



2022



**Westpac Gippsland
Wine Show Awards**

We acknowledge the deep and ongoing connection to Country of the Bunurong people, the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters where we meet. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

The judging at Cape Paterson



The judging was held at Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club on Monday 10 October.

We sincerely thank our judges, led by Chair of Judges, Sarah Fagan, for their expertise, time and their support of our show. (see more, page 4).

The judges and associate judges commented on the stunning views, the venue, and, of course, the weather.

Thank you to Jenna and Carly, from Events Cape Paterson, who kept the judges well fed, and to the Cape Paterson SLC committee for the use of their wonderful venue.

Thank you also to our Chief Steward, Frank Butera, for his tireless organisation of the show, with all of its many details, coordination with judges and Showrunner setup.

A big thank you to our stewards, David Harman, Moira Chalk, Mark Dishon, Daniel Hynes and Dominic Kearton, who kept the judging running smoothly.

And thanks also to those who assisted with setting up and packing up - including washing 36 dozen glasses - twice!



JUDGING PANEL

Sarah Fagan - Chair of Judges, De Bortoli winemaker

Acclaimed Yarra Valley winemaker, Sarah Fagan, takes on the Chair of Judges role at the 2022 Gippsland Wine Show, leading our panel of judges for the next three years. After growing up on a farm in New South Wales, where her parents also planted grapevines, Sarah began working at De Bortoli in her last year of a Wine Science degree, and has been there for 20 years. Sarah is a Len Evans Tutorial Scholar, (making five here tonight.)

De Bortoli is one of the top wineries and biggest vineyard estates in Victoria's Yarra Valley wine region with celebrated wines from elegant Pinot Noir and refined Syrah (Shiraz) to a more rustic Gamay. Many Australian winemakers strive to make wines that reflect the unique characteristics of their vineyard and region. De Bortoli was one of the earlier wineries to do this, with Sarah – alongside chief winemaker Steve Webber – taking an approach that's hands-on in the vineyard and hands-off in the winery.

“One of the things I'm most proud of is that in the last 10 or 15 years, I think we've created wines that do actually look like they come from our vineyards, that they come from a place,” says Sarah. Her wines are inspired by the diverse, cool-climate Yarra Valley wine region, but also wineries and winemakers around the world, having worked on vintages in Italy, Germany and the US. She remains proudly an Australian winemaker. “In Australia, our wines are made our way,” she says. “We're not trying to emulate anyone else. Sure we have global benchmarks. But we're identifying with our vineyards and our soil.”

Matt Brooke - Director of Wine, Crown Casino

Matt has been a sommelier for over 15 years, working at some of Melbourne and Brisbane's most prestigious restaurants along the way gaining several awards such for Wine List of the Year at Brooks, Ortiga and Circa. Matt has also been heavily involved in Sommeliers Australia, currently sitting on the National committee.

Gaining judging experience at shows like the National Wine Show in Canberra and regional shows like McLaren Vale, Clare Valley, Yarra Valley gained Matt a coveted place at the 2014 Len Evans Tutorial where he came away as Dux of the program. Since then he has been working as Director of Wine at Crown Melbourne, and is also one half of Athletes of Wine, a small wine brand he produces with Liam O'Brien, in the Macedon Ranges

Alister Timms - Chief Winemaker, Shadowfax

No stranger to the world of winemaking and viticulture, Alister grew up on his family's vineyards on the Bellarine Peninsula and was planting vines at the age of 10. With a science degree from Melbourne University, Alister went on to study Oenology at the University of Adelaide and graduated in 2001.

Alister then started working at Shadowfax as Assistant Winemaker, a position he held for three years before moving back home to run his family's winery Kilgour Estate. In 2008, Alister returned to Shadowfax to manage the winery's various vineyards and established the Little Hampton property in the Macedon Ranges, whilst working as Assistant Winemaker to Matt Harrop. He took over as Chief Winemaker in October 2017.

Alister has achieved outstanding success at Shadowfax and has been an integral part of many prestigious wine awards over the past 18 years. He leads a small team of young wine professionals and enthusiasts who share the same passion... to simply create great wine.



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With thanks to:

Anthony Jones	Associate Judge	
Kayleen Reynolds	Associate judge	
Frank Butera	Chief Steward	Bass River Winery
Moira Chalk	Steward	Chene Australasia
Mark Dishon	Steward	Bass River Winery
David Harman	Steward	Harman Wines
Daniel Hynes	Steward	Blue Gables Vineyard
Dominic Kearton	Steward	Phillip Island Winery
Bernadine Phelan	Awards event organiser	Executive Officer

Committee

Alistair Hicks	Chair	Blue Gables Vineyard
David Harman	Deputy Chair	Harman Wines
Marcus Satchell	General committee	Dirty Three Wines
Rob Lightfoot	General committee	Lightfoot Wines
Jessica Audas	General committee	A.R.C. Wines
Wendy Blanch	Treasurer	

Major Trophies and Awards



Best Wine of Show

Purple Hen 2022 Off Dry Riesling

Sponsor: Westpac



Best Red Wines of Provenance

Dirty Three Wines - Dirt 2 Pinot Noir 2016, 2019, 2021

Sponsor: Tonnellerie de Mercurey (Australia)



Best White Wines of Provenance

Dirty Three Wines - Riesling 2015, 2018, 2022

Sponsor: Cardinia Shire

**FARMER'S
DAUGHTERS**

Most Successful Exhibitor

Lightfoot Wines

Sponsor: Farmer's Daughters



Special Award

Ken & Juliet Eckersley Award

Sponsor: Wine Gippsland

RESULTS: Best in Class and Awards

Class 1: Best Sparkling: Cannibal Creek Vineyard, Cannibal Creek 2019 Blanc de Blancs

Sponsor: Phillipsons Accounting Services - **TROPHY**

Class 2: Best Sauvignon Blanc: Purple Hen Winery, Purple Hen 2022 Sauvignon Blanc

Sponsor: Baw Baw Shire

Class 3 (A, B, C) Best Aromatic White: Purple Hen Winery, Purple Hen 2022 Off-Dry Riesling

Sponsor: Bass Coast Shire - **TROPHY**

Class 4: Best Chardonnay: Dirty Three Wines, Dirty Three 2021 - All The Dirts Chardonnay

Sponsor: Glasdec - **TROPHY**

Class 5: Best Sweet White: Lightfoot Wines, NV Darkfoot

Sponsor: Monacellars

Class 6: Best Rosé: Bass River Winery, Bass River 2022 Single Vineyard Rosé

Sponsor: Destination Gippsland

Class 7: Best Pinot Noir: Purple Hen Winery, Purple Hen 2021 Pinot Noir

Sponsor: Wellington Shire - **TROPHY**

Class 8: Best Shiraz & Shiraz Dominant: Blue Gables Vineyard, 2021 Hanratty Hill Shiraz

Sponsor: Gippsland Funeral Services

Class 9: Best Cabernet Sauvignon Varieties & blends: Purple Hen Winery, Purple Hen 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon

Sponsor: South Gippsland Shire

Class 10: Best Other Red Varieties & blends: Lightfoot Wines, Lightfoot 2021 Pinot Shiraz

Sponsor: East Gippsland Shire - **TROPHY**



Major award winners: Rob Lightfoot (Lightfoot Wines) Most Successful Exhibitor, Rick Lacey (Purple Hen) Best Wine of Show, Alastair Butt (Lightfoot Wines) and Marcus Satchell, Best Red Wine of Provenance and Best White Wine of Provenance.



(Above) Rick Lacey (Purple Hen) is presented with Best Wine of Show by Jack Peterson of Westpac. Kelly McCarthy presents Alastair Butt (Lightfoot Wines) with Most Successful Exhibitor trophy on behalf of East Gippsland Shire. Cr Brett Tessari presents Cannibal Creek with the trophy for Best Sparkling Wine.



(Left) Frank Butera (Bass River) is presented with Best Rose by David Elder of Destination Gippsland



Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	CLASS 1: SPARKLING WINE (Sponsor: Phillipsons Accounting Services)		
1	Cannibal Creek 2019 Blanc de Blancs	95	GOLD
2	Bass River 1835 Sparkling Brut 2018 Chardonnay, Pinot Noir	93	SILVER
3	Purple Hen 2021 Sparkling Rose Shiraz, Pinot Noir		
4	Glenmaggie Wines 2019 Sparkling Pinot Noir		
5	Nicholson River 2013 Pinot Noir		
<i>Comment</i>	<i>Traditional sparkling varietals and blends showed better.</i>		
	CLASS 2 - SAUVIGNON BLANC (Sponsor: Baw Baw Shire)		Award
1	Cannibal Creek 2021 Sauvignon Blanc		
2	GWC 2021 Moyarra Fume Sauvignon Blanc		
3	Purple Hen 2022 Sauvignon Blanc	92	SILVER
4	Blue Gables Vineyard 2022 Sauvignon Blanc	88	BRONZE
5	Purple Hen 2022 Fume Blanc Sauvignon Blanc	86	BRONZE
6	Phillip Island Winery 2022 Tall Timber Fume Blanc	88	BRONZE
<i>Comment</i>	<i>Top wines showed clean aromatics and nice drive</i>		
	CLASS 3A: AROMATIC WHITE - RIESLING (Sponsor - 3A,B,C: Bass Coast Shire)		Award
1	Bass River - 2022 Single Vineyard Riesling		
2	Dirty Three Wines, 2022 "The Dirty Rizza" Riesling	95	GOLD
3	Purple Hen 2022 Off Dry Riesling	96	TOP GOLD



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Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
4	The Gurdies Winery 2021 Heaston Estate Riesling		
Comment	<i>Top wines were lovely and pure, delicate and mineral. A pleasure to taste. Lovely refinement and balance</i>		
	CLASS 3B: AROMATIC WHITE - PINOT GRIS / PINOT GRIGIO		
1	French Island Vineyards 2022 Pinot Grigio		
2	Purple Hen 2022 Pinot Gris	92	SILVER
3	Bass River 2022 Single Vineyard Pinot Gris	86	BRONZE
4	Blue Gables Vineyard 2022 Pinot Gris	88	BRONZE
Comment	<i>Some nice wines showing varietal character. Lacking some complexity for higher reward</i>		
	CLASS 3C: AROMATIC WHITE - OTHER WHITE VARIETIES AND BLENDS		
1	Nicholson River 2021 Viognier		
2	Gippsland Wine Company 2021 Single Vineyard Viognier	86	BRONZE
Comment	<i>Promising fruit, but watch oak handling</i>		

Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	CLASS 4: CHARDONNAY (Sponsor: Glasdec)		
1	Lightfoot Wines, Lightfoot 2021 Big Poppa	95	GOLD
2	Blue Gables Vineyard 2021 Jesse Chardonnay	95	GOLD
3	Cannibal Creek 2021 Chardonnay		
4	Silverwaters Vineyard 2021 Chardonnay	90	SILVER
5	Purple Hen 2021 Chardonnay	89	BRONZE
6	Bass River 1835 - 2021 Chardonnay		
7	Tambo Wine 2021 Chardonnay		
8	Glenmaggie Wines 2021 Chardonnay	85	BRONZE
9	Dirty Three Wines 2021 "All The Dirts" Chardonnay	96	TOP GOLD
10	The Gurdies Winery 2021 Orchid Label Chardonnay		
11	Gippsland Wine Company 2021 Loch Vineyard Chardonnay	93	SILVER
12	Bass River 1835 - 2019 Chardonnay		
Comment	Strong bracket, some lovely wines that really opened up in the glass. Some lovely expressions of fruit handling in the vineyard and winery		



Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	CLASS 5: SWEET WHITE (Sponsor: Monacellars)		
1	Bass River 1835 - 2022 Iced Sauvignon Blanc	85	BRONZE
2	Lightfoot Wines, NV Darkfoot	92	SILVER
Comment:	Two contrasting sweet wines		
	CLASS 6: ROSE (Sponsor: Destination Gippsland)		
1	Bass River - 2022 Single Vineyard Rosé - Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier	85	BRONZE
Comment	<i>A well-made wine</i>		
	CLASS 7: PINOT NOIR (Sponsor: Wellington Shire)		
1	Dirty Three Wines 2021 Dirt 3 Pinot Noir	95	GOLD
2	Cannibal Creek Vineyard 2021 Pinot Noir	87	BRONZE
3	Blue Gables Vineyard 2021 Pinot Noir	88	BRONZE
4	Bass River 1835 - 2021 Pinot Noir	95	GOLD
5	Silverwaters Vineyard 2021 Pinot Noir	90	SILVER
6	Dirty Three Wines 2021 "All The Dirts" Pinot Noir		
7	Purple Hen Wines 2021 The Rooster Pinot Noir	92	SILVER
8	Bass River 2021 River Block Pinot Noir	88	BRONZE
9	Lightfoot 2021 Myrtle Point Vineyard Pinot Noir	95	GOLD
10	Purple Hen 2021 Pinot Noir	96	TOP GOLD
11	Dirty Three Wines 2021 Dirt 2 Pinot Noir	88	BRONZE
12	The Gurdies Winery 2021 Orchid Label Pinot Noir		
13	Cannibal Creek 2020 Pinot Noir		
14	Cannibal Creek 2019 Reserve Pinot Noir		
15	Moondarra 2018 Samba Side Pinot Noir		
16	Nicholson River 2018 Pinot Noir		
17	Moondarra 2017 Conception Pinot Noir		
Comment	<i>A strong class showing various styles. Hard to separate top wines. Nice purity and drive</i>		

(Opposite page, clockwise from left) Scott Rossetti, Gippsland Funeral Services, presents Catherine Hicks (Blue Gables) with the Best Shiraz award. Chief Judge, Sarah Fagan provides a summary of exhibit strengths. Frank Butera, Chief Steward, assisting with the tasting.

Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	CLASS 8: SHIRAZ AND SHIRAZ DOMINANT BLENDS (Sponsor: Gippsland Funeral Services)		
1	Purple Hen Wines 2021 Rooster Shiraz	92	SILVER
2	Lightfoot 2021 Myrtle Point Vineyard Shiraz		
3	Blue Gables Vineyard 2021 Hanratty Hill Shiraz	93	TOP SILVER
4	Silverwaters Vineyard 2021 Shiraz	86	BRONZE
5	Blue Gables Vineyard 2021 Keith Thomas Reserve Shiraz	88	BRONZE
6	Purple Hen 2021 Shiraz		
7	Glenmaggie Wines 2021 Bazz Shiraz	86	BRONZE
8	Lightfoot Wines, Lightfoot 2021 River Block Shiraz	90	SILVER
9	Nicholson River 2018 Syrah		
10	Krooked Row 2018 Reserve Shiraz, Grenache		
Comment	<i>Some wines lacking fruit weight and balance.</i>		
	CLASS 9: CABERNET SAUVIGNON VARIETIES AND BLENDS (Sponsor: South Gippsland Shire)		
1	Tambo Wine 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon		
2	Silverwaters Vineyard 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon	87	BRONZE
3	Purple Hen 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon	88	BRONZE
4	GWC 2019 Loch Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon		
Comment	<i>Rewarded showed nice fruit, but lacked weight and intensity to gain higher reward</i>		
	CLASS 10: OTHER RED VARIETIES AND BLENDS (Sponsor: East Gippsland Shire)		
1	Bass River - 2021 North Side Block Gamay	88	BRONZE
2	Lightfoot 2021 Pinot Shiraz	95	GOLD
3	Cannibal Creek 2019 Merlot		
4	Bass River - 2021 House Block Merlot	86	BRONZE
5	Nicholson River 2019 Sangiovese		
6	Krooked Row 2018 Single Vineyard Sangiovese, Tempranillo		
Comment	<i>Medal wines showed nice fruit brightness, nice structure and balance</i>		



MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR

The Most Successful Exhibitor award was presented to Alastair Butt, representing Lightfoot Wines, for the exhibitor with the most points across a range of eligible classes. It was presented by David Jones (left) on behalf of Farmer's Daughters restaurant, which continues to champion Gippsland produce and wines.



WINES OF PROVENANCE

The Best Wines of Provenance category allows winemakers to enter three vintages of one of any variety, across a five-year span. It has allowed the judges to look at consistency of excellence and longevity - a longer-term barometer of the vineyard and winemaker's expertise. We're delighted to have Cardinia Shire and Tonnellerie de Mercurey as sponsors.

(Below) Marcus Satchell of Dirty Three Wines (below) won both the 2022 Best White Wine of Provenance (sponsored by Cardinia Shire) and the Best Red Wine of Provenance (sponsored by Tonnellerie de Mercurey). Mercurey also provided a Burgundian stave handpainted by Patrick Cambolin.



SPECIAL AWARD

Alistair Hicks, President, Wine Gippsland, announced a new perpetual trophy, the Eckersley Award, for outstanding contribution to the Gippsland wine industry. Its first recipients were Ken and Juliet Eckersley, who were founders of the Gippsland Grape Growers and Winemakers Association in 1984, which later became Wine Gippsland.

Ken has held executive and committee positions ever since, and has made a significant contribution in raising the profile of Gippsland wine both within Australia and overseas. Their awards have included Gold for their 2017 Pinot Noir at the Melbourne International Wine Show, and their Syrah (Shiraz) was awarded Best in Class Silver at the International Wine and Spirit Competition in London and the Vinalies d'Argent, Vins due Monde in Paris.



Nicholson River Winery has featured in a French book, *One Thousand Wines of the World*. James Halliday describes Nicholson River Winery's 'fierce commitment to quality in the face of the temperamental Gippsland climate and frustratingly small production, repaid by some massive Chardonnays and impressive red wines'.

Juliet and Ken Eckersley, first recipients of the perpetual award named in their honour, for outstanding contribution to the Gippsland wine industry.







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