

NSW Small Winemakers Wine Show



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2026 Schedule

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The Secretary

The NSW Small Winemakers Wine Show

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2026 PROGRAMME

ENTRIES OPEN: 1 June 2026
ENTRIES CLOSE: 13th July 2026

EXHIBITS DELIVERED BY: 14th August 2026

JUDGING: 24th – 26th August 2026

**Forbes Town Hall
Harold St
FORBES NSW 2871**

EXHIBITORS AND PUBLIC TASTING:

28th August 2026
6.30 - 8.30pm

**Forbes Town Hall
Harold St
FORBES NSW 2871**

(Tickets will be available form 123Tix.com.au – links will be on social media)

PRESENTATION DINNER:

19th September 2026

Gourmet meal accompanied by matched trophy winning wines.

(Tickets will be available form 123Tix.com.au – links will be on social media)

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Dear Winemaker,

We are pleased to present our 34th Annual Wine Show.

The Committee & I invite you to enter our show to showcase your wines against other winemakers representing the diverse wine regions we have in New South Wales & ACT.

We will continue with our system partner, AWRI, using their enhanced Showrunner entry system. Please click on the link on our website.

Our online payment system will again be available to all entries.

For those not able to take advantage of online entries, there are links on this website to download this year's Schedule & Entry form.

We held a successful 2025 Wine Show. We received a total of 488 entries from 90 vineyards/wineries across NSW and the ACT, of those 90 wineries, 12 were new exhibitors, which is very encouraging to see new members of the wine industry recognising the relevance of our wine show.

From these wines, we awarded 23 Trophies, 52 Gold, 75 Silver & 179 Bronze medals, which was a 63% strike rate, our highest strike rate ever, which is a testament to the quality of the wines entered. We hope to be able to emulate this in this year's Wine Show.

I bring your attention to Regulation 3 in the Schedule and that the 85% NSW fruit rule applies to all entries. Please ensure you comply with this, as we are aware that some wineries purchased grapes from out of NSW to allow them to continue to make wine last year.

I also wish to point out that any winery that is owned or partially owned by a company which may own several wineries, may be eligible to enter, providing it can satisfy the criteria that it independently grows & crushes less than 500 tonnes of grape, and markets the wine under an independent label.

This year the Judging will be held from Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th August 2026 at the Forbes Town Hall, Harold Street, FORBES. NSW, 2871

The Public Tasting will be held at this venue on Friday 28th August 2026 from 6.30 to 8.30 pm. Should Exhibitors wish to attend earlier, please contact the Chief Steward 0427 887 729 or myself on 0408 968 178

This year, Mark Richardson from Tyrells Wines continues as our Chairman of Judges.

Mark and the Committee have chosen Judges from across NSW Wine Regions and diverse parts of the industry.

Our Major Corporate Sponsors this year are Winetitles, Clear Image Labels, Riedel Glasses, Labelhouse Labels & Grand Cru Wine Cabinets.

We are pleased to announce that our major trophies for the Best Red Wine of Show and the Best White Wine of Show will be Grand Cru 42 Bottle Wine Storage Cabinets.

We are continuing with our special trophies, Most Successful Exhibitor and Most Successful New Exhibitor.

The 34th Annual Presentation Dinner will be held on Saturday 19th September 2026. Once again, we will be contacting successful Exhibitors to supply wine for this dinner, as highlighted in regulation 24 of the schedule.

We also extend an invitation to all exhibitors to attend the Presentation Dinner.

Should you require any further information regarding the Show or Presentation Dinner please contact us via the phone or email listed on the front page of this letter.

Alternatively, please refer to our website which contains useful links and past results from the show as well as PDF Schedule & Entry forms that can be downloaded.

Visit us at www.nswwineshow.com.au

We look forward to receiving your entries, and good luck.

Regards
Mark Watts
President
0408 968 178

JUDGING CLASSES 2026

All wines exhibited must be commercially bottled prior to dispatch for judging and the exhibits from that bottling.

White Table Wines

- Class 1** Dry White table wine, Riesling 2026 or 2025 vintage
- Class 2** Dry White table wine, Riesling 2024 vintage and older
- Class 3** Dry White table wine. Sauvignon Blanc, any vintage
- Class 4** Dry White table wine. Pinot Gris / Pinot Grigio, any vintage
- Class 5** Dry White table wine, Semillon 2026 vintage
- Class 6** Dry White table wine, Semillon 2025 vintage
- Class 7** Dry White table wine, Semillon 2024 vintage
- Class 8** Dry White table wine, Semillon 2023 vintage and older
- Class 9** Dry White table wine, Chardonnay 2026 vintage
- Class 10** Dry White table wine, Chardonnay 2025 vintage
- Class 11** Dry White table wine, Chardonnay 2024 vintage and older
- Class 12** Dry White table wine, other varieties not covered by Classes 1 to 11, any vintage
- Class 13** Dry White table wine, blends not covered by Classes 1 to 11, any vintage
- Class 14** Off Dry White table wine, Off dry to semi sweet, any variety or blend, any vintage
- Class 15** Sweet White table wine, Dessert Style, unfortified, any variety or blend, any vintage

Red Table Wines

- Class 16** Light Red or Rose table wine - For early consumption, 2026 or 2025 vintage
- Class 17** Dry Red table wine, Pinot Noir, any vintage
- Class 18** Dry Red table wine, Cabernet Sauvignon, any vintage
- Class 19** Dry Red table wine, Italian Varieties, Single variety any vintage
- Class 20** Dry Red table wine, Spanish Varieties, Single variety any vintage
- Class 21** Dry Red table wine, Shiraz 2025 vintage
- Class 22** Dry Red table wine, Shiraz 2024 vintage
- Class 23** Dry Red table wine, Shiraz 2023 vintage & older
- Class 24** Dry Red table wine, Other varieties not covered by Classes 16 to 23, any vintage
- Class 25** Dry Red table wine, Other Blends not covered by Classes 16 to 23, any vintage

Sparkling Wines

- Class 26** White, red, or rose sparkling wine, any vintage

Fortified Wines

- Class 27** Apera and varietal or blended fortified wine not covered by classes 28 or 29, Dry to sweet
- Class 28** Ruby, Vintage or Tawny fortified wine, red wines only
- Class 29** Muscat/Topaque, Red or White



All Wines are
Tasting Using
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REGULATIONS NSW SMALL WINEMAKERS SHOW 2026

1. All classes are open to all vignerons 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: -

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

NSW SMALL WINEMAKERS WINE SHOW 2026 TROPHIES

Major Trophies

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| Best White Wine of Show | Classes 1 to 14 |
| Best Red Wine of Show | Classes 16 to 25 |
| Most Successful Exhibitor Award | |
| Most Successful New Exhibitor Award | |

White Wines

- Best Riesling 2025/26** - Class 1
- Best Riesling 2024 and Older** - Class 2
- Best Sauvignon Blanc** - Class 3
- Best Pinot Gris / Pinot Grigio** - Class 4
- Best Semillon 2025/26** - Class 5 & 6
- Best Semillon 2024 & Older** - Classes 7 & 8
- Best Chardonnay 2025/26** - Classes 9 & 10
- Best Chardonnay 2024 & Older** - Class 11
- Best Dry White Table Wine, Other Varieties or Blends** - Classes 12 & 13
- Best Off Dry White Table Wine** - Class 14
- Best Sweet White Table Wine** - Class 15

Red Wines

- Best Light Red or Rose Table Wine** - Class 16
- Best Pinot Noir** - Class 17
- Best Cabernet Sauvignon** - Class 18
- Best Dry Red Table Wine - Italian Varieties** - Class 19
- Best Dry Red Table Wine - Spanish Varieties** - Class 20
- Best Shiraz 2025** - Class 21
- Best Shiraz 2024** - Class 22
- Best Shiraz 2023 & Older** - Class 23
- Best Dry Red Table Wine - Other Varieties** - Classes 24
- Best Dry Red Table Wine - Other Blends** - Classes 25

Sparkling Wines

- Best Sparkling Wine** - Class 26

Fortified Wines

- Best Fortified Wine of Show** - Classes 27, 28 & 29

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