserve Cabernet Shiraz 2009
 Pepper Tree Wines Strandlines Grand Reserve Cabernet Shiraz 2010
 Sons of Eden Pumpa 2010
 Tappanappa Wines Whalebone Vineyard Cabernet Shiraz 2008
 Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2006
 Wolf Blass Wines Grey Label Shiraz Cabernet 2009
 Wyndham Estate George Wyndham Founders Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2009
 Wynns Coonawarra Estate The Gables Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz 2010
 Wynns Coonawarra Estate V & A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2010
 Yalumba The Scribbler Barossa Cabernet Shiraz 2010

BRONZE MEDALS

Battle of Bosworth Wines Best of Vintage 2010
 Battle of Bosworth Wines White Boar 2010
 Bleasdale Vineyards Petrel Reserve 2010
 Brothers in Arms Vineyards Killibinbin "Scaredy Cat" Cabernet Shiraz 2008
 Brothers in Arms Vineyards No. 6 Shiraz Cabernet 2006
 Devil's Lair Margaret River Hidden Cave Cabernet Shiraz 2011
 Eskadale Vineyards Oddfellows Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz 2008
 Final Cut Wines Final Cut Take Two Shiraz Cabernet 2006
 Flaxman Wines The Stranger 2010
 Fox Creek Wines JSM Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc 2010
 Fox Creek Wines Shadow's Run Shiraz-Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
 Geoff Merrill Wines Cabernet Shiraz 2008
 Glaetzer Wines Anaperenna 2010
 Henry's Drive Vignerons Parson's Flat 2009
 Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet
 2009 Jacob's Creek Wines Solway Cabernet
 Shiraz 2010 Jacob's Creek Wines St Hugo Shiraz
 Cabernet 2009
 Jim Barry Wines PB Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2008

BRONZE MEDALS (CONTINUED)

Jim Barry Wines PB Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2006
Jim Barry Wines PB Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2009
Katnook Estate The Caledonian 2009
Lake Breeze Wines Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2010
Lindemans Wines Bin 55 Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
Longview Vineyard Shiraz Cabernet 2010
McWilliams Wines McWilliams 1877 2008
Metala Wines Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
Mollydooker Wines Enchanted Path 2010
Morambro Creek Jip Jip Rocks 2011
Morambro Creek The Bryson 2009
Morambro Creek The Bryson 2010
Mount Alexander Winery Cabernet Shiraz 2010
Penfolds Wines Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2008
Penley Estate Condor Cabernet Shiraz 2010
Peter Lehmann Wines Futures Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010
Peter Lehmann Wines Mentor Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Malbec 2009
Rosemount Estates 1888 McLaren Vale Shiraz Cabernet 2011
Rosemount Estates Blends Shiraz Cabernet 2012
Scarpantoni Estate Wines Estate School Block 2008
Scarpantoni Estate Wines Oxenberry Farm Bullocks 2010
Scotchmans Hill The Hill Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010
Shaw Vineyard Estate Premium Cabernet Shiraz 2009
Shingleback Wine Black Prince McLaren Vale Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2011
Soul Growers Resurgence Shiraz Cabernet 2010
St Hallett Wines Gamekeeper's Shiraz Cabernet 2010
Taltarni Vineyards Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2005
Taylors Wines Promised Land Shiraz Cabernet 2009
The Colonial Estate In Exile 2010
Wangolina Station Shiraz Cabernet 2011
Wicks Estate Wines Eminence 2009
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2007
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2008
Wolf Blass Wines Red Label Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
Wynns Coonawarra Estate The Gables Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz 2011
Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010
Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2011
Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2009
Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010



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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 2011. 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 FDR 1A 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 a 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 FDR 1A 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	Silver medal
Charles Cimicky Wines Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2010	Silver medal
Flaxman Wines The Stranger 2010	Silver medal
Fox Creek Wines JSM Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc 2009	Silver medal
Glaetzer Wines Anaperenna 2010	Silver medal
Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2006	Silver medal
Jim Barry Wines PB Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2008	Silver medal
Katnook Estate The Caledonian 2009	Silver medal
Lake Breeze Wines Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2008	Silver medal
Longview Vineyard Red Bucket Shiraz Cabernet 2009	Silver medal
Majella Wines Malleea 2008	Silver medal
Majella Wines The Musician 2010	Silver medal
McWilliams Wines McWilliams 1877 2008	Silver medal
Morambro Creek Jip Jip Rocks Shiraz Cabernet 2010	Silver medal
Penfolds Wines Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2009	Silver medal
Penfolds Wines Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010	Silver medal
Penley Estate Penley Estate Condor Shiraz Cabernet 2009	Silver medal
Shaw Vineyard Estate Premium Cabernet Shiraz 2009	Silver medal
The Yalumba Wine Company FDR 1A 2009	Silver medal
The Yalumba Wine Company The Reserve 2006	Silver medal
The Yalumba Wine Company The Reserve 2005	Silver medal
The Yalumba Wine Company The Signature 2008	Silver medal
Ulithorne Paternus Cabernet Shiraz 2008	Silver medal
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label 2009	Silver medal
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label 2008	Silver medal
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label 2007	Silver medal
Wynns Coonawarra Estate The Gables Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz 2010	Silver medal
Wynns Coonawarra Estate V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2009	Silver 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



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Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2009	Bronze medal
Jacob's Creek Wines St Hugo Shiraz Cabernet 2009	Bronze medal
Jim Barry Wines PB Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2009	Bronze medal
Jim Barry Wines PB Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2006	Bronze medal
K1 by Geoff Hardy Tzimmukin 2007	Bronze medal
Karra Yerta Wines Shiraz Cabernet 2008	Bronze medal
Kellermeister Wines The Pilgrimage 2009	Bronze medal
Killibinbin Vineyards Blend 2008	Bronze medal
Lake Breeze Wines SP Cabernet Shiraz 2008	Bronze medal
Lindemans Coonawarra Limestone Ridge 2009	Bronze medal
Madeleines Wines Stonesford Cabernet Shiraz 2009	Bronze medal
Majella Wines Mallee 2009	Bronze medal
McWilliams Wines McWilliams 1877 2009	Bronze medal
Metala Wines Cabernet Shiraz Malbec 2009	Bronze medal
Millbrook Winery Limited Release Shiraz Cabernet 2008	Bronze medal
Morambro Creek The Bryson 2009	Bronze medal
Olivers Taranga Vineyards Corrina's Shiraz Cabernet 2008	Bronze medal
Pepper Tree Wines Strandlines Grand Reserve Cabernet Shiraz 2009	Bronze medal
Pepper Tree Wines Strandlines Grand Reserve Cabernet Shiraz 2008	Bronze medal
Peter Lehmann Wines Futures Shiraz Cabernet 2008	Bronze medal
Rosemount Shiraz Cabernet 2010	Bronze medal
Scarpantoni Estate Reserve 2009	Bronze medal
St Hallett Gamekeepers Shiraz Cabernet 2009	Bronze medal
Taltarni Vineyards Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2009	Bronze medal
Taltarni Vineyards Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2005	Bronze medal
The Yalumba Wine Company The Scribbler Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2009	Bronze medal
The Yalumba Wine Company The Signature 2006	Bronze medal
Warrenmang Vineyard Bazzani Shiraz Cabernet 2009	Bronze medal
Wolf Blass Wines Grey Label Shiraz Cabernet 2009	Bronze medal
Wolf Blass Wines Red Label Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010	Bronze medal
Wyndham Estate George Wyndham Founders Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2009	Bronze medal
Zema Estate Saluti Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2006	Bronze medal



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RESULTS 2010

TOP RESULTS FOR AUSTRALIA'S DEFINITIVE BLEND

Australia's signature blend of cabernet shiraz is in top form, according to the results of The Great Australian Red competition judged yesterday. A higher proportion of gold and silver medals were awarded than in any other year in the five year history of the competition.

The results confirm the rising quality of Australia's cabernet shiraz blend, in spite of the climatic extremes of recent vintages. Three-quarters of the entries in this year's competition came from the challenging 2007, 2008 and 2009 seasons.

The consumer is the ultimate winner, with the biggest rise in quality seen at the bargain end of the field. Silver and gold medals were won by almost one-fifth of entries priced under \$20, led by sub-\$20 trophy and gold medal winner Penfolds Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2009, with a price tag of just \$18.

The winner of The Great Australian Red 2010 and the trophy for The Best Shiraz-Dominant Blend was Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2005. A label with an illustrious record in The Great Australian Red, snaring trophy, gold or silver medals in every year of the competition to date, this is a fitting result for Orlando's flagship red wine and a testament to its finest vintage to date.

Penfolds continued its trophy haul with both the trophy for The Best Wine over \$50 and the trophy for The Best Cabernet-Dominant Blend for Penfolds Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2008, a Special Bin wine due for release in 2012.

A medal winner with every one of its entries, Penfolds was the most successful exhibitor in the competition. Outstanding results were also achieved across multiple entries by Yalumba, Wolf Blass, Majella, McWilliams, Jim Barry, Pepper Tree and Lindemans.

The initiative of wine writers Matthew Jukes (UK) and Tyson Stelzer (Australia), The Great Australian Red competition is a wine show focused exclusively on Australian blends of cabernet and shiraz. A unique judging format counts the scores of all thirteen judges against every wine entered in the competition, providing a greater level of rigor than is possible in the usual three-judge show system.

The judges of The Great Australian Red 2010 were Brian Walsh (Yalumba; Chair of Judges), Matthew Jukes (panel chair), Tyson Stelzer (panel chair), Jeffrey Grosset (Grosset Wines), Toby Barlow (St Hallett), Michael Fragos (Chapel Hill), Tash Mooney (Fox Gordon), Kym Teusner (Teusner Wines), Joch Bosworth (Battle of Bosworth), Katie MacAulay (Lion Nathan), Tony Love (Food and Wine Writer), Amelia Jukes (Wine Writer) and Nathan Gogoll (Free Run Press).

In total, five trophies, four gold medals, twenty-six silver medals and twenty-eight bronze medals were awarded across ninety-two entries. The list of medals that follows will be publicly available at www.thegreataustralianred.com from Friday 26 November.

TROPHIES

The Great Australian Red 2010	Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2005, \$75
The Trophy for the Best Wine over \$50	Penfolds Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2008, \$1000
The Trophy for the Best wine under \$20	Penfolds Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2009, \$18
The Trophy for the Best Cabernet-dominant Blend	Penfolds Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2008, \$1000
The Trophy for the Best Shiraz-dominant Blend	Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2005, \$75



GOLD MEDALS

Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2005, \$75
Penfolds Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2008, \$1000
Penfolds Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2009, \$18
Yalumba FDR1A 2008, \$37

SILVER MEDALS

Glaetzer Anaperenna 2009, \$50
Hollick Stock Route Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2008, \$21
Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2006, \$75
Jim Barry PB Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2008,
\$100 Jim Barry PB Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon
2006, \$100 Kaesler W.O.M.S. 2008, \$80
Lake Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2008, \$21
Lindemans Coonawarra Limestone Ridge 2008, \$55
Majella The Mallee 2008, \$70
Majella The Musician 2009, \$17
McWilliams 1877 2006, \$65
McWilliams 1877 2008, \$65
Metala Cabernet Shiraz Malbec 2009, \$23
Mildara Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2006, \$30
Millbrook LR Shiraz Cabernet 2007, \$45
Penfolds Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2008, \$18
Pepper Tree Strandlines Grand Reserve Wrattonbully Cabernet Shiraz 2008, \$65
Ulithorne Paternus Cabernet Shiraz 2008, \$35
Wolf Blass Black Label 2005,
\$130 Wolf Blass Black Label
2006, \$130 Wolf Blass Black
Label 2007, \$130 Wolf Blass
Black Label 2008, \$130
Wyndham George Wyndham Shiraz Cabernet 2009, \$20
Yalumba The Reserve 2004, \$150
Yalumba The Scribbler Cabernet Shiraz 2008, \$20
Yering Station Little Yering Cabernet Shiraz 2008, \$19

BRONZE MEDALS

Anvers Brabo Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2009, \$15
Anvers Razorback Road Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2008, \$20
Bleasdale The Broad-side Shiraz Cabernet Malbec 2008, \$15
Corduoy Shiraz Cabernet 2009, \$30
Coriole The Old Barn Cabernet Shiraz 2008, \$40
Elderton Ode to Lorraine Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz Merlot 2008, \$50



Fox Creek JSM Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon Cabernet Franc 2008, \$22.50
Fox Creek Shadow's Run Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2008, \$12
Hardys HRB Cabernet Shiraz 2007, \$35
Hardys HRB Cabernet Shiraz 2008, \$35
Henry's Drive Parson's Flat Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2007, \$30
Karra Yerta Shiraz Cabernet 2006, \$25
Lindemans Coonawarra Limestone Ridge 2006, \$55
Madeleines Stonesford Cabernet Sauvignon 2009, \$29
Olivers Taranga Corrinas Shiraz Cabernet 2008, \$30
Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2007, \$65
Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2008, \$65
Pepper Tree Strandlines Grand Reserve Wrattenbully Cabernet Shiraz 2006, \$65
Pepper Tree Strandlines Grand Reserve Wrattenbully Cabernet Shiraz 2007, \$65
Ross Barossa Tier 1 Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2006, \$60
Soul Growers Resurgence Cabernet Shiraz 2008,
\$25 St Hallett Gamekeeper's Shiraz Cabernet 2009,
\$14 Tatachilla Partners Cabernet Shiraz 2009, \$12
The Islander Estate Bark Hut Road 2004, \$37
Warrenmang Bazzani Shiraz Cabernet 2008, \$15
Waywood Wines Shiraz Cabernet 2007, \$30
Wolf Blass Red Label Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2010, \$14
Wynns V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz 2008, \$43
Zema Estate Saluti Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz 2006, \$70



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VALUE FOR MONEY SHINES IN THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN RED 2009

The consumer is the ultimate winner in The Great Australian Red competition judged this week, after more than one-third of the thirty-one medals awarded were won by wines priced under \$20.

St Hallett's brand new fifteen dollar Gamekeepers Shiraz Cabernet 2008 made a debut splash, winning not only the sub-\$20 trophy but also the trophy for the best Shiraz-dominant blend, blitzing wines up to six times its price. This is the first time in the competition that a budget wine has gone on to snatch one of the top trophies.

The result reaffirms that the Shiraz Cabernet blend makes not only some of Australia's greatest and most age-worthy reds but also some of its best value quaffers – a pertinent reminder in current economic times.

The winner of The Great Australian Red 2009 was Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2006. A champion of this blend for decades and a trophy winner in every year of the competition, this is a fitting result for Yalumba, which also won one gold and two silver medals in the competition.

Another champion of the blend, Penfolds, won the trophy for the best wine over \$50 with Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2006, the successor to last year's competition winner, the 2005 vintage of the same wine. The company ranked among the most successful in the competition this year, also winning one gold and three silver medals.

A change of venue this year took the judging to the illustrious Balcony Room at Parliament House in Adelaide. The format followed the usual stringent standards for The Great Australian Red, with two panels simultaneously judging the same wines, allowing every wine a second chance to be awarded or knocked back.

The judges of The Great Australian Red 2009 were Steve Webber (De Bortoli; Chair of Judges), Matthew Jukes (panel chair), Tyson Stelzer (panel chair), Toby Barlow (St Hallett), Sam Connew (Wirra Wirra), Stephen Dew (Kaesler Wines), Linda Domas (Linda Domas Wines), Michael Fragos (Chapel Hill), Andrew Hardy (Petaluma), Steve Pannell (S.C. Pannell Wines) and Amelia Pinsent (Country Life, UK).

In total, five trophies, five gold medals, eleven silver medals and fifteen bronze medals were awarded. A list of medals follows. A full list of results can be downloaded at www.thegreataustralianred.com.

TROPHIES

The Great Australian Red 2009	Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2006, \$36.95
The Trophy for the Best Wine over \$50	Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2006, \$59.95
The Trophy for the Best wine under \$20	St Hallett Gamekeepers Shiraz Cabernet 2008, \$14.95
The Trophy for the Best Cabernet-dominant Blend	Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2006, \$36.95
The Trophy for the Best Shiraz-dominant Blend	St Hallett Gamekeepers Shiraz Cabernet 2008, \$14.95

GOLD MEDALS

Hardys HRBD640 Cabernet Shiraz 2007, \$39.95
Metala Shiraz Cabernet 2007, \$21.95
Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2006, \$59.95
St Hallett Gamekeepers Shiraz Cabernet 2008, \$14.95
Yalumba FDR 1A Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2006, \$36.95

SILVER MEDALS

Anvers Wines Razorback Road Shiraz Cabernet 2006, \$19.95
Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2002, \$74.95
Penfolds Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2008, \$17.95
Penfolds Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz 2008, \$TBC
Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2007, \$59.95
The Musician by Majella 2008, \$16.95
Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2005, \$129.95
Wynns The Gables Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz 2006,
\$44.95 Wynns The Gables Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz
2008, \$44.95 Yalumba The Scribbler Cabernet Shiraz 2008,
\$19.95
Yalumba The Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2006, \$46.95

BRONZE MEDALS

Bimbadgen MCA Art Series Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2008, \$24.95
Flaxman Wines The Stranger Shiraz Cabernet 2007, \$34.95
George Wyndham Shiraz Cabernet 2006, \$19.95
Glaetzer Anaperenna Shiraz Cabernet 2007, \$54.95
Jip Jip Rocks Shiraz Cabernet 2008, \$16.95
Lake Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2007, \$19.95
Olivers Taranga Corrinas Shiraz Cabernet 2006, \$29.95
Stella Bella Skuttlebutt Shiraz Cabernet 2007, \$17.95
Taltarni Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2005, \$64.95
The Lane JC John Crighton Single Vineyard Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2007, \$99.95
Ulithorne Paternus Cabernet Shiraz 2008, \$34.95
Wangolina Station Cabernet Shiraz 2007, \$17.95
Watershed Wines Shades Shiraz Cabernet 2005, \$15.95
Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2006, \$129.95
Zema Estate Saluti Cabernet Shiraz 2006, \$69.95



THE GREAT
AUSTRALIAN RED

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THE JUDGING

When we started The Great Australian Red competition, we were amazed that no one had ever done it before. Three years down the line, the wines that have emerged from this competition, both in terms of sheer quality and value for money, are exactly what we wanted them to be when we coined the expression “the blend that defines Australia”. This year we feel that every one of the wineries that submitted samples raised their game by yet another notch, and we applaud this commitment to the one true, iconic Australian wine style.

We spend a lot of time putting together the list of judges each year, trying to find a balance between winemaker, retailer, restaurateur, journalist and buyer. This year’s team was our most highly-experienced yet, encompassing every wine discipline you could wish for and we believe that the results are our finest to date.

At our pre-tasting briefing, chairman Brian Croser set the scene for the coming two days with a masterful speech about seamless balance between the two varietals, integrity of fruit, perfumed aromatics, fine tannins, perfectly balanced alcohol levels and controlled oak. While all of us had respectfully turned our mobile phones off, Matt Cartwright, our legendary logistics expert, received a call from one of his friends and the ring tone which ensued left us all in fits of giggles. Brian was about to begin another heartfelt diatribe when Raiders of the Lost Ark filled the room at full volume. It could not have been better timed, such is the legendary status of this pioneering winemaker. We are very grateful to him and to all of the judges for taking time out of their busy schedules to join us, which speaks volumes for the passion that they, too, possess for this unique style of wine.

Ever the gentleman, Brian presented us with a gift to thank us for his opportunity to Chair this prestigious event. 1979 Petaluma Coonawarra was the first vintage that Brian made and he told us that this was one of his very last bottles, so we carefully set it aside and opened it two weeks later. It had to be the wine to drink to celebrate the completion of writing this book.

With guests joining us for dinner and wine enthusiasm high on the agenda I (TS) decided to serve this wine blind. Hovering over the decanter and pouring carefully, I checked the details of the back label to ensure that my forthcoming options would be factually correct. Assuming that Petaluma Coonawarra was a Cabernet Merlot blend, as it is today, imagine my shock (I bloody nearly dropped the bottle!) when I read that this wine was a 60/40 Shiraz/Cabernet blend made from Coonawarra and Clare Valley fruit. Suddenly everything slotted into place. This wasn’t just a generous gift of an ancient and famous red wine, it was something far more: Brian’s Great Australian Red. When the wine was poured the colour, aroma and flavour were nothing short of breathtaking. As we raised our glasses to Brian Croser and to the completion of Taste 2009, we did so with the perfect wine.

JUDGE’S COMMENTS

With forty-eight consecutive vintages under its belt the winner this year has clearly refined the Cabernet Shiraz style. However, in the current climate and with its enormous corporate owners, Penfolds still manages to pull the rabbit out of the hat and this is testament to the passion and talent of Peter Gago who, virtually singlehandedly keeps this winery’s reputation at the forefront of everybody’s minds, acting as ambassador, winemaker, font of all knowledge and downright good bloke. It is as much a trophy for 389 as it is for him. There is, thankfully, a lot of this wine produced this year so everyone should have a chance to have a decent go at this extraordinary 389.

South Australia clearly has a stranglehold on the Shiraz Cabernet style because of the depth of plantings of both varieties, but Western Australia, Victoria and Queensland all joined in with medals this year, so there is clearly a desire throughout the nation to embrace this phenomenal style of wine.



With large amounts of vineyards at their disposal, it's not surprising that we see a large number of wines from big producers taking out the top gongs, although it is good to see Geoff Hardy's new super-premium appearing for the first time. Just outside of the trophy zone were a host of other small wineries making brilliant wines, and we should support them all.

With medals being awarded to every vintage from 2001 to 2007, with a particular focus on 2005 and 2006, it is clear to see that even in the weaker vintages great examples of this style can be made. This further reinforces that this is Australia's most important style, irrespective of vintage.

THE JUDGES

The judging panel for The Great Australian Red 2008 was:

Brian Croser — Tapanappa (Chair of Judges)
Matthew Jukes — Wine Writer, UK
Tyson Stelzer — Wine Writer, Australia
Tom Carson — Winemaker, Yabby Lake
Stephen Pannell — Winemaker, S.C.
Pannell Bill Downie — Winemaker, William
Downie Tash Mooney — Winemaker, Fox
Gordon Amelia Pinsent — Wine Writer, UK
Stuart Knox — Fix St James
Paul Diamond — Selector
Scott Farraway — Wineaway
Travis Watson — The Wine Emporium

THE TROPHY WINNERS

The Great Australian Red 2008: Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2005
The Vintage Cellars Trophy for the Best Wine over \$50: Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2005
The Mercure Hotel Trophy for the Best Cabernet-dominant Blend: Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2005
The Openbook Howden Trophy for Best Shiraz-dominant Blend: Geoff Hardy K1 Tzimmukin Shiraz Cabernet 2005
The Alcan Stelvin Trophy for the Best Wine under \$20: Yalumba "The Scribbler" Cabernet Shiraz 2006

THE GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Aramis White Label Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2006
Geoff Hardy K1 Tzimmukin Shiraz Cabernet 2005
Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2005
Ulithorne Paternus Cabernet Shiraz 2006
Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2004
Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2005
Yalumba "The Scribbler" Cabernet Shiraz 2006



THE SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Anvers Razorback Road 2005
Ferngrove The Stirlings 2005
Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2001
Kaesler W.O.M.S 2006
Neagles Rock 'One Black Dog' Reserve Cabernet Shiraz 2005
Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2006
Penfolds Cellar Reserve Cabernet Shiraz 2005
Penley Estate Condor Shiraz Cabernet 2006
Scarpatoni Estate Reserve 2006
Summerfield Wines Tradition 2005
Taltarni Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2004
The Lane Vineyard JC 2007
Willunga 100 Cabernet Shiraz 2006
Wyndham Estate George Wyndham Shiraz Cabernet 2005
Yalumba The Reserve 2002

THE BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

Amicus Shiraz Cabernet 2005
Ballandean Estate Generation 3 2005
Bremerton 'Best of Vintage' 2005
Brothers In Arms No. 6 Shiraz Cabernet 2005
Dividing Range 2006
Dominique Portet 'Andre' 2006
Elderton Barossa Ode to Lorraine CSM 2005
Flaxman The Stranger 2006
Glaetzer Anaperenna 2006
Grant Burge Wines Nebuchadnezzar Shiraz Cabernet 2003
Harewood Estate Shiraz Cabernet 2007
Henry's Drive Parson's Flat 2006
Hollick Wines Shiraz Cabernet 2005
Hollick Wines Shiraz Cabernet 2006
Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2002
Jim Barry PB Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2006
Kangarilla Road Hellbent 2006
Lady Bay Vineyard 2006
Lake Breeze 'Bernoota' 2006
Lindemans Limestone Ridge Shiraz Cabernet 2006
Longview Vineyard 'Red Bucket' 2007
Macaw Creek Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2003
Macaw Creek Wines Reserve Shiraz Cabernet
2005 Mallea by Majella 2005



McGuigan Handmade Cabernet Shiraz 2007
Metala Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2006
Mildara Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz 2005
Mildara Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz 2006
Mitchelton Imprint 2007
Musician by Majella 2007
Neagles Rock 'Mr Duncan' Cabernet Shiraz 2006
Oddfellows 2005 'S vengali' 2005
Penfolds Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet 2006
Penfolds Koonunga Hill Seventy Six Shiraz Cabernet 2007
Scarpato Estate School Block 2005
Soul Growers Shiraz Cabernet 2006
Summerfield Wines Reserve Cabernet Shiraz 2003
Taltarni Reserve Shiraz Cabernet 2005
Wolf Blass Black Label 2006
Woodstock Shiraz Cabernet 2005
Wyndham Estate George Wyndham Shiraz Cabernet 2006
Wynns Coonawarra Estate Johnsons Block Shiraz Cabernet 2004
Yalumba FDR 1A 2004



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JUDGES' COMMENTS

The blend of Shiraz and Cabernet is on an upward trajectory in Australia at the moment. The Great Australian Red 2007 awarded a higher proportion of gold medals, a higher proportion of silver medals and a higher proportion of bronze medals than the inaugural 2006 competition. This is a direct reflection of the standard of this blend in Australia this year.

While the 2006 competition permitted the entry of Shiraz-based wines with a small addition of Cabernet and viceversa, we figured that it didn't make sense that a wine bottled simply as 'Shiraz' or 'Cabernet' could win The Great Australian Red! We tightened up the entry conditions this year to restrict The Great Australian Red only to wines which were labelled as 'Shiraz Cabernet' or 'Cabernet Shiraz'. By Australian laws, this necessitates at least 15% of each variety.

The change proved to be more significant than we expected, lifting the average standard of the wines at every level of the competition. Of 110 entries, medals were awarded to 63 wines comprising 7 Gold, 20 Silver and 36 Bronze. 5 trophies were awarded.

"The greatest expression of the blend of Cabernet and Shiraz is to be found in South Australia's traditional winemaking regions of the Barossa, Clare, McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek. The experience garnered over generations of growing both varieties in these warm and forgiving climates consistently produces the most complete and balanced examples." – Robert Mann, Judge, The Great Australian Red 2007

"The skilful blending at the upper level of this competition represents a very high point of winemaking in Australia." – Dan Buckle, Judge, The Great Australian Red 2007

SCREWED, CORKED OR STUFFED?

The Great Australian Red 2007 again utilised our unique system of judging, with two distinct judging panels simultaneously and independently assessing the same wines on different tables. This process revealed even more disturbing discrepancies between bottles than it did last year.

Of the 220 bottles opened (2 bottles each of 110 wines), 146 were sealed with screw cap, 70 with cork and the remaining 4 were in aluminium cans. Replacement bottles were called in for 20 faulty bottles, 3 of which were screw-capped (representing 2% variation) and 17 were corked (24.3% variation)!

While discrepancies between bottles can occur for a wide range of reasons (even under screw cap – so be sure to request a replacement bottle if a wine ever tastes suspect), cork taint remains the biggest threat by miles.

And it gets worse. In the results above, we haven't included any of the replacement bottles. In two wines under cork, three bottles in a row were cork-tainted. In another wine, four bottles in a row, and in a different vintage of the same wine, three in a row.

This is utterly appalling! If cork companies have really solved the problem (as they keep telling us they have), why did we find nearly one in four wines destroyed by cork? Winemakers, you should be ashamed of yourselves, too. There are many excellent alternatives to natural cork available, so you have no excuse for this any longer.

Consumers, we've listed the closure next to every bottle in Taste Food & Wine 2008. You know what to do.



THE JUDGES

The judging panel for The Great Australian Red 2007 was:

Tim James — Wirra Wirra (Chair of Judges)
Matthew Jukes — Wine Writer, UK
Tyson Stelzer — Wine Writer, Brisbane
Rob Mann — Winemaker, Cape Mentelle
Tash Mooney — Winemaker, Fox Gordon
Louisa Rose — Chief Winemaker, Yalumba
Dan Buckle — Winemaker, Mt Langi Ghiran
Marty Edwards — The Lane
Stuart Knox — Fix St James
Andy Lincoln — Wineaway
Katie MacAulay — Lion Nathan
Amelia Pinent — Country Life Magazine

THE TROPHY WINNERS

The Great Australian Red 2007 is: Wolf Blass Wines Black Label 2004
The Openbook Australia Trophy for the best wine under \$20:
The Yalumba Wine Company Barossa Cabernet Shiraz 2006
The Procork Trophy for the best wine over \$50: Bremerton Wines Best of Vintage Shiraz Cabernet 2004
The Wine Appointments Group Trophy for the best Shiraz-dominant blend:
Jim Barry Wines PB Reserve Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2005
The Alcan Packaging Stelvin Trophy for the best Cabernet-dominant blend:
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label 2004

THE GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Bremerton Wines Best of Vintage Shiraz Cabernet 2004
Jim Barry PB Reserve Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2005
Kaesler Wines 2006 WOMS 2006
Mildara Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2004
Yalumba Wine Company Barossa Cabernet Shiraz 2006
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label 2004
Wolf Blass Wines Black Label 2003

THE SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Blue Pyrenees Estate Reserve Red 2002
David Franz Alexander's Reward Cabernet Shiraz 2002
DogRidge Wine Company 'THE PUP' 2005
Flaxman Wines The Stranger 2005



Fox Gordon Cabernet Shiraz 2006
Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2001
Jacob's Creek Wines Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2002
Lake Breeze Wines 'Bernoota' 2005
Majella Wines The Musician by Majella 2006
McWilliams Wines 1877 Cabernet Shiraz 2005
Murdock Wine The Merger 2004
Murdock Wines The Merger 2005
Neagles Rock Vineyards "Mr Duncan" 2005
Penfolds Wines Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2005
Penfolds Wines Cellar Reserve Cabernet Shiraz 2004
Scarpantoni Estate Wines Reserve 2005
Stella Bella Wines Skuttlebutt 2005
The Yalumba Wine Company The Signature 2004
Ulithorne Paternus 2006
Woodstock Five Feet 2004

THE BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

Abbey Rock Wines "The Abbey" Shiraz Cabernet 2006
Anvers Wine Brabo 2006
Anvers Wine Razorback Road 2005
Bleasdale Vineyards Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2004
Boggy Creek Vineyards 2004
Bremerton Wines 2003 Best of Vintage Cab Shiraz 2003
Chalice Bridge Estate Ltd 2004
David Franz Alexander's Reward Cabernet Shiraz 2003
Evans and Tate Classic Red 2005
Ferngrove Vineyards Estate "The Stirlings" 2004
Frankland Estate Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2005
Gentle Annie Wines 2003
Glaetzer Wines Godolphin by Ben Glaetzer 2005
Grant Burge Wines Nebuchadnezzar 2003
Hoffmann's Wine 2005
Jacob's Creek Russet Ridge Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2003
Jip Jip Rocks 2006
Jules* by Mortimers of Orange 2005
Kabminye Wines 2004
Longview Vineyard 'Red Bucket' Shiraz Cabernet 2006
Loom Wine Soaring Kite 2005
Majella Wines Mallee by Majella 2004
McLean's Farm Wines Barossa Cabernet Shiraz 2005
McWilliams Wines 1877 Cabernet Shiraz 2003
McWilliams Wines 1877 Cabernet Shiraz 2004



Mitchelton Wines Thomas Mitchell Cabernet Shiraz 2006
Passing Clouds 2004
Penfolds Wines Koonunga Hill Shiraz Cabernet Sauv 2005
Rookery Wines Cabernet Shiraz 2004
Shaw Vineyard Estate Cabernet Shiraz 2004
The Yalumba Wine Company FDR1A 2004
Vasse Felix Classic Dry Red 2005
Watershed Premium Wines Ltd SHADES 2005
Were Estate Shiraz Cabernet 2005
Wyndham Estate George Wyndham Shiraz Cab 2005
Wynns Coonawarra Estate Johnsons Block Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2004



THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN RED

RESULTS 2006

The Great Australian Red is no ordinary wine show. The system of judging is a purposeful variation on that used in traditional show judging. With just one category of wine, divided into five classes over two days, judges have plenty of time to give every wine the consideration that it deserves. For the first time ever in Australian show judging, two distinct judging panels simultaneously and independently assessed the same wines on different tables. Each panel then meets separately to discuss their results and retaste any wines under question. The chairs of the panels then meet with us (Matthew and Tyson) to compare results, collaborate on the medals and retaste any wines for which disagreement still exists. This process adds extra layers of rigour and accountability, giving the best wines a second chance to step forward and the poorer wines a second opportunity to be knocked back. In most cases in this year's judging, the two panels were consistent in their judgments. The bottom line is that this system ensures that we can confidently identify the best wines for you to get hold of.

This process revealed a number of disturbing discrepancies between bottles. When wine show judges question whether a particular bottle tastes as it should, they call for a replacement bottle. This is usually a consequence of a faulty closure. Replacement bottles were called upon for one-sixth of the 166 entries in the competition, reflecting a wide variation in cork-sealed bottles and a slight variation under screw cap. The lesson for you is to buy screw cap over cork every time, but to be aware that discrepancies can still arise under screw cap. If in doubt, open a second bottle.

The judges were very impressed with the standard of the wines overall, with the 166 entries sharing 8 trophies, 8 gold medals, 27 silver medals and 48 bronze medals.

The results reflected the strength of the 2002 and 2004 vintages, with all but one of the trophy and gold medal winners coming from these years. Judge Stuart Knox commented that, "As a group the 2004 vintage wines were the most consistent, a factor of both the closure and vintage, showing balance, length and good fruit weight."

The sub-\$15 class demonstrated the fact that the over-supply of fruit across the industry in recent vintages has made some very high quality fruit available at the bottom end. The dominance of screw-cap closures across this class was also noted by the judges as a factor which contributed to the consistency of the class. Some of the standout bargains among the medal-winning wines in this class included Angove's Butterfly Ridge 2005 (\$7), Penfolds Koonunga Hill Shiraz Cabernet 2004 (\$13) and Seclusion Shiraz Cabernet 2004 (\$14).

Disappointment was expressed in relation to the \$50+ class. The judges felt that there was a lack of flair and distinctiveness in many of the wines. Over-use of new oak to attempt to "trick up" the wines was criticised. It was suggested that at the premium end, these wines deserve to have the best fruit resources thrown at them rather than the presumed leftovers from single varietal wines. It is in the fruit source rather than in winemaking tricks that the inherent quality in these wines should be based. Wines which demonstrated quality fruit selection came forward in the tastings. It was noteworthy that all four vintages of McWilliams 1877 Cabernet Shiraz entered in the competition were of medal standard. Other wines which performed well in multiple vintages were Lake Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet (with both the 2003 and 2004 taking our silver medals) and Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2004 (silver) and 2003 (bronze).

The chair of judges, Iain Riggs, commented that the competition "highlighted the fact that South Australia is the home of these blends, although Victoria had a solid input. This aligns itself neatly with the history of these wines, with the majority of the great wines of the 50s and 60s coming from these two states. Quite often the better wine was a blend of the two states." Western Australia and New South Wales were also well represented among the medal winning wines.

Judge Ben Glaetzer said, "The highlight of the competition was that it did not characterise a particular style. The diversity across the show was fantastic. Regionality really shone through – there was true diversity between Langhorne Creek, Barossa Valley and Central Victoria, for instance. I was most impressed with the diversity that



was apparent in the sub-\$15 class. The wines showed distinctive vineyard characters as well, not just a mish-mash of spicy Shiraz and herbal Cabernet. It demonstrated how well these two varieties blend together.

Riggs pointed out that "Another feature was the strength of Langhorne Creek wines. Again, it just confirms the prescient characters of the Wolf Blass team in the early 70s."

A dinner focusing on the History of The Great Australian Red showcased the great Shiraz Cabernet blends of the past half-century for the judges and invited guests, beginning with the 1962 Penfolds Bin 60A and working through the great old Yalumba, Wolf Blass, Petaluma, Brokenwood, Wynns and Lindemans wines, to most highly regarded blends of the modern era. The single French Cabernet Shiraz blend served to prove just how well Australia performs with this style. Guest speaker Len Evans AO OBE his speech with these words, "I just say, great work you are doing, and carry on the great work. Push this idea, because I still think in my heart that when you get the best of Cabernet and the best of Shiraz – not the second, third or fourth cab off the rank – you can blend beautifully. This certainly is something that I am very supportive of, and, in fact, this is the reason that I am here tonight."

It was fitting that The Great Australian Red was launched in the presence of the greatest champion of Australian wine who has ever lived. Len Evans passed away three weeks later. His legacy will never die.

THE JUDGES

The judges of The Great Australian Red 2006 were:

Iain Riggs – Chief Executive, Brokenwood Wines (Chair of judges)

Matthew Jukes – Wine writer, UK

Tyson Stelzer – Wine writer, Brisbane

Ben Glaetzer – Winemaker, Ben Glaetzer Wines

Natasha Mooney – Winemaker, Fox Gordon

Grant Ramage – Coles Myer National Business Manager for Wine

Rebecca Wilson – Winemaker, Bremerton Wines

Stuart Knox – Sommelier and Restaurateur, Sydney

Andrew Tierney – Sales and Export Manager, Wirra Wirra

Stewart Plant – Manager, The Wine Emporium

Grant Dodd – Wine writer and exporter

Scott Faraway – Wineaway

Andrew Lincoln – Wineaway

TROPHIES

The Great Australian Red 2006	Godolphin by Ben Glaetzer 2004
The Trophy for the Best Wine under \$20	Yalumba Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2002
The Openbook Australia Trophy for the Best Wine under \$50	Godolphin by Ben Glaetzer 2004
The Diam Trophy for the Best Wine over \$50	Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2002
The Wine Appointments Group Trophy for the Best Shiraz-dominant blend	Scarpantoni Estate Reserve 2003
The Transtherm Trophy for the Best Cabernet-dominant blend	Elderton Wines Ode to Lorraine CSM 2002
The Alcan Packaging Stelvin Trophy for the Best Screw-capped wine	The Cellarmasters Langhorne Creek Area Red Blend 2004
The Trophy for the best wine with less than 25% of shiraz or cabernet	Dutschke St Jakobi Shiraz 2004



GOLD MEDALS

Cellarmasters Langhorne Creek Area Red Blend 2004
Godolphin by Ben Glaetzer 2004
Scarpantoni Estate Reserve 2003
Elderton Wines Ode to Lorraine CSM 2002
Yalumba Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2002
Penfolds Bin 60A 2004
Jacob's Creek Johann Shiraz Cabernet 2002
Dutschke St Jakobi Shiraz 2004

SILVER MEDALS

Fishbone Cabernet Shiraz 2005
Jip Jip Rocks Shiraz Cabernet 2005
David Owen The Advocate Red Blend 2004
Grant Burge Nebuchadnezzar 2004
Lake Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2004
Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2004
Penley Estate Condor Shiraz Cabernet 2004
Skuttlebutt Red 2004
Wirra Wirra Church Block 2004
Lake Breeze Bernoota Shiraz Cabernet 2003
Lindemans Limestone Ridge 2001
Kaesler Wines WOMS (Weapon of Mass Seduction) 2004
Kirrihill Estates Reserve 2004
McWilliams 1877 Cabernet Shiraz 2004
Neagles Rock One Black Dog 2004
Taltarni Cephas 2003
Bleasdale "Old Press" Cabernet Shiraz 2002
Jim Barry The James Brazill 2002
McWilliams 1877 Cabernet Shiraz 2002
Brands Patrons Reserve 2001
Yalumba The Reserve 2001
Grant Burge MSJ Shiraz Cabernet 1999
Fox Gordon Cabernet Shiraz 2005
Coriole Redstone Shiraz Cabernet 2004
Tapanappa Whalebone Vineyard Cabernet Shiraz 2004
Vasse Felix Heytesbury 2003
Peter Lehmann Mentor 2002

BRONZE MEDALS

Angove's Butterfly Ridge 2005
Tolley Cellar Reserve Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2005



Chateau Mildura Riverboat Red 2005
Fox Creek Shadow's Run Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon 2004
Leasingham Bastion Shiraz Cabernet 2004
Penfolds Koonunga Hill Shiraz Cabernet 2004
Taltarni T Series Shiraz Cabernet 2004
Secession Shiraz Cabernet 2004
Capel Vale Cabernet Shiraz 2005
Pyrenees Ridge Cabernet Shiraz 2005
Boggy Creek Vineyards Shiraz Cabernet 2004
Chalice Bridge Shiraz Cabernet 2004
Evans & Tate Margaret River Classic Red 2004
Russell "Augusta" 2004
Murray Street Vineyards Shiraz Cabernet 2004
Old Plains Longhop Old Vine Reserve 2004
Pretty Sally Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2004
Pyrenees Ridge Cabernet Shiraz 2004
Sam Miranda High Plains 2004
Shelmerdine The Hat Red 2004
The Wine & Truffle Co Icon Series 2004
Two Hands The Bull & The Bear 2004
Watershed Shades 2004
Bremerton Tamblyn 2003
Dorrien Estate Bin 1 Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz 2003
Ferntrove Stirlings 2003
Grant Burge Nebuchadnezzar 2003
Lashmar Sisters Blend 2003
Moss Brothers Moses Rock Cabernet Shiraz 2003
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards Corrina's 2003
Russet Ridge Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2003
Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2003
Scarpantoni Blanche Point 2002
Yalumba The Signature 2002
Chapel Hill The Vicar 2001
Yalumba FDR1A 2000
Gralyn Estate Cabernet Shiraz 2004
Stephen John VI Generations 2004
McWilliams 1877 Cabernet Shiraz 2003
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Scarpantoni Black Tempest
Nottage Hill Cabernet 2004
McLean's Farm Shiraz Cabernet 2004
Voyager Estate Girt by Sea Cabernet Merlot 2004
Bethany Shiraz Cabernet 2003
Casa Freschi Profondo 2003
Vasse Felix Shiraz 2003
Para Creek Shiraz Cabernet 2002