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Yarra Yering dominates first capital city wine show of the year

Victoria's Yarra Yering has scooped the pool at the country's first capital city wine show, the Royal Queensland Wine Awards (RQWA) at the Brisbane Showgrounds, winning four major trophies plus the Grand Champion title for Australia's best wine.

The 2022 Yarra Yering Underhill Red Table Wine beat almost 1400 wines from 198 Australian wineries to be named the winner of the Angelo Puglisi Grand Champion of Wine Show Trophy.

The Underhill Red Table Wine also won the sought-after Stodart Trophy for the Best Red Table Wine of Show and The Wine Guild of Australian Inc (Queensland) Best Shiraz of Show; while the Yarra Yering winery won Best Shiraz Blend Wine of Show for its New Territories 2023 wine and Best Red Blend Wine of Show for its Dry Red Wine No. 3 2023.

Yarra Yering also took home the \$12,000 fellowship which was the prize for winning the Angelo Puglisi Grand Champion of Wine Show Trophy.

Chief Judge Tom Carson said the country's best wine came from the old vines in the historic Yarra Valley estate established in 1969.

"Yarra Yering has an extremely talented viticulture and winemaking team which is at the absolute top of their game," he said.

"The Grand Champion Yarra Yering Underhill is a seriously captivating wine which features blue fruit, spice, purity and length."

Mr Carson said wines from the 2023 Pinot Noir vintage really stood out to the panel of 26 judges.

"The wines from the Pinot Noir 2023 were of an extremely high quality with entries from a diverse range of regions across Australia receiving 11 gold medals," he said.

"The Dr Bill Ryan Best Pinot Noir of Show and the \$5,000 bursary went to Tasmania's Bream Creek Vineyards for their Pinot Noir 2023.

"The wines in the 2023 Chardonnay and 2022 Shiraz classes were also of a very high standard."



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Best Queensland Wine of Show was awarded to Ballandean's Twisted Gum Wines' Shiraz 2022 and the new RQWA competition for 2024 for Best Value Wine Trophies went to South Australia's Kirrihill Winery's Regional Series Clare Riesling 2023 and Western Australia's Millbrook Winery's Regional GSM 2023.

"The RQWA's introduction of the new Best Value Wine Trophy category for bottles of red or white wine that retail for less than \$25 was well received and the winners were chosen for their drinkability and ageability," he said.

The Royal Queensland Wines Awards has been running since 1876, aiming to improve, promote and provide guidance to the industry.

This year's award-winning wines will be showcased to consumers at the popular Grape Grazing by Night event at the Brisbane Showgrounds on Friday 19 July. Tickets are available at www.grapegrazingbynight.com.au

2024 TROPHY AWARD WINNERS

THE ANGELO PUGLISI GRAND CHAMPION OF WINE SHOW (Australia's best wine)

Yarra Yering – Underhill 2022

THE STODART TROPHY FOR BEST RED TABLE WINE OF SHOW

Yarra Yering – Underhill 2022

BEST RIESLING WINE OF SHOW

Castelli Estate – Estate Riesling 2023

BEST SEMILLON WINE OF SHOW

Brokenwood Wines – Tallawanta Vineyard Semillon 2024

BEST SAUVIGNON BLANC OF SHOW

Petaluma – White Label Sauvignon Blanc 2023

BEST PINOT GRIS/GRIGIO WINE OF SHOW

Gapsted Estate – Alpine Road Pinot Grigio 2023

THE FLEMING TROPHY FOR BEST CHARDONNAY WINE OF SHOW

Deep Woods Estate – Deep Woods Estate Reserve Chardonnay 2023

BEST WHITE VARIETAL WINE OF SHOW

Longview Vineyards – Macclesfield Gruner Veitliner 2024

BEST WHITE BLEND WINE OF SHOW

Xanadu Wines – Xanadu Vinework Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2023



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BEST VALUE WHITE WINE OF SHOW

Kirrihill Wines – Regional Series Clare Riesling 2023

THE DR BILL RYAN BEST PINOT NOIR OF SHOW

Bream Creek Vineyard – Bream Creek Vineyard Pinot Noir 2023

BEST GRENACHE WINE OF SHOW

Yalumba Wines – Yalumba Vine Vale Grenache 2023

BEST GRENACHE BLEND OF SHOW

Millbrook Winery – Millbrook Regional GSM 2023

BEST SANGIOVESE, MONTEPULCIANO, NERO D'ÁVOLA, BARBERA, DOLCETTO, NEBBIOLO OR BLEND OF SHOW

Serafino Wines – Serafino Belissimo Montepulciano 2023

WINE GUILD OF AUSTRALIAN INC (QUEENSLAND) BEST SHIRAZ WINE OF SHOW

Yarra Yering – Underhill 2022

BEST SHIRAZ BLEND WINE OF SHOW

Yarra Yering – New Territories 2023

THE ALAN COOK MBE TROPHY BEST CABERNET SAUVIGNON WINE OF SHOW

Devil's Lair – Devil's Lair Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

LIQUOR MERCHANTS OF AUSTRALIA LTD BEST CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Jim Barry Wines – Jim Barry The Farm Cabernet Malbec 2022

BEST RED VARIETAL WINE OF SHOW

Bleasdale Vineyards – Bleasdale Vineyards Cabernet Franc 2023

BEST RED BLEND WINE OF SHOW

Yarra Yering – Dry Red Wine No. 3 2023

BEST VALUE RED WINE OF SHOW

Millbrook Winery – Millbrook Regional GSM 2023

THE MALDWYN AND IAN DAVIES BEST SPARKLING WINE OF SHOW

House of Arras – House of Arras Grand Vintage 2015

BEST WHITE TABLE WINE OF SHOW

Deep Woods Estate – Deep Woods Estate Reserve Chardonnay 2023

BEST SWEET WHITE WINE OF SHOW

De Bortoli Wines – Deen De Bortoli Botrytis Semillon 2020



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BEST ROSE WINE OF SHOW

Turkey Flat Vineyards – Turkey Flat Rose 2024

BEST FORTIFIED WINE OF SHOW

Casella Family Brands – Baileys Winemakers Select Rare Topaque

THE KING STREET BEST SMALL BATCH WINE OF SHOW

Hidden Creek Winery – Syrah Viognier 2023

THE STAR ENTERTAINMENT GROUP BEST QUEENSLAND WINE OF SHOW

Twisted Gum Wines – Twisted Gum Wines Shiraz 2022

For further information about the Royal Queensland Awards and a complete list of wine results, visit the Royal Queensland Awards website at www.rqa.com.au.

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