

**Entries now open for the**

**2019 MACEDON RANGES WINE EXHIBITION**

**Entries close Monday 23rd September 2019**

Enclosed you will find all the necessary information, including:

Exhibition details and conditions of entry

Judging information

Exhibition entry form

Exhibitor tasting with Judges

Gala dinner details and booking information

Sponsors

All questions should be directed to

[secretary@macedonrangeswine.com.au](mailto:secretary@macedonrangeswine.com.au)

## ENTRIES

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### ENTRY FORM

On page 7 you will find a copy of the 2019 entry form to be completed. Only those entry forms received by Monday 23rd September 2019 will be accepted.

Entries MUST be marked to the attention of the 'Chief Steward' and emailed to [secretary@macedonrangeswine.com.au](mailto:secretary@macedonrangeswine.com.au) before Monday 23rd September 2019.

### DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS (wines)

Exhibits to be delivered to **Curly Flat Vineyard** by Thursday 26th September:

Delivery Address: 263 Collivers Road  
Lancefield VIC 3435  
Deliveries MUST be clearly marked "**MRVA 2019 Wine Exhibition**"

### ENTRY FEES

MRVA Full Members	\$50.00 per entry incl. GST, with a maximum of \$300.00 per entrant (i.e. 10 wines entered would only cost \$300.00)
<b>Associate &amp; Non Members</b>	<b>\$75.00 per entry incl. GST, with a maximum of \$500.00 per entrant (i.e. 10 wines entered would only cost \$500.00)</b>

Based on the growing number of entries in particular wine varieties, judging will be broken down into several categories. Entry classes for the judging are listed below along with the categories presented at the Gala Dinner.

**ENTRY CLASSES FOR JUDGING\*****SPARKLING**

1. Sparkling Wine (any vintage)
  - a) Sparkling whites
  - b) Sparkling reds

**WHITES**

2. Aromatics, other white varieties and blends (any vintage)
  - a) Riesling
  - b) Gewürztraminer
  - c) Pinot Gris
  - d) Other whites & blends
3. Chardonnay
  - a) 2018 vintage
  - b) 2017 vintage & older
4. Sweet whites (any vintage)

**REDS**

5. Rose (any vintage)
6. Pinot Noir
  - a) 2018 vintage
  - b) 2017 vintage & older
7. Shiraz (any vintage)
8. Other red varieties and blends (any vintage)

\*Note for judging purposes, classes may be divided into smaller categories (based on wine varieties or vintages) if sufficient entry numbers are received.

## GALA DINNER PRESENTATION

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The top 3 wines (based on judges' scores) of the following categories will be presented at the Gala Dinner and the top wine (based on judges' scores) will be presented with the category Trophy for the "Best Wine of the Category".

1. Sparkling Wine (any vintage) "*The Webforce5 Trophy*"
2. Other white varieties and blends (any vintage) "*The Lancefield & Romsey Community Bank, Bendigo Bank Trophy*"
3. Chardonnay (any vintage) "*Classic Oak Trophy*"
4. Pinot Noir (any vintage) "*Multi-Color Corporation Trophy*"
5. Other reds or blends (any vintage) "*The Midland Insurance Brokers Trophy*"
6. Shiraz (any vintage) "*Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association Trophy*"

### Other awards presented at the Gala dinner:

The **Laurie Williams Trophy**: Judges' Choice for the "Best wine of the show". *Sponsored by the Macedon Ranges Shire Council*

The **Gordon Knight Trophy**: Awarded to the "Best winery of the show" judged by the overall average of score from each winery (that submit at least 3 wines for judging). *Sponsored by Vintessentials*

The **People's Choice "Plumm" Trophy**: People's choice for the "Best Wine of the Exhibition" as decided by those attending the evening

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

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- 1) All classes are open for competition to all vigneron and wine makers who are members of the MRVA.
- 2) Each wine entered **must be made from at least 85% Macedon Ranges** grapes.
- 3) Each wine entered **must be from a commercial bottling run** prior to the time of delivery of exhibits. No unbottled samples can be entered into the show.
- 4) The full commercial name of each wine entered must be stated on the entry form.
- 5) A **minimum of 25 dozen of each wine entered** must be bottled at the time of entry. For the sparkling wine class the wine must have been tiraged for at least 9 months prior to the entry date and a minimum of 10 dozen must be disgorged prior to the exhibition.
- 6) **Two bottles of each wine** entered will be required for judging. All must be fully labelled unless not yet released (an adhesive hand written label with wine details should be attached to each bottle in this case).
- 7) If your wine is one of the top 3 selected wines in any class, up to two dozen bottles must be made available for the wine presentation dinner.
- 8) If required for the dinner, the relevant number of bottles of wine up to two dozen must be available for delivery to the venue on the morning of Friday 4th October. Wine will be paid for by the MRVA on receipt of a tax invoice from the winery at \$150 (inclusive of WET & GST). Tax invoices are required no later than two weeks post exhibition dinner.
- 9) There is no restriction on the number of entries in any one class but the same wine must not be entered more than once in any class, even if bottled under a different label.

## JUDGING

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To take place on **Monday 30th September 2019**

**Chairperson:** Melanie Chester – Chief Winemaker, Sutton Grange Wines

**Judges:** Simon Steele – Chief Winemaker, Medhurst Wines  
Patrick Eckel – Wine reviewer, winereviewer.com.au

**Associate Judges:** Lachlan McCallum – City Wine Shop  
Rohan Smith – Handpicked Wines  
Rotating associate judge

**Chief Steward:** Matt Harrop (Curly Flat Vineyard)

**Stewards:** An invitation has been distributed, however if you are interested in assisting on the day please email [secretary@macedonrangeswine.com.au](mailto:secretary@macedonrangeswine.com.au)

### JUDGING CRITERIA

Judges will judge each class and on receipt of all result sheets applicable to any one class, the Panel Chair shall have the points totalled. He or She shall have the power to arbitrate the Awards.

Judges will not have access to entries apart from the glasses placed in front of them by the stewards.

Wines will be judged on a 100 point scale.

Awards will be made as follows:

Bronze Award	85 - 89 points
Silver Award	90 – 94 points
Gold Award	95 – 100 points

The Chief Steward shall have the power to disqualify or dismiss, as being not eligible for judging, any exhibit which, in their opinion, does not comply with regulations in every respect, and such disqualification shall be accepted as final.

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## EXHIBITOR TASTING WITH JUDGES

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Exhibitor tasting and questions with the judges will be held on **Monday 30th September 2019**

Time: 4:30 – 6.00pm

Location: **Baringo Food & Wine Co.**  
283 Station Rd  
New Gisborne VIC 3431  
(03) 5428 2144

All exhibitors are encouraged to attend.



## EXHIBITION DINNER

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The Macedon Ranges Wine Exhibition, is a highlight of the wine region. The exhibition aims to recognise outstanding wines and celebrate excellence in regional winemaking. The Exhibition judging will take place on Monday 30th September and culminates in a celebratory Gala Dinner, where the best wines of the Exhibition are showcased and the awards and trophies are announced.

Date: **Friday 4th October 2019**  
Time: 6:30 – 11:00pm (sharp!)  
Dress: Formal  
Enquiries: [secretary@macedonrangeswine.com.au](mailto:secretary@macedonrangeswine.com.au)

Location: **Mount Macedon Winery**  
433 Bawden Road  
Woodend VIC 3442

**NOTE: strictly no cars are to be left on premises after the event.**

Buses will be available to take attendees back to the following locations:

- a) Romsey (drop off outside the Romsey IGA)
- b) Lancefield (drop off outside the Lancefield IGA)
- c) Woodend (drop off outside Holgate Brewhouse)
- d) Kyneton (drop off outside the Kyneton Town Hall)

The cost of bus transportation has been subsidized by the MRVA but will cost an additional \$5 per person which can be paid when making your booking.

If there is sufficient interest in a bus service running to Macedon / Riddells Creek / Gisborne / Malmsbury this will be considered, so please let us know. Email: [secretary@macedonrangeswine.com.au](mailto:secretary@macedonrangeswine.com.au)

### Dinner bookings:

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Tickets \$145 (inc GST) and includes a 6 course meal with the top awarded wines from this year's exhibition.

**Early bird tickets are available if you purchase tickets before 20th September 2019, \$135pp.**

All bookings are to be made through TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BETUM>

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Please invite friends, family, workers or people within your wine network that you feel would be interested in attending this event.

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