



## 2018 Mudgee Wine Show:

### Rules & Regulations

#### Entry

- i. Entry forms must be accompanied by entry fees and are to be received by the Mudgee Wine Show Chief Steward no later than the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- ii. No entry forms will be accepted after this time.
- iii. Entries and payment may be made by using the online entry form from the website ([www.mudgeewine.com.au](http://www.mudgeewine.com.au)) and clicking on the CCL Mudgee Wine Show drop down menu.

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- iv. An entry fee of \$45 per exhibit is charged for financial members of the MudgeeWine Grape Growers Association and \$75 per exhibit is charged for non-members. The fees are not refundable.
- v. Electronic entries will request payment by Stripe Payments or direct deposit after completion of the entry. Please use the unique number from the entry confirmation when completing the direct deposit.

- vi. Exhibits can be delivered to the Australian Rural Education Centre (AREC)

AREC Pavilion,  
Cassilis Road,  
Mudgee

between:

9:00am and 4:00pm Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
And also between 9:00am and 12:00pm on Saturday 1st September

Other dates of interest: -

Entries Open: Monday 16th July

Entries Close: Saturday 4th August

Delivery of Exhibits: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> and Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 9am – 4pm and Saturday 1st September 9am – 12pm

Judging Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 13th September

Exhibitors tasting/Judges Forum: Thursday 13th September

Judges and Exhibitors sessions: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Trophy Awards Dinner: Friday 14th September

Go Tasting Saturday 15th September

- vii. Cartons must be clearly marked with the exhibitor's name and the classes contained within.
- viii. Each entry is to consist of four (4) 750ml bottles or six (6) 375ml bottles except for museum classes where two (2) 750ml bottles or equivalent are requested.
- ix. Entries are only open to commercially bottled wines and if commercial labels are available they must be affixed to the exhibits. Please do not cover mandatory information of the label with the wine show label.
- x. A wine may be entered only once in the show.
- xi. Wine Show labels must be affixed to the exhibits.
- xii. Each bottle sealed by a cork must have the capsule removed prior to delivery of the exhibit.

### Eligibility

- I. All wines entered are to comply with the following: -
- i. be made from grapes grown in the Mudgee GIC; or
  - ii. be made from grapes grown in the Central Ranges region; but must include minimum 15% Mudgee GI grape product: Other central ranges regions include:
    - a. Orange GIC
    - b. Bathurst GIC

- c. Cowra GIC
  - d. Young GIC
2. Where Central Ranges grape product is blended into the exhibit **Mudgee GIC grape product must be equal or greater than 15%**. Exhibits meeting this requirement will be designated as “Central Ranges” will be entered within the general class structure of the wine show but will not be eligible for trophies.
- ii. Be made in Mudgee
- or
- iii. If made outside the Mudgee GIC, the entry form must be accompanied by a signed LIP declaration to the effect that the fruit was sourced from the Mudgee GIC.
- II. A minimum volume of 200 litres or 22 cases is to be held by the exhibitor at the time of entry. Sales from the time of entry until judging should be recorded in case an audit is conducted. (There is no minimum volume requirement for Museum Classes)
- III. Grape concentrate or fortifying spirit, whether of Mudgee origin or not, may be added to the wine.
- IV. Must comply with label integrity regulations

#### Organic Entries

- I. All wines must be either fully certified organic/biodynamic or in conversion organic/biodynamic by a recognised Australian organic certifying body.
- II. Certification must be in relation to the whole product including; the grapes, the wine making process and the bottling.
- III. Exhibits must carry their normal commercial label with their certification number noted. The exception to this is where a wine has been bottled as cleanskin but not labelled at time of entry to the show. The cleanskin wine may be entered with the label approval letter from the certifier included with the entry form to be eligible for judging.
- IV. An “O” will be placed in the appropriate column of the entry form to denote an organic entry.

#### The Judging Procedure

- I. The judges will not have direct access to the wines except in the tasting glasses presented to them by the stewards. The judges have no right of enquiry into the identity of any wine.
- II. The judge’s decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

- III. The stewards will arrange samples within a class so that wines from a nominated similar sugar level are grouped together and so that similar nominated blends, styles or varieties within a class are also grouped. The stewards will inform the judges of this grouping or any other necessary information.
- IV. If no more than one entry is received for a class, the stewards may place that entry in a different class, if appropriate, or else delete that entry.
- V. If a wine is entered in the wrong class, the stewards may, at their discretion, move it to a more appropriate class or disqualify the entry.
- VI. No results will be available to any exhibitor or steward until the exhibitors tasting. No exhibitor may enter the venue chosen for judging without the express approval of the Chief Steward, any exhibitor not complying with this condition will have his/her exhibits removed from the show.

#### Medals and Trophies

- I. Certificates will be awarded to all medal winners
- II. Exhibits will only be considered for a trophy if they secure Gold Medal points.
  - i. Exhibits which are designated as “Central Ranges” will not be eligible for Trophies of the Mudgee Wine Show.
- III. Trophies will be awarded as per the Trophy Class Sheet.
- IV. The winner of the Champion Wine of Show Trophy will be selected by the Chief Judge, in consultation with the judging panel. This wine may not necessarily be the highest point scoring wine, but all Gold Medal wines, except wines designated as Central Ranges exhibits, will be eligible.
- V. To qualify for Most Successful Exhibitor Award, exhibitors must enter a minimum of (3) classes, but not including Museum classes 27 and 28.
  - i. The highest cumulative points for the top three wines from an exhibitor will determine the winner of the Most Successful Exhibitor Award.
  - ii. In the event of a tied result between two or more exhibitors, then the winner will be based on priority of all medals won.
- VI. The winner of “**Winemaker of the Year**” Award will be awarded to the individual, two or three winemakers, who have been nominated on the entry form, and based on the following Criteria:
  - 1. The winemaker must reside in Mudgee, NSW
  - 2. The wines produced must be made in a winery in Mudgee

3. The winemaker must have at least 5 wines in the show to be eligible

The eligible winemaker with the highest average score for the top five wines will be deemed to have won winemaker of the year

This award does not take into consideration the number of trophies won

Top Gold medals awarded 56 points or more will be included in the average score

VII. The winner of “**Viticulturist of the Year**” Award will be awarded to the individual, two or three Vignerons, who have been nominated on the entry form, and based on the following Criteria:

1. The Viticulturist must reside in Mudgee, NSW
2. The wines produced must be made in a winery in Mudgee
3. The Viticulturist must grow the fruit for at least 5 wines in the show to be eligible

To nominate yourself or another Viticulturist, a form is available at [www.mudgeewine.com.au](http://www.mudgeewine.com.au). A panel of judges will select their top five choices to move forward to the wine show committee, for the result to then be chosen based on wine show results

The eligible Viticulturist with the highest average score for the top five wines will be deemed to have won “Viticulturist of the year”

This award does not take into consideration the number of trophies won

Top Gold medals awarded 56 points or more will be included in the average score

VIII. Wines will be judged and points allocated by each judge, to a maximum of 20 points. Medals will be allocated from the combined total points of the three judges as follows:

Bronze – 46.5 to 50.5

Silver – 51.0 to 55.0

Gold – 55.5 to 60.0

VIV. Gold medal winning wines and additional Trophy winning wines may be requested and purchased by the Mudgee Wine Show Committee at a price of \$120 per 750ml dozen. Exhibitors may be called upon to provide additional wines for Go Tasting, and for promotions and presentations for Guests of the MWGGA.

General

- i. Each and every public advertisement of awards must state:
  - a. Mudgee Wine Show
  - b. Year of Award

- c. Class number and class description
- ii. Every exhibitor is expected to honour the Winemakers' Federation of Australia Code of Practice for the Display of Awards. Although the Code of Practice is voluntary, compliance with this Code of Practice is a prerequisite for entry into the Mudgee Wine Show. Failure to comply with the Code of Practice may result in the exhibitor being disqualified from future Mudgee Wine Shows.
- iii. The Association reserves the right to refuse entry to any person and to disqualify any exhibitor who, in the opinion of the Association, has not complied with the rules as stated above. In addition, the Association reserves the right to take back any medals, trophies or other awards won by an exhibitor if, in the opinion of the Association, the exhibitor has not complied with the rules as stated above.
- iv. The Association reserves the right to check that minimum stock requirements and other regulations have been complied with including the right to examine sales records. The entry must be representative of the total volume of the wine.
- v. The Wine Show Committee shall have the right to subject any exhibitor to a spot audit to check the bona fide nature of any entry. At least two exhibitors will be randomly selected to undergo an audit each year. The Wine Show Committee reserves the right to call in an independent auditor, i.e. Wine Australia, to conduct Label Integrity Program (LIP) audit as required. Any exhibitor who fails to co-operate with an audit or who fails an audit check may be disqualified from entering the wine show for 24 months.
- vi. No entry fee will be refunded unless the Wine Show Committee is at fault and will be refunded only at their discretion.
- vii. It is expected that all exhibitors who enter the show may be called upon to participate and help during the operations of the show mainly to the effect of offering help during the stewarding times. It is to the discretion of the committee as to result of not conforming to help during the show.