



HUNTER VALLEY



boutique winemaker show

2024 EXHIBITOR
INFORMATION PACK

Welcome

JUDY MEAD - CHAIR

Welcome to the 34th annual Hunter Valley
Boutique Wine Show!



I am delighted to personally invite you to enter
this years show.

In 2024, we're excited to present a fresh new look, feel, and format to
celebrate the best wines produced by you, our boutique winemakers and
growers of the Hunter Valley.

With a proud history spanning over three decades, our prestigious event
is the perfect opportunity to showcase your exceptional creations.

In addition, I am excited to share an invitation to our new format, Show
Luncheon and Exhibitor Tasting. For the first time, this Friday lunch event
will be held at the amazing new Maitland Town Hall, Evans Room, which
mirrors our commitment to recognising tradition while setting our Show
on a path for amazing, future success.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this esteemed tradition in its
relaunch year.

Entries are now open and we have made it so simple to enter, so we look
forward to receiving your entries really soon!

Regards

Judy Mead

Chair
Hunter Valley Boutique Wine Show



Key Dates

ENTRIES

19th July 2024

Entries Open

16th August 2024

Entries Close

9am-1pm

2nd - 4th September

Exhibit Deliveries

JUDGING

9th - 10th September 2024

Show Judging

PRESENTATION

Show Luncheon & Exhibitor Tasting

Friday 20th September 2024

12:00noon

Maitland Town Hall,

Evans Room,

263 High Street, Maitland 2320



2024 Show

R E G U L A T I O N 1

BOUTIQUE WINEMAKERS

Boutique winemakers are the lessees/owners of a Hunter Valley winery whose annual crush is less than 350 tonnes. Sections A-M

R E G U L A T I O N 2

BOUTIQUE WINE PRODUCERS/GROWERS

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N O T E :

Max no of entries per class is 3,
Except for Classes 'All Varieties or Other Varieties and
Blends' which has a max of 5 entries per class.



Regulation 1

BOUTIQUE WINEMAKERS

2024 Dry Red - Class- 400 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
All Varieties and Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)	A	1
2023 Dry Red - Class- 200 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Shiraz	B	2
Bordeaux Varieties and Bordeaux Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		3
Other Varieties or Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		4
2022 Dry Red - Class- 200 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Shiraz	C	5
Bordeaux Varieties and Bordeaux Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		6
Other Varieties or Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		7
Open Vintage Dry Red Class- 2021 and Older - 125 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Shiraz	D	8
Bordeaux Varieties and Bordeaux Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		9
Other Varieties or Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		10
Museum Dry Red Class- 45 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Varietal or Blend 5 years of age and older	E	11
2024 Dry White Class - 200 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Semillon	F	12
Chardonnay		13
Verdelho		14
Other Varieties or Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		15
2023 Dry White Class- 200 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Semillon	G	16
Chardonnay		17
Verdelho		18
Other Varieties or Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		19
Open Dry White Class 2022 vintage or older 125 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Open Vintage Semillon	H	20
Open Vintage Chardonnay		21
Open Vintage Verdelho		22
Open Vintage Other Varieties or Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		23



Museum Dry White Class - 45 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Museum Varietal or Blend (5 years of age or older)	I	24
Open Vintage Sparkling - 125 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Open Vintage Sparkling Wine - All Styles, All Production Methods 125 Litres	J	25
Open Vintage Rose Style. - 125 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Open Vintage Rosé Style	K	26
Open Vintage Sweet White Table Wine - 125 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Open Vintage Sweet White Table Wine Greater Than 1 ⁰ Be	L	27
Open Vintage Fortified Wines - 125 Litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Open Vintage Fortified Wines	M	28

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Regulation 2

BOUTIQUE WINE PRODUCERS/GROWERS

2024 Dry Red - Class- 400 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
All Varieties and Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)	N	31
2023 Dry Red - Class- 200 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Shiraz	O	32
Bordeaux Varieties and Bordeaux Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		33
Other Varieties or Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		34
2022 Dry Red - Class- 200 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Shiraz	P	35
Bordeaux Varieties and Bordeaux Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		36
Other Varieties or Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		37
Open Vintage Dry Red Class- 2021 and Older - 125 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Shiraz	Q	38
Bordeaux Varieties and Bordeaux Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		39
Other Varieties or Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		40
Museum Dry Red Class- 45 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Varietal or Blend 5 years of age and older	R	41
2024 Dry White Class - 200 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Semillon	S	42
Chardonnay		43
Verdelho		44
Other Varieties or Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		45
2023 Dry White Class- 200 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Semillon	T	46
Chardonnay		47
Verdelho		48
Other Varieties or Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		49
Open Dry White Class 2022 vintage or older 125 litres minimum volume	Section	Class
Open Vintage Semillon	U	50
Open Vintage Chardonnay		51
Open Vintage Verdelho		52
Open Vintage Other Varieties or Blends (the variety must be stated on the label, and blends with percentage stated)		53



Museum Dry White Class - 45 litres minimum volume

Museum Varietal or Blend (5 years of age or older)

Section	Class
V	54

Open Vintage Sparkling - 125 litres minimum volumeOpen Vintage Sparkling Wine - All Styles, All Production Methods
125 Litres

Section	Class
W	55

Open Vintage Rose Style. - 125 litres minimum volume

Open Vintage Rosé Style

Section	Class
X	56

Open Vintage Sweet White Table Wine - 125 litres minimum volume

Open Vintage Sweet White Table Wine Greater Than 1°Be

Section	Class
Y	57

Open Vintage Fortified Wines - 125 Litres minimum volume

Open Vintage Fortified Wines

Section	Class
Z	58

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2. Boutique Wine Producers/Growers have their grapes made into wine under contract in a Hunter Valley winery. The annual production of the Boutique Wine Producers/Growers must be less than 350 tonnes.
3. All wines must be commercially bottled at the time of entry. Unbottled wines will not be given an award or medal. However, they will be given a standard.
4. Wines to be submitted must be made from grapes grown in the Hunter Valley and LIP compliant- defined as the catchment area of the Hunter River.
5. Each exhibitor must be in possession of either a current Off-Licence, Vigneron Licence or a current Off Licence Retail Licence.
6. Max no of entries/class is 3, except for Classes 'Other Varieties and Blends' – max no of entries 5/class. Duplication of entries in any one class is not permitted.
7. The same wine may not be entered by any other competitor.
8. No wine may be entered in more than one class.
9. Each wine sample is to consist of four (4) 750ml bottles or six (6) 375ml bottles.
10. The minimum quantity of wines eligible for each exhibit within the respective sections will be:
 - i. Sections E, I, R, V - 45 Litres
 - ii. Sections D, H, J, K, L, M, Q, U, W, X, Y, Z - 125 Litres
 - iii. Sections B, C, F, G, O, P, S, T - 200 Litres
 - iv. Sections A, N, – 400 Litres
11. a) Further wine samples may be required and/or inspected by the Maitland Show Wine Committee or its nominees for quantitative and comparative analysis, and
b) The Committee or its nominees shall not be required to give notice to any exhibitor of its intention to make any such inspection hereby authorized, and
c) In the event of discrepancy disclosed by such inspection, the Committee or its nominees if it shall so determine may cancel any award won by an exhibitor and disqualify that exhibitor from further exhibition for such a period as the Committee in its absolute discretion may determine.
12. No exhibitor shall advertise or allow to be advertised by any means whatsoever by broadcasting, pictorially or in writing the fact that any exhibit has won any prize in the Show, unless such advertisement shows clearly
 - a) Hunter Valley Boutique Winemakers Show
 - b) Year of Award
 - c) Description of Class with vintage year applicable.



13. The decision of the Judges shall be accepted as final and binding.
14. The Exhibitor agrees to supply to the Maitland Showground (Hunter River Agricultural & Horticultural Association up to two (2) cases of award-winning wines at wholesale prices (\$110.00 per dozen + GST) for presentation at the current or following years Wine Show Awards Presentation.

Definition of a Bordeaux Red Variety: This covers Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Malbec and Carmenere

NOTE: A trophy will be awarded for each Section except for A, J, K, L, M, N, W, X, Y & Z.

These sections trophies are as follows:

- Trophy for Best Sparkling Wine (Sections J & W)
- Trophy for Best Rose (Sections K & X)
- Trophy for Best Sweet White Table Wine (Sections L & Y)
- Trophy for Best Open Vintage Fortified (Sections M & Z)

All Wines in Both Regs 1 & 2 are eligible for:

- The Karl Stockhausen Commemorative Trophy for Best White Wine of Show
- The Ray Healey Trophy for Best Red of Show
- Trophy for the Boutique Winemaker of the Year - awarded to the producer who has achieved the highest number of points for their exhibits apportioned 5 points for gold, 3 for silver and 1 point for bronze for 2022, 2023 & 2024 vintage wines only.





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