

DIVERSITY SHINES IN HILLS WINE SHOW***Results of the 2022 Adelaide Hills Wine Show presented by Aston Martin Adelaide***

For Immediate Release, Friday 2nd December 2022, Adelaide, 4pm: Today was a huge day for Adelaide Hills wineries, combining the celebration of the 25th Anniversary and Trophy announcements for the 2022 Adelaide Hills Wine Show presented by Aston Martin Adelaide, at the National Wine Centre.

Outstanding diversity was apparent in the results of the Wine Show, with each varietal trophy being won by a different winery.

President of the Adelaide Hills Wine Region, Alex Trescowthick said, *“It is wonderful to see so many different producers celebrated across the varietal trophies. It is clear that the Adelaide Hills is not a region with just a small handful of leading wineries. Rather, there are dozens of exceptional wine producers here, all shining in unique ways each year.”*

One of the winning artisanal producers, Seven Eves, is so small that most people have not even heard of them until today.

The **Aston Martin Adelaide BEST WINE OF SHOW** was awarded to the **Seven Eves 2021 Whole-Bunch Syrah**. This exceptional wine is made from grapes grown in the sustainably farmed Saint Clar vineyards in Macclesfield by dynamic winemaking duo Benjamin Caldwell and Mauricio Ruiz Cantu. The wine was also awarded the Orora Beverage **Best Red Wine of Show** and Cospak **Best Shiraz of Show** trophies.

According to Toby Barlow, who is in his third and final year as Chief of Judges at the Show, *“Seven Eves 2021 Whole-Bunch Syrah is a stunning example of bright, beautifully crafted Syrah, showcasing the pristine varietal character of Shiraz grown in the Adelaide Hills.”*

“Seven Eves had some very strong competition. Whilst there were less Shiraz entries than previous years, the 2021 vintage is exceptional and this was reflected across a superb Shiraz class; beautifully balanced, expressive wines with supple, well composed tannins.”

The most hotly contested category was Chardonnay which received the most entries comprising 107 of the 607 wines entered in the entire show.

In the end the **Lofty Valley Estate 2020 Lani’s View Chardonnay** was chosen for the Torresans **Best Chardonnay of Show** trophy, as well as the Clemens GJ East **Best Single Vineyard Wine of Show**. This was topped off with the Langley & Co **Best White Wine of Show**, earning Lofty Valley Estate the title as the Duxton **Best Producer under 100 tonnes**.

Toby Barlow stated *“There’s a reason that Adelaide Hills Chardonnay is getting so much attention at wine shows around Australia, with the quality of vintages in recent years. The two Chardonnay classes - 2021/22 vintage and 2020/older - revealed many fabulous wines of presence, drive and finesse. It was a joy to tease out the top ones which showed fruit intensity, complexity, winemaking artefact and direction. Whilst many golds were worth of being in trophy contention, the Lofty Valley’s 2020 Lani’s View Chardonnay showed beautiful persistence and maturity and won the day.”*

The renowned varieties of Shiraz and Chardonnay were not the only highlights at the show. *“Grüner Veltliner was also looking particularly smart. This variety is well suited to the Adelaide Hills and the winemaking has matured to create wines of fruit purity, texture and mindful acidity balance.”*

Completing the diversity theme were many other grape varieties rapidly gaining traction in the Adelaide Hills. The “Other Whites” class saw Gold Medals across Albariño, Fiano, Arneis and Vermentino wines. In “Italian Red varieties” Gold Medals were awarded for Nebbiolo, Nero D’Avola and Sangiovese, with Gamay getting a nod of approval within “Other Reds”.

In his speech acknowledging the 25th Anniversary of the Wine Show, Alex Trescowthick credited the Show for its role in driving wine quality by encouraging Hills' winemakers to benchmark against their peers. During the lunch, guests also enjoyed recollections of the early days of the show and its preliminary origins at the Aristologist in Uraidla.

2022 Top trophy winners include:

- **Best Wine of the Show**, sponsored by Aston Martin Adelaide
Seven Eves 2021 Whole Bunch Syrah
- **Best Red Wine of the Show**, sponsored by Orora Beverages
Seven Eves 2021 Whole Bunch Syrah
- **Best White Wine of the Show**, sponsored by Langley & Co
Lofty Valley Estate 2020 Lani's View Chardonnay
- **Best Producer of the Show <100 tonnes**, sponsored by Duxton
Lofty Valley Estate
- **Best Producer of the Show >100 tonnes**, sponsored by Chassin Cooperage
Sidewood Estate
- **Best Wine of Provenance**, sponsored by Multi Colour Corporation
Penfolds 2021, 2017, 2012 Bin A Chardonnay
- **Best Single Vineyard Wine**, sponsored by Clemens/GJ East
Lofty Valley Estate 2020 Lani's View Chardonnay

2022 Trophy winners by style/variety include:

- **Best Sparkling Wine of the Show**, sponsored by Vinpac
Deviation Road 2016 Beltana Blanc de Blancs
- **Best Chardonnay of the Show**, sponsored by Torresans
Lofty Valley Estate 2020 Lani's View Chardonnay
- **Best Riesling of the Show**, sponsored by Prowine
Pike and Joyce 2022 Ceder Riesling
- **Best Sauvignon Blanc of the Show**, sponsored by National Wine Centre
Mt Lofty Ranges Vineyard 2022 Old Cherry Block Sauvignon Blanc
- **Best Pinot Gris/Grigio of the Show**, sponsored by Hahn Corporation
Riposte 2022 The Stiletto Pinot Gris
- **Best Gruner Veltliner of the show**, sponsored by The Haus
Artwine 2022 In The Groove Gruner Veltliner
- **Best White Wine in Classes Other**, sponsored by Lallemand
Patriitti Wines 2021 Vermentino
- **Best Rosé of the Show**, sponsored by Cutler Brands
Howard Vineyard 2022 400 Metre Range Rosé

- **Best Pinot Noir of the Show**, sponsored by F Miller & Co
Sidewood 2021 Signature 'Oberlin' Pinot Noir
- **Best Shiraz of the Show**, sponsored by Cospak
Seven Eves 2021 Whole Bunch Syrah
- **Best Cabernet family or Blend of the Show**, sponsored by Blue H2O Filtration
Basket Range Wine 2021 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
- **Best Tempranillo of the Show**, sponsored by TK Print
The Pawn Wine Co. 2021 Tempranillo
- **Best Red Wine in Classes Other**, sponsored by Culture Crop
Berrigan 2021 Shining Rock Vineyard Sangiovese
- **Best Wine in Museum Classes**, sponsored by Mt Lofty House
Karrawatta 2016 Anth's Garden Chardonnay

The full list of results can be found at www.adelaidehillswine.com.au/events/wineshow/

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Notes to Editors

About Adelaide Hills Wine Region

Adelaide Hills Wine Region is a membership body established in 1998 which represents wineries, grape-growers and associated businesses in the Adelaide Hills. A not-for-profit body, it works with members to represent their collective interests, to grow brand equity to ensure long-term sustainability of the grape, wine and tourism industries in the region, and promote the Adelaide Hills brand locally, nationally and worldwide. For further information go to <https://www.adelaidehillswine.com.au/>

About Adelaide Hills Wine Show

The 2022 Adelaide Hills Wine Show presented by Aston Martin Adelaide celebrates its 25th anniversary this year [25 anniversary press release can be found [here](#)]. First held in 1997, the Adelaide Hills Wine Show allows entries of wines made from grapes grown in the Adelaide Hills from many red and white varieties as well as Rose and Sparkling wines. Trophies are awarded to the wines judged to be the best in the category and Gold Medals to wines of outstanding quality.

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Images from the 2022 Adelaide Hills Wine Show will be available late Friday afternoon 2/12/22 [here](#).