

REGULATIONS NSW SMALL WINEMAKERS SHOW 2026

1. All classes are open to all vigneron provided they produce wine from no more than 500 tonnes of grapes per annum and who adhere to The Winemakers Federation of Australia Code of Practice in all respects.
2. Prospective entrants should consider the spirit of this wine show encapsulated in its name and refrain from entering if they have a significant attachment to a larger wine producer.
3. Entries are limited to wines made from grapes, 85% of which have been grown anywhere within NSW and the ACT. Varietal wine exhibit entries must be made from not less than 85% of the specified grape variety.
4. All exhibits shall conform to the respective Acts of the States & The Commonwealth of Australia which govern the production of Australian Wines and Brandy, including but not limited to: The Customs & Excise Act, Health Act, Spirit Act and the regulations relevant to such Acts.
5. An **Entry Fee of \$50.00** per entry or proof of payment of entry fee plus completed Showrunner Entry, appropriately completed, must accompany each entry.
6. Entries not accompanied by the prescribed fee and an appropriately completed Showrunner Entry or exhibits not bearing an official identification label will only be judged at the Chief Stewards discretion.
7. A wine shall be entered into the show once only, irrespective of the number of trade labels under which it is released.
8. All wines entered shall be bottled in their final form and be planned for commercial release.
- 9. ENTRIES CLOSE Monday 13th July 2026.**
10. Minimum quantities held in stock at time of entry must be equivalent to 200L or more.
11. Each entry shall consist of 4 (four) x 750ml bottles, or 8 (eight) x 375ml or 6 (six) x 500ml bottles) for table and sparkling wines and three 750ml bottles or equivalent volume, for Fortified Wine.

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12. Exhibits shall be delivered to: The Secretary, NSW Small Winemakers Wine Show with the supplied Box Labels and Bottle Labels attached to both the entries and the carton, to arrive **no later than 5.00 pm on Friday 14th August 2026**.

13. Exhibits on which freight has not been paid shall be excluded from the Judging and All Exhibits shall become the property of the NSW Small Winemakers Wine Show.

14. The supplied labels shall be affixed to all bottles prior to delivery and the capsule tops removed from all bottles, Stelvin and Crown Seal type excepted.

15. The NSW Small Winemakers Committee reserves the right to check that all entries satisfy the condition of entry herein and entrants shall agree to cooperate in any such verification.

16. The NSW Small Winemakers Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry, to question exhibitors on details of entries and to change entries to any Class they or the Judges consider appropriate.

17. A Trophy shall not be awarded to a wine unless it has gained a Gold Award.

18. Exhibits shall be judged out of a total of 100 points and Awards made as follows: -

Gold	95 to 100 points
Silver	90 to 94 points
Bronze	85 to 89 points

19. All exhibits shall be screened from the Judges and wine shall not be poured in their presence.

20. No protest shall be considered unless it is submitted in writing to reach the Secretary no later than Friday 4th September 2026.

21. Exhibitors agree to adhere to the Winemakers Federation of Australia Code of Practice for the Display of Awards, and any exhibitor breaking this or any regulation may be disqualified from this and any future show or shows.

22. No entry will be accepted from any exhibitor disqualified by this or any other wine show. Any entry received from such an exhibitor, shall be deemed void, and the entry fee and exhibit shall be forfeited.

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23. Some Winning Exhibitors will be asked to supply, One Dozen of their Trophy winning wines to be served at the Presentation Dinner. Two Complimentary Dinner Tickets will be provided to those Exhibitors.

24. Panel Judges and Associate Judges are permitted to enter their wines into the show with the exception for the Chief of Judges. These entries will be accepted free from show labels and will be labelled by the Chief Steward or their delegate prior to the commencement of the show.

25. Most Successful Exhibitor Award is awarded to the exhibitor who is deemed, by the Chief Steward to be the most successful based on the accumulation of points using the following scoring system

Gold	5 points
Silver	3 points
Bronze	1 Point
Trophy	+ 1 point

26. Most Successful New Exhibitor Award is awarded to the exhibitor who has not exhibited at the show for at least 5 years. The winner will be decided by the Chief Steward to be the most successful based on the accumulation of points using the following scoring system

Gold	5 points
Silver	3 points
Bronze	1 Point
Trophy	+ 1 point

Any queries regarding these regulations should be directed to the Chief Steward either on mobile 0427 887 729 or via email smallwine@nswwineshow.com.au