



**Class :** **Class #** **Score** **Medal**

**Class Comments:**

**Class 1A: 2010 Viognier**

						<b>Class #</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Medal</b>
Cellermaster	2010	Stonyfell Selection Viognier	Riverland	1A 1	48.0	Bronze		
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2010	Viognier	Nagambie Lakes	1A 2	41.0			
Tallis Wine	2010	Dookie Hills Viognier	Central Victoria	1A 3	44.0			
Hugh Hamilton Wines	2010	Hugh Hamilton 'The Loose Cannon' Viognier	McLaren Vale	1A 4	45.0			
ArtWine Pty Ltd	2010	ArtWine Viognier	Clare Valley	1A 5	42.0			
WATERSHED PREMIUM WINES	2010	SENSES VIOGNIER	Margaret River	1A 7	49.0	Bronze		
Vinsat	2010	Back Label Viognier	Adelaide Hills	1A 8	41.0			
Cellermaster	2010	Amberton Green Label Viognier	Riverland	1A 9	49.0	Bronze		
Ierida estate	2010	Ierida estate lake george viognier	Canberra District	1A 10	40.0			
Mt Surmon Wines	2010	Viognier	Clare Valley	1A 11	42.0			
Inkwell	2010	Old 55 Viognier	McLaren Vale	1A 12	39.0			
Vinea Marson	2010	Viognier	Heathcote	1A 13	48.0	Bronze		
Belgrave Park Winery	2010	Viognier	South Coast	1A 14	41.0			
De Bortoli Wines	2010	Yarra Valley Estate Grown Viognier	Yarra Valley	1A 16	42.0			
Zilzie Wines	2010	Zilzie Viogner	Goulburn Valley	1A 17	45.0			

**Class 1A Comments:**

Overall very disappointing bracket considering itâ€™s often a highlight of the show and 2010 is thought to be a good vintage in many regions. Lack of varietal definition a big problem: really watery wines with unbalanced acid addition all over the place. No apricot flavours. Prematurely advanced, green characters. A few sulphidey wines which should not have been bottled. Most wines didnâ€™t even taste like viognier. Some wines had good characters but only 2 or 3 showed true viognier.

**Class 1B: 2009 and older Viognier**

						<b>Class #</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Medal</b>
Capel Vale Wines	2009	Capel Vale Cellar Exclusive Geographe Viognier	Geographe	1B 1	51.0	Silver		
WATERSHED PREMIUM WINES	2009	SENSES VIOGNIER	Margaret River	1B 2	44.5			
Valhalla Wines	2009	Viognier	Rutherglen	1B 3	40.5			
Orange Mountain Wines	2009	Orange Mountain Viognier	Orange	1B 4	0.0	Not Received		
Fox Gordon Wines	2009	Abby Viognier	Adelaide Hills	1B 5	44.5			



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Anvers Wines Pty Ltd	2009	Anvers Viognier	Adelaide Hills	1B	6	42.0	
Lady Bay Vineyard	2008	Lady Bay Vineyard Viognier	Southern Fleurieu	1B	7	0.0	Not Received
David Hook Wines	2009	David Hook Viognier	Hunter Valley	1B	8	41.0	
The Yalumba Wine Company	2009	Yalumba Eden Valley Viognier	Eden Valley	1B	9	55.5	Gold
Happs Winery	2009	Happs Viognier	Margaret River	1B	10	45.5	
Mount Avoca Winery P/L	2009	Mount Avoca Viognier	Pyrenees	1B	11	42.5	
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2009	Viognier	Nagambie Lakes	1B	12	41.5	
G. Patritti & Co. Pty LTD	2006	Blewitt Springs Estate Viognier	Southern Fleurieu	1B	13	41.0	
Galvanized Wine Group	2009	Mr. Riggs Viognier	McLaren Vale	1B	14	42.0	
Hugh Hamilton Wines	2009	Hugh Hamilton 'The Loose Cannon' Viognier	McLaren Vale	1B	15	44.0	
Hawkes Ridge Wine Estate	2008	Hawkes Ridge Viognier	Hawkes Bay	1B	16	36.0	
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2008	Viognier	Nagambie Lakes	1B	17	47.0	Bronze
Westend Estate Pty Ltd	2009	Westend Richland Viognier	Riverina	1B	18	44.5	
Madeleines Wines	2009	Madeleines Nangkita Single Vineyard Viognier	Southern Fleurieu	1B	19	48.0	Bronze
d'Arenberg	2008	The Last Ditch Viognier	Adelaide Hills	1B	20	45.5	
d'Arenberg	2009	The Last Ditch Viognier	Adelaide Hills	1B	21	44.0	
Elgee Park Wines	2008	Viognier	Mornington Peninsula	1B	22	44.0	
Witches Falls Winery	2009	Wild Ferment Viognier	Unknown	1B	23	38.0	
Waimea Estates	2009	Waimea Viognier	Nelson	1B	24	45.5	
Trentham Estate Wines	2009	trentham estate viognier	Murray Darling NSW	1B	25	42.5	
GEOFF HARDY WINES	2009	K1 by Geoff Hardy 'Special Release' Viognier	Adelaide Hills	1B	26	44.5	
Lady Bay Vineyard	2009	Lady Bay Vineyard Viognier	Southern Fleurieu	1B	27	0.0	Not Received
Zonte's Footstep	2009	Zonte's Footstep Lady of the Lake Viognier	Langhorne Creek	1B	28	44.0	
The Yalumba Wine Company	2009	The Virgilius Viogner	Eden Valley	1B	29	53.5	Silver
Gherardi Holdings Pty Ltd	2009	Gherardi Viognier	Margaret River	1B	30	43.5	
Blue Pyrenees Estate	2009	Blue Pyrenees Viognier	Pyrenees	1B	31	44.5	

### Class 1B Comments:

Overall this was quite a good class, with a mixture of styles from slightly botrytis-influenced and really textural to lighter, fruit-salad styles. Some hot wines, though, and wines showing development, indicating that viognier doesn't always age well - even over a short timeframe.



**Class 2: White Rhone varietals (except Viognier - eg. Marsanne or Roussanne)**

				Class #	Score	Medal
Tamburlaine Wines	2008	Winelovers Marsanne	Orange	2 1	45.0	
Box Grove Vineyard	2008	Box Grove Roussanne	Goulburn Valley	2 3	40.5	
Tamburlaine Wines	2010	Winelovers Marsanne	Orange	2 4	44.0	
Jones Winery & Vineyard	2008	Jones The Winemaker Marsanne	North East Victoria	2 5	45.0	
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2006	Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	2 6	44.0	
Mitchelton Wines	2009	Mitchelton Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	2 7	46.5	Bronze
Valhalla Wines	2009	Marsanne	North East Victoria	2 9	46.5	Bronze
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2007	Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	2 10	46.5	Bronze
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2009	Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	2 11	45.0	
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2004	Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	2 12	48.0	Bronze
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2001	1927 Vines Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	2 13	43.0	
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2008	Marsanne	Nagambie Lakes	2 14	45.0	
All Saints Estate	2009	All Saints Marsanne	North East Victoria	2 15	46.5	Bronze
d'Arenberg	2008	The Money Spider	McLaren Vale	2 16	0.0	Not Received
d'Arenberg	2009	The Money Spider	McLaren Vale	2 17	48.0	Bronze
All Saints Estate	2008	Family Cellar Marsanne	Rutherglen	2 18	48.0	Bronze
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2009	Roussanne	Nagambie Lakes	2 19	43.0	
Angove Family Winemakers	2010	Angove White Grenache	Riverland	2 20	49.5	Bronze
d'Arenberg	2010	The Money Spider	McLaren Vale	2 21	42.0	
Box Grove Vineyard	2009	Box Grove Roussanne	Goulburn Valley	2 22	44.0	

**Class 2 Comments:**

Hard bracket. Lots of really hard wines - some chewy textural elements and bottle age characters but little else. Perhaps these varieties shine best when blended, and that's why they usually are.

**Class 3: White Rhone blends (eg. a Marsanne Viognier blend or a Viognier Roussane blend)**

				Class #	Score	Medal
Dalfarras Pty Ltd	2008	Marsanne Viognier	Nagambie Lakes	3 2	43.0	
Wanted Man Vineyard	2009	Marsanne Viognier	Heathcote	3 3	44.5	
Arlewood Estate	2010	Marsanne Roussanne	Margaret River	3 4	43.5	
Arlewood Estate	2008	Marsanne Roussanne	Margaret River	3 5	43.5	
Dalfarras Wines Pty Ltd	2009	Marsanne Roussanne Viognier	Nagambie Lakes	3 6	44.5	
The Island Wine Co Pty Ltd	2010	Gilligan Roussanne Marsanne	McLaren Vale	3 7	42.0	
Westend Estate Pty Ltd	2010	Westend The Boxer Roussanne Viognier	Riverina	3 8	47.5	Bronze
Tempus Two	2007	Tempus Two Copper Melange a Trois	Murray Darling NSW	3 9	42.5	



d'Arenberg	2008	The Hermit Crab Viognier Marsanne	McLaren Vale	3	10	43.0	
Dalfarras Wines Pty Ltd	2010	Marsanne Roussanne Viognier	Nagambie Lakes	3	11	46.5	C
d'Arenberg	2009	The Hermit Crab Viognier Marsanne	McLaren Vale	3	12	0.0	Not Received
Mitchelton Wines	2009	Mitchelton Airstrip	Nagambie Lakes	3	13	46.5	Bronze
Rutherglen Estates	2009	Shelley's Block	Rutherglen	3	14	48.0	Bronze
Arlewood Estate	2009	Marsanne Roussanne	Margaret River	3	15	42.5	
Rutherglen Estates	2008	Renaissance Viognier Roussanne Marsanne	Rutherglen	3	16	51.5	Silver
Cellermaster	2010	Bushy Road Marsanne Rousanne	Langhorne Creek	3	17	46.5	C
Jones Winery & Vineyard	2009	Jones The Winemaker Roussanne/Marsanne	Rutherglen	3	18	43.0	
Mclvor Estate	2010	Mclvor Estate Marsanne Roussanne	Heathcote	3	19	40.5	

### Class 3 Comments:

Quite a different line-up from the white Rhone varietals. More winemaking issues. Lot more obvious oxidation. All pretty new wines but have a fair bit of development. Much more structured and powerful wines. Hoped there would be much more interest in these varieties together but were disappointed.

### Class 4: Arneis

				Class #	Score	Medal
GEOFF HARDY WINE	2010	K1 by Geoff Hardy Arneis	Adelaide Hills	4	1	55.5 Gold
Dal Zotto Wines	2009	Dal Zotto Arneis	King Valley	4	2	46.5 Bronze
Thick as Thieves Wines	2010	'The Aloof Alpaca' Arneis	Yarra Valley	4	3	45.0
Tertini Wines	2009	Tertini Reserve Arneis - Barrel Fermented	Southern Highlands	4	4	38.0
Rutherglen Estates	2010	Arneis	Rutherglen	4	5	48.5 Bronze
Catherine Vale Wines	2010	Timo's Arneis	Broke Fordwich	4	6	44.0
G. Patrilli & Co. Pty LTD	2010	Patrilli Arneis	Adelaide Hills	4	7	55.5 Gold
Chrismont Wines	2010	La Zona Arneis	King Valley	4	8	0.0 Not Received
Box Stallion Pty Ltd	2009	Arneis	Mornington Peninsula	4	9	39.0
Sam Miranda of King Valley	2010	Sam Miranda Arneis	King Valley	4	10	48.0 Bronze
critenden estate	2009	Pinocchio Arneis	King Valley	4	11	39.0
De Bortoli Wines	2010	De Bortoli Wines Arneis	Riverina	4	12	42.0
First Drop Wines	2010	'Bella Coppia' Adelaide Hills Arneis	Adelaide Hills	4	13	48.0 Bronze
Coombe Farm	2010	Coombe Farm Arneis	Yarra Valley	4	14	46.5 C
Cellermaster	2010	Stefano De Pieri Qualita Arneis	Murray Darling Vic	4	15	42.0
Department of Agriculture and Food WA	2010	Arneis	Manjimup	4	16	43.5
Amadio Wines Pty Ltd	2009	Amadio Arneis	Adelaide Hills	4	17	39.0
Tempus Two	2008	Tempus Two Copper Arneis	Riverland	4	18	0.0 Not Received
Tertini Wines	2009	Tertini Reserve Arneis	Southern Highlands	4	19	39.0



**Class 4 Comments:**

Best wines had good length, good balance and captured that lovely, distinctive arneis character. But a few wines were quite forward and oxidised and not really speaking of the variety.

**Class 5: Savagnin Blanc (formerly Albarino)**

				Class #	Score	Medal
Soumah of Yarra Valley	2010	Soumah Savarro	Yarra Valley	5 1	44.0	
Allinda Winery	2010	Alba Toro Savagnin	Yarra Valley	5 2	44.5	
GEOFF HARDY WINE	2010	Hand Crafted Savagnin	Limestone Coast	5 3	51.0	Silver
Australian Vintage Ltd	2009	Nepenthe Savagnin	Unknown	5 4	46.5	Bronze
Coolangatta Estate	2009	Coolangatta Estate Savagnin	Shoalhaven Coast	5 5	47.5	Bronze
Tscharke	2010	Tscharke Girl Talk	Barossa	5 6	47.0	Bronze
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2010	Brown Brothers Savagnin	King Valley	5 7	0.0	Not Received
Pindarie Pty Ltd	2010	Pindarie La Femme Savagnin	Barossa	5 8	43.5	
Riley Grape and Wine Pty Ltd	2010	Rileys of Eden Valley Jan's Savagnin	Eden Valley	5 9	50.0	Bronze
Constellation Wines Australia	2009	Banrock Station Savagnin	Riverland	5 10	40.0	
critenden estate	2009	Los Hermanos, Tributo a Galicia	King Valley	5 11	41.0	
Rutherglen Estates	2010	Savagnin	Rutherglen	5 12	44.5	
Zonte's Footstep	2010	Zonte's Footstep 'The Love Symbol' Savignin Blanc	Langhorne Creek	5 13	45.5	
Coolangatta Estate	2010	Coolangatta Estate Savagnin	Shoalhaven Coast	5 14	43.5	
Gracebrook Vineyards	2009	Savagnin Blanc	King Valley	5 15	43.5	
Chapel Hill	2009	il Vescovo Savagnin	McLaren Vale	5 16	42.5	
Plunkett Fowles	2010	Stone Dwellers Savagnin Blanc	Strathbogie Ranges	5 17	45.5	
Gemtree Vineyards	2010	Moonstone Savagnin	McLaren Vale	5 18	46.5	Bronze
Angullong Vineyard	2010	The Pretender Savagnin	Central Ranges	5 19	45.5	

**Class 5 Comments:**

Winemakers haven't got to grips with the variety yet - or have lost their way since the albarino debacle. Wines are all very different - judges struggling to find a distinctive, identifiable savagnin character. Frustrated too with the issue of drinkability in many of the wines - they tasted too over-acidified. Or under-fruited.



**Class 6: Vermentino**

			Class #	Score	Medal
Mitolo Wines	2010	Jester Vermentino	6 1	51.0	Silver
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2009	Brown Brothers Limited Release Vermentino	6 2	51.0	Silver
Chalmers Wines Australia Pty Ltd	2010	Vermentino	6 3	40.5	
Cellermaster	2010	Vasarelli Vermentino Currency Creek	6 4	55.5	VHC
Jacob's Creek Wines	2010	Jacob's Creek Vermentino	6 5	46.0	
Ducks in a Row Winemakers	2010	Vermentino	6 6	41.5	
Chalmers Wines Australia Pty Ltd	2009	Vermentino	6 7	43.0	
Boynton's Feathertop Winery	2010	Feathertop Vermentino	6 8	51.0	Silver
Serafino Wines	2009	Bellissimo Vermentino	6 9	41.5	
The Yalumba Wine Company	2010	Yalumba Vermentino	6 10	51.0	Silver
Seaview	2009	E & C Vermentino	6 11	55.5	Gold
Murdering Hut Creek	2010	vermentino	6 12	39.0	
di Lusso Estate	2010	Vermentino	6 13	43.0	
De Bortoli Wines	2010	DBHV Vermentino	6 14	42.0	
Trentham Estate Wines	2009	trentham estate 'la famiglia' vermentino	6 15	40.0	

**Class 6 Comments:**

As a class, these wines looked fresh and bright - not unexpected considering they are 2009 and 2010 - although some were a little bit watery. You need a bit of acid drive and minerality in vermentino. The wines that did well were the ones that were clean and fresh and bright and lifted and had nice drive on the palate. The ones that didn't were the ones that were overly full or reductive. Don't mind some phenolics, though, with this variety.

**Class 7: Fiano**

			Class #	Score	Medal
Rutherglen Estates	2010	Fiano	7 1	49.5	Bronze
Chalmers Wines Australia Pty Ltd	2009	Fiano	7 2	44.0	
Fox Gordon Wines	2010	Princess Fiano	7 3	47.0	C
Ducks in a Row Winemakers	2010	Fiano	7 4	52.0	Silver
Constellation Wines Australia	2009	Banrock Station Fiano	7 5	44.5	
Seaview	2010	E & C Fiano	7 6	0.0	Not Received
Scott Winemaking Pty Ltd	2010	Scott Fiano	7 7	46.5	Bronze
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2010	Oliver's Taranga Fiano	7 8	44.5	
Coriole Vineyards	2010	Coriole Fiano	7 9	48.5	Bronze

**Class 7 Comments:**

Judges had different preferences of style, which probably reflects consumer opinions: some like the more delicate, floral expression of the grape, some prefer the fuller-bodied, chewier style. With either way, over-acidification in this variety gives an artificial look to the wine. But well-handled phenolics can give pleasant fatness to the wine.



**Class 8: Gewurztraminer**

			<b>Class #</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Medal</b>	
Robert Oatley Vineyards	2010	Wild Oats Traminer	8	1	51.0	Silver
Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd	2008	Penfolds Cellar Reserve Gewurztraminer	8	2	42.0	
Plunkett Fowles	2008	Stone Dwellers Gewurztraminer	8	3	43.5	
Madeleines Wines	2009	Madeleines Nangkita Single Vineyard Gewurztraminer	8	5	40.0	
The Little Wine Company	2010	Little Wine Company Gewurz	8	6	55.5	Gold
Henschke	2010	Joseph Hill	8	7	47.5	Bronze
Tempus Two	2010	Tempus Two Copper Gewurztraminer	8	8	44.5	
Hunter's Wines (NZ) Ltd	2010	Hunter's Marlborough Gewurztraminer	8	9	47.5	Bronze
Topper's Mountain Wines	2010	Topper's Mountain Gewurztraminer	8	10	47.5	C
Box Stallion Pty Ltd	2009	Gewurztraminer	8	11	43.5	
Waimea Estates	2008	Waimea Gewurztraminer	8	12	40.0	

**Class 8 Comments:**

Overall the class had a lot of dilute wines, not the palate weight expected from top gewurz. The best wines had good floral notes and musky characters, with a good balance of fruit weight and texture in the mouth.

**Class 9: Moscato**

			<b>Class #</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Medal</b>	
Jacob's Creek Wines	2010	Jacob's Creek Moscato	9	1	45.5	
Mitchelton Wines	2010	Preece Moscato	9	2	45.5	
Constellation Wines Australia	2010	Banrock Station Moscato	9	3	43.5	
Trentham Estate Wines	2010	trentham estate 'la famiglia'moscato	9	4	41.5	
Buller Wines	2010	Beverford Moscato	9	5	42.0	
Casella Wines	2010	Yellow Tail Moscato	9	6	46.5	Bronze
Box Stallion Pty Ltd	2010	Moscato	9	7	37.0	
di Lusso Estate	2010	Moscato	9	8	47.0	Bronze
Cellermaster	2010	Stefano Di Pieri Moscato	9	9	45.0	
Angove Family Winemakers	2010	Nine Vines Moscato	9	10	41.0	
Chateau Tanunda	2010	Barossa Tower Moscato	9	11	0.0	Not Received
Zilzie Wines	2010	Selection 23 Moscato	9	12	45.5	
Tempus Two	2010	Tempus Two Copper Moscato	9	13	42.0	
GEOFF HARDY WINES	2010	Hand Crafted Frizzante	9	14	45.0	
Pertaringa Wines	2010	Moscato	9	15	43.0	
G. Patrilli & Co. Pty LTD	2010	Patrilli Moscato	9	16	40.0	
critenden estate	2010	Pinocchio Moscato	9	17	43.5	





Annie's Lane at Quelltaler	2010	Annie's Lane Moscato	Unknown	9	18	49.0	Bronze
Angove Family Winemakers	2010	Zibibbo	Riverland	9	19	42.0	
Jacob's Creek Wines	nv	Jacob's Creek Sparkling Moscato	Murray Darling NSW	9	20	45.0	
De Bortoli Wines	nv	Emeri Pink Moscato	Riverina	9	21	47.5	Bronze
De Bortoli Wines	nv	Emeri Moscato	Riverina	9	22	47.0	Bronze
St Hallett Winery	2010	Frivola	Barossa	9	23	43.0	

**Class 9 Comments:**

The judges were looking for freshness in these wines, and balance but too many of the wines were just too sweet - and if not too sweet they were too sour. A few were fresh and well balanced. The overall impression, though, was of too few real highlights: there seems to be little interest among winemakers in producing a moscato that is anything other than predictable, plain and commercial in style.

**Class 10: Other light to medium-bodied varieties or blends**

				Class #	Score	Medal
quealy	2009	Senza Nome Friulano	Mornington Peninsula	10 1	48.5	Bronze
Chrismont	2010	Petit Manseng	King Valley	10 2	0.0	Not Received
Forrest Wines	2010	Gruner Veltliner	Marlborough	10 3	47.0	Bronze
Tempus Two	2008	Tempus Two Copper Aranel	Riverina	10 6	46.5	Bronze
Taminick Cellars	2010	1919 Series Trebbiano	Glenrowan	10 7	44.5	
Department of Agriculture and Food WA	2010	Scheurebe	Manjimup	10 8	47.0	C
Cellermaster	2010	Stefano De Pieri Tre Viti	Murray Darling Vic	10 9	55.5	Gold
T'Gallant Winemakers	2007	Claudius	Mornington Peninsula	10 10	41.5	
Symphonia Wines Pty Ltd	2008	Petit Manseng	Unknown	10 11	44.5	
Waimea Estates	2010	Waimea Gruner Veltliner	Nelson	10 12	51.0	Silver
Robinvale Organic & Bio-Dynamic Wines	2008	Kerner	North West Victoria	10 13	51.5	Silver
Cleggett Wines	2010	Reserve White Cabernet Sauvignon Shalistin	Langhorne Creek	10 14	46.5	Bronze
TORZI MATTHEWS	2010	VIGNA CANTINA TREBBIANO	Barossa	10 15	45.0	
Red Earth Estate	2010	Torrentes	Western Plains	10 16	44.0	
G. Patritti & Co. Pty LTD	2010	Patritti, Jimmy's Hat	Adelaide Hills	10 17	51.5	Silver
Salena Estate Wines	2010	Ink Series Bianco d'Allessano	Riverland	10 18	56.5	Gold
Longleat Wines	2010	Garganega	King Valley	10 19	44.0	
James Erskine Wines	2010	Vino d' Auge	Adelaide Hills	10 20	39.0	

**Class 10 Comments:**

Always an interesting, exciting bracket to judge to see whatâ€™s coming up. Doesnâ€™t mean all wines have potential, but there were some real standouts such as the Bianco dâ€™Alessano, kerner and moscato blend.





**Class 11: Other full-bodied varieties or blends**

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**Class 11 Comments:**

**Class 12: Dessert style less than 3 baume**

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Orange Mountain Wines	2010	Mountain Ice Viognier	Orange	12	1	0.0	Not Received
Taminick Cellars	2010	1919 Series Trebbiano Dolce	Glenrowan	12	2	44.0	
Topper's Mountain Wines	2010	Topper's Mountain Gewurz Kabinett	New England Australia	12	3	44.0	
quealy	2010	musk creek late picked muscat	Mornington Peninsula	12	4	44.0	
De Bortoli Wines	2010	Sacred Hill Traminer Riesling	Riverina	12	5	49.5	Bronze
Hugh Hamilton Wines	2010	Hugh Hamilton 'Goldilocks' Light Spritzzy White	Adelaide Hills	12	6	42.0	

**Class 12 Comments:**

In both sweet wine classes judges had problems with the balance in the entries: unfortunately most wines lacked varietal definition and some wines were simply too evolved for their age.

**Class 13: Dessert style more than 3 baume**

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di Lusso Estate	2010	Picolit	Mudgee	13	1	45.5	
Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd	2009	Penfolds Cellar Reserve Viognier	Barossa	13	2	42.5	
Box Stallion Pty Ltd	2008	Sweet Harmony	Mornington Peninsula	13	3	44.5	
Trentham Estate Wines	2006	noble taminga	Murray Darling NSW	13	4	44.0	
quealy	2010	vaughan botrytis muscat blanc	Mornington Peninsula	13	5	43.5	
Buller Wines	nv	Buller Wines White Port	Unknown	13	6	40.0	
Galvanized Wine Group	2009	Mr. Riggs 'Sticky End' Viognier	McLaren Vale	13	7	46.5	Bronze
d'Arenberg	2008	The Noble Mud Pie	McLaren Vale	13	8	42.0	

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**Class 14: Sparkling White**

				<b>Class #</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Medal</b>
Sam Miranda of King Valley	2009	Sam Miranda Prosecco	King Valley	14 2	43.0	
Robinvale Wines	nv	Kerner Cuvee	North West Victoria	14 3	48.5	Bronze
Casella Wines	nv	Yellow Tail Bubbles	Unknown	14 4	48.5	Bronze
Dal Zotto Wines	2008	Dal Zotto L'Immigrante Prosecco	King Valley	14 5	48.5	Bronze
Chrismont	nv	LaZona Prosecco	King Valley	14 7	45.0	
Mount Towrong Vineyard	2009	prosecco	Macedon Ranges	14 8	46.5	Bronze
Dal Zotto Wines	nv	Pucino Prosecco	King Valley	14 10	44.0	
Box Grove Vineyard	2009	Box Grove Sparkling Roussanne	Goulburn Valley	14 11	45.5	
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2010	Brown Brothers Limited Release Prosecco	King Valley	14 12	51.0	Silver

**Class 14 Comments:**

A mixed bag of styles, not sure some of these varieties are well-suited to sparkling. Quite a few very simple wines. Good to see a couple of proseccos do well.

**Class 15A: 2009/2010 Sangiovese**

				<b>Class #</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Medal</b>
Greg Cooley Wines	2009	Day Day and Chippa	Clare Valley	15A 1	46.5	Bronze
Serafino Wines	2009	Bellissimo Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15A 2	43.0	
Galli Estate	2009	Artigiano Sangiovese	Heathcote	15A 3	42.0	
skimstone	2009	skimstone sangiovese	Mudgee	15A 4	46.5	Bronze
Dal Zotto Wines	2009	Dal Zotto Sangiovese	King Valley	15A 5	51.0	Silver
Pizzini wines	2009	Pizzini	King Valley	15A 6	45.5	
De Bortoli Wines	2009	Windy Peak Sangiovese	King Valley	15A 7	43.0	
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2009	Sangiovese	Goulburn Valley	15A 8	41.0	
Chrismont	2009	LaZona Sangiovese	King Valley	15A 9	46.5	Bronze
TORZI MATTHEWS	2009	VIGNA CANTINA SANGIOVESE	Barossa	15A 10	40.0	
Yarrh Wines	2009	Yarrh Sangiovese	Canberra District	15A 11	44.5	
Angullong Vineyard	2009	Fossil Hill Sangiovese	Orange	15A 12	44.5	
Blackbilly Wines	2009	Blackbilly Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15A 13	44.0	
Belgrave Park Winery	2009	The Peak Alone Sangiovese	Central Ranges	15A 14	45.0	
Cellermaster	2009	Vasarelli Sangiovese	Currency Creek	15A 16	43.0	
Hamiltons Bluff	2009	Hamiltons Bluff Sangiovese	Cowra	15A 17	40.0	
Hay Shed Hill	2009	Hay Shed Hill Sangiovese	Margaret River	15A 18	46.5	Bronze
Chapel Hill	2009	il Vescovo Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15A 19	51.0	Silver
Salena Estate Wines	2009	Salena Estate Sangiovese	Riverland	15A 20	0.0	Withdrawn



The Little Wine Company	2009	Little Wine Company Sangiovese	Hunter Valley	15A	21	43.5	
Kangarilla Road Winery	2009	Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15A	22	48.0	Bronze
Hugh Hamilton Wines	2009	Hugh Hamilton 'The Mongrel' Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15A	23	41.5	
coriole vineyards	2009	Coriole Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15A	24	37.0	
Seaview	2010	E & C Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15A	25	43.0	
Capital Wines	2009	The Foreign Minister Sangiovese	Canberra District	15A	26	42.0	
Foster e Rocco	2010	Foster e Rocco Nuovo Sangiovese	Heathcote	15A	27	40.0	
Pankhurst Wines	2009	Pankhurst Wines Sangiovese	Canberra District	15A	28	41.0	

**Class 15A Comments:**

A plea to winemakers: please stop throwing so much oak, planks or chips at sangiovese. It doesn't need it. There were some potentially really good wines in the class that were just smothered in oak and not breathing. Disappointing lack of natural, grape-derived savoury notes which should be one of the joys of sangiovese.

**Class 15B: 2008 and older Sangiovese**

				Class #	Score	Medal
Coriole Vineyards	2007	Coriole Vita Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15B 1	44.0	
Jacob's Creek Wines	2008	Jacob's Creek Limited Release Adelaide Hills	Adelaide Hills	15B 2	42.0	
Rutherglen Estates	2008	Sangiovese	Rutherglen	15B 3	45.0	
Tempus Two Wines	2006	Tempus Two Pewter Sangiovese	Beechworth	15B 4	0.0	Not Received
Michael Unwin Wines	2006	Michael Unwin Sangiovese	Central Victoria	15B 5	40.0	
Vinea Marson	2008	Sangiovese	Heathcote	15B 6	46.5	Bronze
Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd	2005	Penfolds Cellar Reserve Sangiovese	Barossa	15B 7	47.0	Bronze
Boggy Creek Vineyards	2008	2008 Sangiovese	King Valley	15B 8	39.0	
Gracebrook Vineyards	2008	Sangiovese	King Valley	15B 9	39.0	
Centennial Vineyards	2008	Reserve Sangiovese	Orange	15B 10	47.5	Bronze
Taltarni Vineyards	2008	Taltarni Pyrenees Sangiovese	Pyrenees	15B 11	0.0	Not Received
Hamiltons Bluff	2005	Hamiltons Bluff Sangiovese	Cowra	15B 12	43.0	
Giant Steps / Innocent Bystander	2008	Innocent Bystander Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15B 13	49.5	Bronze
The Islander Estate Vineyards	2008	Islander Sangiovese	Kangaroo Island	15B 14	40.5	
Vigna Bottin	2006	Vigna Bottin Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15B 15	43.0	
Constellation Wines Australia	2007	Tintara Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15B 16	46.5	Bronze
Capel Vale Wines	2007	Capel Vale Cellar Exclusive Geographe Sangiovese	Geographe	15B 17	45.0	
The Pawn Wine Company	2008	The Gambit Sangiovese	Adelaide Hills	15B 18	47.0	Bronze
Tenafeate Creek Wines	2005	One Tree Hill Basket Press Sangiovese	Mount Lofty Ranges	15B 19	51.5	Silver
Happs Winery	2008	Three Hills Sangiovese	Margaret River	15B 20	44.0	
Mclvor Estate	2008	Mclvor Estate Sangiovese	Heathcote	15B 21	45.5	



Vale Creek Wines	2008	La Cadenza Sangiovese Riserva	Central Ranges	15B	22	39.0	
Richmond Grove Wines	2007	Richmond Grove Limited Release Mt Lofty Ranges	Adelaide Hills	15B	23	45.0	
Seaview	2008	E & C Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	15B	24	48.5	Bronze
Hamiltons Bluff	2007	Hamiltons Bluff Sangiovese	Cowra	15B	25	43.5	
Vale Creek Wines	2008	Sangiovese	Central Ranges	15B	26	44.0	
Rosemount Estates Pty Ltd	2008	Rosemount Diamond Label Sangiovese	Adelaide Plains	15B	27	43.0	
Amadio Wines Pty Ltd	2008	Amadio Sangiovese	Adelaide Hills	15B	28	46.5	Bronze

#### Class 15B Comments:

Disappointing class. Great sangiovese is often lighter in colour - these were mostly dark and dense. If an Italian came in and tasted these wines they would say: wow, Australian sangiovese is tannic! Yes, sangiovese should be tannic but these are aggressively, clumsily tannic - the tannins should be beautiful. Judges saw some oak that tasted as though people aren't cleaning barrels properly. A lighter touch needed, emphasising medium-bodied mid-palate fruit and finer, more savoury tannins.

#### Class 15C: Sangiovese - dominant blends

			Class #	Score	Medal
Cellermaster	2007	Mockingbird Hill Sangiovese Barbera Dolcetto	15C 1	48.5	C
Amadio Wines Pty Ltd	2007	Vino di Famiglia Rosso Superiore	15C 2	45.5	
Boggy Creek Vineyards	2006	2006 Sangiovese Shiraz	15C 3	44.0	
skimstone	2010	skimstone Tre Onde	15C 5	42.5	
Zonte's Footstep	2008	Zonte's Footstep Canto di Lago Sangiovese Barbera	15C 6	43.0	
All Saints Estate	2008	Sangiovese Cabernet	15C 7	44.5	
Grove Estate Wines	2008	The Italian	15C 8	44.5	
Sam Miranda of King Valley	2009	Sam Miranda Super King Sangiovese Cabernet	15C 9	43.0	
Dal Zotto Wines	2009	Dal Zotto Sangiovese Cabernet	15C 10	49.0	Bronze
Cellermaster	2010	Pursuit Funky Sangiovese Blend	15C 11	44.0	

#### Class 15C Comments:

As with the other sangiovese brackets this was a tough class. A couple of interesting wines with a little bit of leathery development, but there wasn't the length and fine persistence of structure you want with sangiovese. A few wines seemed to be lacking in loveliness.

#### Class 16: Nebbiolo

			Class #	Score	Medal
Rutherglen Estates	2006	Nebbiolo	16 1	46.5	Bronze
Trandari Wines	2009	Nebbiolo	16 2	53.0	Silver
Mt Surmon Wines	2009	Nebbiolo	16 3	55.5	Gold
Happs Winery	2008	Three Hills Nebbiolo	16 4	40.0	



Coriole Vineyards	2009	Coriole Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	16	5	42.5	
Grove Estate Wines	2008	Somitta Nebbiolo	Hilltops	16	6	47.5	Bronze
Thorn-Clarke Wines	2007	Thorn-Clarke Morello Nebbiolo	Barossa	16	7	47.0	Bronze
la cantinetta	2010	Nebbiolo Riserva	Pyrenees	16	8	42.0	
Mclvor Estate	2008	Mclvor Estate	Unknown	16	9	43.0	
Seaview	2008	E & C Nebbiolo	Unknown	16	10	47.5	Bronze
S.C. Pannell Wines	2008	S.C. Pannell Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	16	11	42.5	
Glenwillow Vineyard	2009	Nebbiolo D'Yandoit	Bendigo	16	12	53.0	Silver
Sandhurst Ridge	2008	Sandhurst Ridge Nebbiolo	Bendigo	16	13	48.5	Bronze
Mt Surmon Wines	2010	Nebbiolo	Clare Valley	16	14	0.0	Not Received
Clovely Estate	2009	Left Field Nebbiolo	South Burnett	16	15	43.0	
Mount Towrong Vineyard	2008	nebbiolo	Macedon Ranges	16	16	51.0	Silver
Trentham Estate Wines	2008	trentham estate 'la famiglia' nebbiolo	Murray Darling NSW	16	17	47.5	Bronze
Galli Estate	2009	Nebbiolo	Heathcote	16	18	51.0	Silver
Glenwillow Vineyard	2008	Nebbiolo- D'Yandoit	Bendigo	16	19	55.5	Gold
Pizzini wines	2006	Pizzini	King Valley	16	20	42.0	
Grove Estate Wines	2009	Sommita Nebbiolo	Hilltops	16	21	46.5	Bronze
Tar & Roses	2006	Tar&Roses	Heathcote	16	22	52.5	Silver
Tenafeate Creek Wines	2005	One Tree Hill Basket Press Nebbiolo	Mount Lofty Ranges	16	23	36.0	
Thorn-Clarke Wines	2008	Thorn-Clarke Morello Nebbiolo	Barossa	16	24	45.5	

### Class 16 Comments:

Strong class that provoked heated discussion. Some judges felt Australian winemakers are really nailing this variety, with good fruit, good tannin structure, lovely floral notes, but some judges weren't as impressed, feeling the wines often promise much on the nose but don't quite follow through in the mouth.

### Class 17: Barbera

				Class #	Score	Medal	
skimstone	2009	skimstone barbera	Mudgee	17	1	46.5	Bronze
Department of Agriculture and Food WA	2010	Barbera	Manjimup	17	2	55.5	VHC
Chrismont	2009	La Zona Barbera	King Valley	17	3	44.0	
Paul Bettio Wines	2009	Paul Bettio Barbera	King Valley	17	4	45.5	
Centennial Vineyards	2008	Reserve Barbera	Orange	17	5	45.5	
skimstone	2010	skimstone barbera	Mudgee	17	6	43.0	
Boggy Creek Wines	2005	2005 Barbera	King Valley	17	7	44.5	
David Hook Wines	2009	David Hook Wines Barbera	Hunter Valley	17	8	44.5	
Glenwillow Vineyard	2009	Barbera D'Yandoit	Bendigo	17	9	42.0	



David Hook Wines	2007	David Hook Barbera	Hunter Valley	17	10	48.5	Bronze
Michael Unwin Wines	2006	Michael Unwin Barbera	Central Victoria	17	11	44.5	
Vigna Bottin	2008	Paolo & Bone Barbera Cab	McLaren Vale	17	12	46.5	Bronze
Seaview	2008	E & C Barbera	McLaren Vale	17	13	46.5	Bronze
di Lusso Estate	2009	Barbera	Mudgee	17	14	45.0	
Angullong Vineyard	2009	Fossil Hill Barbera	Orange	17	15	47.5	Bronze
Vale Creek Wines	2009	Barbera	Central Ranges	17	16	42.5	
Dal Zotto Wines	2006	Dal Zotto L'Imigrante Barbera	King Valley	17	17	45.0	
Seaview	2010	E & C Barbera	McLaren Vale	17	18	46.5	C

### Class 17 Comments:

Some very valid and encouraging examples of barbera here, from slightly greener styles that had good juiciness to wines that had been allowed to flesh out more. Judges noted a hard, sharp metallic character to some of the wines, perhaps related to the variety's high acidity.

### Class 18A: 2009/2010 Tempranillo

				Class #	Score	Medal
Ernest Hill wines	2009	Andrew Watson Tempranillo	Hunter Valley	18A 1	42.5	
Vinous Australis	2009	Sandbar Estate Tempranillo	Swan Hill	18A 2	44.5	
Tar & Roses	2009	Tar&Roses	Alpine Valleys	18A 3	43.0	
Andrew Peace Wines	2009	Kentish Lane Tempranillo	Swan Hill	18A 4	49.0	Bronze
Running With Bulls	2009	Running With Bulls Tempranillo	Barossa	18A 5	46.5	Bronze
The Pawn Wine Company	2009	En Passant Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	18A 6	44.0	
Galvanized Wine Group	2009	Mr. Riggs 'Yacca Paddock' Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	18A 7	46.5	Bronze
Audrey Wilkinson Vineyard	2009	Audrey Wilkinson Tempranillo	Hunter Valley	18A 8	47.0	Bronze
Coolangatta Estate	2009	Coolangatta Estate Tempranillo	Shoalhaven Coast	18A 9	48.0	Bronze
Serafino Wines	2009	Bellissimo Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18A 10	44.6	
Witchmount Estate	2009	Witchmount Estate Tempranillo	Sunbury	18A 11	45.5	
Gemtree Vineyards	2009	Luna Roja Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18A 12	42.5	
The Yalumba Wine Company	2009	Wrattonbully Vineyards Tempranillo	Wrattonbully	18A 13	52.0	Silver
Pankhurst Wines	2009	Pankhurst Tempranillo	Canberra District	18A 14	49.0	Bronze
Juniper Estate	2009	Juniper Crossing Tempranillo	Geographe	18A 15	48.5	Bronze
DogRock Winery	2009	DogRock Tempranillo	Pyrenees	18A 16	39.0	
critenden estate	2009	Los Hermanos Tempranillo	Port Phillip	18A 17	42.0	
Topper's Mountain Wines	2009	Topper's Mountain Tempranillo	New England Australia	18A 18	48.5	Bronze
Tahbilk Pty Ltd	2009	Tempranillo	Nagambie Lakes	18A 19	44.5	
Blackbilly Wines	2009	Blackbilly Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18A 20	45.5	



Tempus Two	2009	Tempus Two Copper Tempranillo	Murray Darling NSW	18A	21	46.5	Bronze
ridgemill estate	2009	the spaniard Tempranillo	Granite Belt	18A	22	42.5	
Chapel Hill	2009	il Vescovo Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	18A	23	40.0	
Capital Wines	2009	The Ambassador Tempranillo	Canberra District	18A	24	42.5	
Centennial Vineyards	2009	Reserve Tempranillo	Southern Highlands	18A	25	46.5	Bronze
Mount Majura Vineyard	2009	Mount Majura Vineyard Tempranillo	Canberra District	18A	26	47.5	Bronze
Vinous Australis	2009	Angustum Tempranillo	Swan Hill	18A	27	42.0	
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2009	Oliver's Taranga Small Batch Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18A	28	42.0	
Montalto Vineyards	2009	Pennon Hill Tempranillo	Mornington Peninsula	18A	29	33.0	
Buller Wines	2009	Buller Wines Tempranillo	Swan Hill	18A	30	44.5	
Boggy Creek Vineyards	2009	2009 Tempranillo	King Valley	18A	31	34.0	
Crabtree Watervale Wines	2009	Crabtree Tempranillo	Clare Valley	18A	32	51.0	Silver
Samuel's Gorge	2009	Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18A	33	43.0	
Taylor's Wines	2009	Taylor's Tempranillo	Clare Valley	18A	34	43.5	

**Class 18A Comments:**

A good class, with very few overt winemaking problems, and a lot of solid, nice and different wines reflecting tempranillo's reliability and adaptability in a variety of regions. But there were no absolute standouts.

**Class 18B: 2008 and older Tempranillo**

				<b>Class #</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Medal</b>
Hawkes Ridge Wine Estate	2008	Hawkes Ridge Tempranillo	Hawkes Bay	18B 1	47.0	Bronze
The Little Wine Company	2006	Little Wine Company Tempranillo	Unknown	18B 2	47.0	Bronze
Symphonia Wines Pty Ltd	2008	tempranillo	King Valley	18B 3	40.0	
Australian Vintage Ltd	2008	Nepenthe Tempranillo	Unknown	18B 4	44.5	
Glandore Estate	2008	Estate Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	18B 5	49.0	Bronze
Pindarie	2008	Black Hinge Tempranillo	Barossa	18B 6	45.0	
Glandore Estate	2008	TPR Tempranillo	Hunter Valley	18B 7	41.5	
Robert Oatley Vineyards	2008	Wild Oats Tempranillo	Clare Valley	18B 8	43.0	
Fighting Gully Road	2006	Tempranillo	Alpine Valleys	18B 9	42.5	
Dimbulla Estate	2008	Dimbulla Estate Tempranillo	Hunter Valley	18B 10	40.0	
Penfolds Wines Pty Ltd	2008	Penfolds Cellar Reserve Tempranillo	McLaren Vale	18B 11	48.5	Bronze
Freeman Vineyards	2008	Tempranillo	Hilltops	18B 12	39.0	
Boynton's Feathertop Winery	2008	Feathertop Tempranillo	North East Victoria	18B 13	43.0	
Quattro Mano	2008	La Reto Tempranillo	Barossa	18B 14	43.0	
Jacob's Creek Wines	2008	Jacob's Creek Tempranillo	Riverina	18B 15	52.5	Silver





Westend Estate Pty Ltd	2008	Westend Estate Hilltops Tempranillo	Hilltops	18B	16	44.0	
Dimbulla Estate	2007	Dimbulla Estate Tempranillo	Hunter Valley	18B	17	41.5	
Box Stallion Pty Ltd	2008	Tempranillo	Mornington Peninsula	18B	18	43.0	
First Drop Wines	2008	'Pintor' Barossa Tempranillo	Barossa	18B	19	43.5	
St Hallett Winery	2008	Cellar Door Tempranillo	Barossa	18B	20	43.5	
Nova Edition Pty Ltd T/A Sanguine Estate	2008	Sanguine Estate Tempranillo	Heathcote	18B	22	49.0	Bronze
The Pawn Wine Company	2008	En Passant Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	18B	23	48.5	Bronze
Dos Rios	2007	Dos Rios Tempranillo	Swan Hill	18B	24	30.0	
Constellation Wines Australia	2007	Banrock Station Tempranillo	Riverland	18B	25	41.0	
Mazza Wines	2006	Tempranillo	Geographe	18B	26	46.5	Bronze
Mazza Wines	2008	Tempranillo	Geographe	18B	27	55.5	Gold
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2008	Brown Brothers Tempranillo	Heathcote	18B	28	42.0	
Hay Shed Hill	2008	Hay Shed Hill Tempranillo	Margaret River	18B	29	43.5	

#### Class 18B Comments:

Many of these wines came from tough, stressed vintages, but tempranillo clearly handled it well producing wines with good varietal character. Unfortunately, but too many winemakers smothered that fruit by using too much plunky oak.

#### Class 18C: Tempranillo - dominant blends

				Class #	Score	Medal	
Galli Estate	2009	Tempranillo Grenache Mourvedre	Heathcote	18C	1	46.5	Bronze
Sam Miranda of King Valley	2009	Sam Miranda Tempranillo	King Valley	18C	2	44.0	
ArtWine Pty Ltd	2009	ArtWine "Tres Amigos"	Adelaide Hills	18C	3	43.0	
Constellation Wines Australia	2007	Starvedog Lane Ibrido	McLaren Vale	18C	4	46.5	Bronze
Bleasdale Vineyards	2008	T&M	McLaren Vale	18C	5	47.0	Bronze
Mount Majura Vineyard	2009	Mount Majura Vineyard TSG	Canberra District	18C	6	45.0	
d'Arenberg	2006	The Sticks and Stones Tempranillo Grenache SHiraz	McLaren Vale	18C	7	41.0	
critenden estate	2009	Los Hermanos Homenaje a Cataluna	Port Phillip	18C	8	49.5	Bronze
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2008	Brown Brothers Tempranillo Graciano	King Valley	18C	9	48.5	Bronze
d'Arenberg	2008	The Sticks and Stones Tempranillo Blend	McLaren Vale	18C	10	43.5	
S.C. Pannell Wines	2007	S.C. Pannell Tempranillo Touriga	McLaren Vale	18C	11	46.5	Bronze
Pindarie	2009	Pindarie Bar Rossa Blend	Barossa	18C	12	47.5	Bronze

#### Class 18C Comments:

Quite disappointing. Didn't really see any faulty wines, just too many lacked the concentration and interest to get them up into the next level. Looking for the natural structure and for the powdery tannin that temp can bring to a blend. One plus is nothing looked like cabernet (or whatever the minor component in the blend might have been), so - once again - temp's varietal quality shines through.



**Class 19: Petit Verdot**

						<b>Class #</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Medal</b>
Capel Vale Wines	2008	Capel Vale Cellar Exclusive Geographe Petit Verdot	Geographe	19	1	43.0		
Trentham Estate Wines	2008	trentham estate petit verdot	Murray Darling NSW	19	2	44.0		
Ravens Croft Wines	2009	RAVENS CROFT	Granite Belt	19	3	0.0	Not Received	
De Bortoli Wines	2008	Deen DeBortoli Petit Verdot	Riverina	19	4	46.5	Bronze	
Happs Winery	2008	Three Hills Petit Verdot	Margaret River	19	5	42.0		
Oak Valley Estate	2009	Petit Verdot	Murray Darling Vic	19	6	38.0		
Tassell Park Wines	2008	"Private Bin" Petit Verdot	Margaret River	19	7	41.0		
Tenafeate Creek Wines	2005	One Tree Hill Basket Press Petit Verdot	Mount Lofty Ranges	19	8	43.0		
Clovely Estate	2009	Left Field Petit Verdot	South Burnett	19	9	37.0		
James Estate Winery	2008	James Estate Petit Verdot	Hunter Valley	19	10	38.0		
Optimiste wines	2008	petit verdot	Mudgee	19	11	43.0		

**Class 19 Comments:**

Disappointing class: the wines lacked varietal definition - too much oak, some microbial issues, a lot of bitter flavours. Petit Verdot should do much better than this, particularly in warmer climates. There were a couple of wines that stood out that had true mulberry flavours and good structure and colour but overall disappointing bracket.

**Class 19A: 2009/2010 Petit Verdot**

**Class #      Score    Medal**

**Class 19A Comments:**

**Class 19B: 2008 and older Petit Verdot**

**Class #      Score    Medal**

**Class 19B Comments:**



**Class 20: Durif**

			Class #	Score	Medal
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2008	Brown Brothers Limited Release Durif	20 1	46.5	Bronze
De Bortoli Wines	2008	dB Petite Sirah	20 2	43.5	
Westend Estate Pty Ltd	2009	Westend Estate Amore Durif	20 3	47.0	Bronze
Valhalla Wines	2008	Durif	20 4	43.5	
Taminick Cellars	2007	Durif	20 5	43.0	
Rutherglen Estates	2008	Durif	20 6	45.0	
Rutherglen Estates	2006	Renaissance Petit Sirah	20 7	40.5	
All Saints Estate	2009	All Saints Durif	20 8	54.0	Silver
All Saints Estate	2008	Family Cellar Durif	20 9	46.5	Bronze
Westend Estate Pty Ltd	2008	Westend 3 Bridges Durif	20 10	48.5	Bronze
De Bortoli Wines	2009	Deen DeBortoli Durif	20 11	49.0	Bronze
Rusticana Wines	2008	Black Label Durif	20 12	47.5	Bronze
Buller Wines	2009	Beverford Durif	20 13	45.5	
Sam Miranda of King Valley	2009	Sam Miranda Durif	20 14	44.0	
Westend Estate Pty Ltd	2009	Westend The Boxer Durif	20 15	45.5	
Morris Wines	2007	Morris Durif	20 16	45.0	

**Class 20 Comments:**

Here is a variety where judges really wanted to see full bodied, powerful wines - wines where the power comes from good fruit supported by good oak. It's a funny variety, durif: it can be perfumed, spicy, but then a real whopper in the mouth. Also, the best big wines seemed a lot more drinkable than similarly-sized shiraz.

**Class 21: Primitivo / Zinfandel**

			Class #	Score	Medal
Australian Vintage Ltd	2007	Nepenthe The Sirens Zinfandel	21 1	47.0	Bronze
Rutherglen Estates	2008	Renaissance Zinfandel	21 2	41.0	
WATERSHED PREMIUM WINES	2009	SENSES ZINFANDEL	21 3	47.0	Bronze
Buller Wines	2009	Buller Wines Zinfandel	21 4	44.5	
Rusticana Wines	2008	Black Label Zinfandel	21 5	36.0	
Inkwell	2009	Two Acre Despot Primitivo	21 6	37.0	
Tempus Two	2006	Tempus Two Pewter Zinfandel	21 7	0.0	Not Received
Toomuc Ridge	2007	Zinfandel	21 8	37.0	
Kangarilla Road Winery	2008	Black St. Peters Zinfandel	21 9	46.5	Bronze
Mandalay Estate	2008	Mandalay Road Zinfandel	21 10	49.0	Bronze
Cellermaster	2008	Dorrien Growers Zinfandel	21 11	46.5	C
Ballabourneen Wine Co.	2009	Papilio Vinifera Zinfandel	21 12	45.0	



**Class 21 Comments:**

Too many wines showing either overripe/underripe characters or microbial issues. Classic zinfandel problems were 12 baume fruit (green) mixed in with 16 plus baume overripe plum flavours but not balanced. Not too much oak in these wines, which was a good thing, but the general standard of fruit was disappointing.

**Class 22: Lagrein**

				Class #	Score	Medal
Serafino Wines	2009	Bellissimo Lagrein	Langhorne Creek	22 1	46.5	Bronze
Department of Agriculture and Food WA	2010	Lagrein	Manjimup	22 2	0.0	Not Received
Cobaw Ridge	2008	Cobaw Ridge	Macedon Ranges	22 3	41.0	
Chalmers Wines Australia Pty Ltd	2009	Lagrein	Murray Darling NSW	22 4	39.0	
Geoff Hardy Wines	2009	Hand Crafted Lagrein	Limestone Coast	22 5	47.0	Bronze
Chalmers Wines Australia Pty Ltd	2006	Lagrein	Murray Darling NSW	22 6	44.5	
HARTZ BARN WINES	2006	HARTZ BARN WINES Barossa Dennistone Lagrein	Barossa	22 7	41.0	

**Class 22 Comments:**

Disappointing line up: a few wines had microbial issues, and there was a lot of oak dulling any fruit. The wines which scored bronze had some good palate weight and fruit and were varietally correct but lacked great structure and follow-through.

**Class 23A: Alternative Variety Rose, (sugar less than 7g/L)**

				Class #	Score	Medal
skimstone ptyltd	2010	skimstone sangiovese rose	Mudgee	23A 1	46.5	Bronze
Annie's Lane at Quelltaler	2010	Annie's Lane Clare Valley Rose	Clare Valley	23A 2	43.5	
Chapel Hill	2010	il Vescovo Sangiovese Rose	McLaren Vale	23A 3	43.0	
Dal Zotto Wines	2010	Dal Zotto Rosato	King Valley	23A 4	44.0	
Kangarilla Road Winery	2010	Primitivo	Fleurieu	23A 5	44.0	
Trentham Estate Wines	2010	trentham estate 'la famiglia' sangiovese rose	Murray Darling NSW	23A 6	43.5	
Grove Estate Wines	2010	Zinfamous Rose	Hilltops	23A 7	44.0	
Sam Miranda of King Valley	2010	Sam Miranda ROSATA	King Valley	23A 8	42.5	
Chalmers Wines Australia Pty Ltd	2010	Sagrantino Rosato	Murray Darling NSW	23A 9	38.0	
Vinea Marson	2010	Rose	Heathcote	23A 10	46.5	Bronze
Cellermaster	2010	Stefano De Pieri Rose	Murray Darling NSW	23A 11	42.0	
Old Mill Estate Wines Pty Ltd	2010	Touriga Rose	Langhorne Creek	23A 12	45.0	
The Yalumba Wine Company	2010	Yalumba Y Series Sangiovese Rose	Unknown	23A 13	47.0	Bronze
Hahndorf Hill Winery	2010	Hahndorf Hill Winery Rose	Adelaide Hills	23A 14	48.0	Bronze



la cantinetta	2010	La Cantinetta Rosatum	Pyrenees	23A	15	39.0	
Chalmers Wines Australia Pty Ltd	2009	Negroamaro Rosato	Murray Darling NSW	23A	16	40.0	
Longview Vineyard	2010	Boat Shed Rose	Adelaide Hills	23A	17	45.0	
Taminick Cellars	2010	1919 Series Alicante Rose	Glenrowan	23A	18	41.0	
Foster e Rocco	2010	Foster e Rocco Rose	Heathcote	23A	19	46.5	Bronze
Mitolo Wines	2010	Mitolo Jester Sangiovese	McLaren Vale	23A	20	51.0	Silver

#### Class 23A Comments:

Overall comments: disappointing classes in both 23A and 23B. There were quite a few negative winemaking issues here - quite a bit of VA, for example, and too many wines lacking any rose zinginess and freshness. Overall sangiovese seems to be the best variety for making rose of the alternative varieties.

#### Class 23B: Alternative Variety Rose, (sugar more than 7g/L)

			Class #	Score	Medal
Department of Agriculture and Food WA	2010	Brachetto	23B	1	42.5
Cleggett Wines	2010	The Pearl Rose`	23B	2	36.0
Tenafeate Creek Wines	2010	One Tree Hill Sangiovese Rose	23B	3	38.0
Freeman Vineyards	2009	Rondo Rose	23B	4	39.0
Buller Wines	2010	Moscato Rosso	23B	5	38.0

#### Class 23B Comments:

Overall comments: disappointing classes in both 23A and 23B. There were quite a few negative winemaking issues here - quite a bit of VA, for example, and too many wines lacking any rose zinginess and freshness. Overall sangiovese seems to be the best variety for making rose of the alternative varieties.

#### Class 24: Other medium-bodied varieties or blends

			Class #	Score	Medal	
Freeman Vineyards	2004	Secco	24	1	48.5	Bronze
	2009	Chambourcin	24	2	36.0	
Trentham Estate Wines	2009	trentham estate tannat	24	3	45.5	
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2008	Brown Brothers Graciano	24	4	51.0	Silver
Box Stallion Pty Ltd	2008	Dolcetto	24	5	49.0	Bronze
Trentham Estate Wines	2008	trentham estate petit verdot tannat	24	6	47.0	Bronze
Chalmers Wines Australia Pty Ltd	2009	Aglianico	24	7	41.5	
Catherine Vale Wines	2009	Gabrielle Dolcetto	24	8	49.0	Bronze
Canobolas-Smith Wines	2001	Chambourcin Shiraz	24	9	39.0	
Quattro Mano	2009	Duende	24	10	51.5	Silver



GEOFF HARDY WINES	2009	Hand Crafted Graciano	Langhorne Creek	24	11	45.5	
Amadio Wines Pty Ltd	2009	Amadio Aglianico	Barossa	24	12	51.5	Silver
Department of Agriculture and Food WA	2010	Gamay	Manjimup	24	13	36.0	
Constellation Wines Australia	2009	Banrock Station Montepulciano	Riverland	24	14	55.5	Gold
Eloquesta Wines	2008	Eloquesta Shiraz Petit Verdot	Mudgee	24	16	49.5	Bronze
Hahndorf Hill Winery	2008	Hahndorf Hill Winery Blaufrankisch	Adelaide Hills	24	17	0.0	Withdrawn
Freeman Vineyards	2007	Secco	Hilltops	24	18	45.5	
Morris Wines	2008	Morris Cinsaut	Rutherglen	24	19	43.0	
Mazza Wines	2008	Tinta Cao	Geographe	24	20	46.5	Bronze
Oak Works	2009	Montepulciano	Murray Darling NSW	24	21	41.0	
Oak Works	2009	Pinotage	Murray Darling NSW	24	22	44.0	
Westend Estate Pty Ltd	2008	Calabria Aglianico	Riverina	24	23	56.0	Gold
Cellermaster	2010	Stefano Di Pieri Due Viti	Murray Darling Vic	24	24	51.0	HC
Chrismont	nv	La Zona Marzemino Frizzante	King Valley	24	25	34.0	
Tamburlaine Wines	2009	Hunter Reserve Chambourcin	Hunter Valley	24	26	42.0	
Trentham Estate Wines	2007	trentham estate maestri	Murray Darling NSW	24	27	44.5	
Mazza Wines	2008	Touriga Nacional	Geographe	24	28	45.5	
Heartland Wines	2009	Dolcetto & Lagrein	Langhorne Creek	24	29	42.5	
Judge Rock Pinot Wines	2009	St Laurent	Central Otago	24	30	45.0	
James Erskine Wines	2010	Alessa Jauma	Adelaide Hills	24	31	42.0	

#### Class 24 Comments:

This is such an exciting class to judge because of all the first glimpses of new varieties in Australia. However, lack of appropriate oak use still hampering some of the wines, regardless of variety. Encouragingly, most examples were varietally spot-on. Some of the lesser wines had microbial issues hampering the wines as well as problems with shaded fruit.

#### Class 25: Other full-bodied varieties or blends

				Class #	Score	Medal	
St Hallett Winery	2009	Cellar Door Touriga Nacional	Barossa	25	1	48.0	Bronze
Michelini Wines	2009	Teroldego	Alpine Valleys	25	2	51.5	Silver
Coolangatta Estate	2008	Coolangatta Estate Tannat	Shoalhaven Coast	25	3	46.5	Bronze
Westend Estate Pty Ltd	2008	Calabria Saint Macaire	Riverina	25	4	44.5	
Coolangatta Estate	2009	Coolangatta Estate Tannat	Shoalhaven Coast	25	5	45.5	
Canobolas-Smith Wines	2004	Chambourcin	Orange	25	6	45.0	
Forester Estate	2009	Forester Estate Alicante	Margaret River	25	7	48.0	Bronze
Old Mill Estate Wines	2009	Touriga Nacional	Langhorne Creek	25	8	46.0	
Jacob's Creek Wines	2007	Jacob's Creek Limited Release Lagrein Dolcetto	Murray Darling Vic	25	9	48.5	Bronze



Casella Wines	2009	Black Stump Durif Shiraz	Unknown	25	10	50.0	Bronze
Department of Agriculture and Food WA	2010	Tannat	Manjimup	25	11	47.5	C
Bremerton Wines	2009	Bremerton Special Release Graciano	Langhorne Creek	25	12	43.5	
Michellini Wines	2008	Teroldego	Alpine Valleys	25	13	55.5	Gold

**Class 25 Comments:**

What an amazing class. Huge diversity of points among the judges but so much interesting discussion. Some judged the wines first without knowing the grape varieties, then went back and re-tasted after being given a list of the varieties. Quite a few extremely well-structured wines. Maybe a little too-liberal use of wood hiding a little bit of fruit but wines showed extreme promise. Very few faults in this class. Lots of concentration lots of freshness not dried jammy fruits.

**Class 26: Sparkling Red**

			Class #	Score	Medal		
Dal Zotto Wines	2008	Dal Zotto Barbera Frizzante	King Valley	26	1	35.0	
Gracebrook Vineyards	nv	Gracebrook Midnight Sparkling Sangiovese Shiraz	King Valley	26	2	43.5	
201	2009	Sparkling Chambourcin	Hunter Valley	26	3	42.0	
HARTZ BARN WINES	2006	HARTZ BARN WINES Barossa Black Bead Sparkling	Barossa	26	4	41.5	
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	nv	Brown Brothers Sparkling Cienna	North West Victoria	26	5	43.0	
Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyard Pty Ltd	2009	Brown Brothers Sparkling Dolcetto & Syrah	North West Victoria	26	6	46.5	Bronze

**Class 26 Comments:**

Little joy in this class. Too many wines disjointed, lacked generosity, were spoiled by microbial issues, and were tough. Felt like some were lesser dry reds that had been given a shot at redemption by being sparkled up.

**Class 27: White styles**

			Class #	Score	Medal		
De Bortoli Wines	nv	Emeri Sparkling Pinot Grigio	Riverina	27	1	44.0	
De Bortoli Wines	nv	Emeri Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc	Riverina	27	2	45.0	
All Saints Estate	2010	Muscadelle	Rutherglen	27	3	43.0	
De Bortoli Wines	2010	Cosa Dolce Pinot Grigio Traminer	Unknown	27	4	42.5	
Waimea Estates	2008	Waimea Pinot Gris	Unknown	27	5	44.5	
Riverland Vine Improvement Committee	2010	Savagnin	Lower Murray	27	6	43.5	
Pasut Family Wines	2010	Tocai Friulano	Murray Darling Vic	27	7	41.0	

**Class 27 Comments:**

Being an experimental class, the judges were prepared to really step back and give these wines a go - to look at things from a different perspective. And there was a lot to be encouraged by - people having a real crack at alternative vinification methods. But most of the out-there wines didn't quite hit the mark, and seemed to be sitting on the fence. Judges felt some bolder steps could be taken.





**Class 28: Red styles**

				Class #	Score	Medal
Mount Towrong Vineyard	2008	rosso	Macedon Ranges	28 1	41.0	
DogRock Winery	2009	DogRock Degraives Road	Pyrenees	28 2	43.0	
Rosemount Estates Pty Ltd	2010	Rosemount Montepulciano	Langhorne Creek	28 3	42.5	
Rosemount Estates	2010	Rosemount Tannat	Unknown	28 4	47.5	C
Greenstone Vineyard	2010	Colorino	Heathcote	28 5	49.0	C
Box Grove Vineyard	2008	Box Grove Shiraz Roussanne	Goulburn Valley	28 6	41.5	
Department of Agriculture and Food WA	2010	Gamay	Manjimup	28 7	41.0	
Riverland Vine Improvement Committee	2010	Montepulciano	Lower Murray	28 8	48.0	C
Riverland Vine Improvement Committee	2010	Rose	Lower Murray	28 9	42.5	
Riverland Vine Improvement Committee	2010	Lagrein	Lower Murray	28 10	46.5	C
Rosemount Estates Pty Ltd	2010	Rosemount Nero d Avola	McLaren Vale	28 11	46.5	C

**Class 28 Comments:**

Many of these wines would have been right at home in the "other reds" class because they didn't taste too experimental - perhaps they were only available in tiny quantities. Some very good opportunities for some of these wines.

**Class 29: Mataro/Mourvedre/Monastrell and Blends**

				Class #	Score	Medal
Buller Wines	2009	Buller Wines Mourvedre	Swan Hill	29 1	51.5	Silver
Rutherglen Estates	2008	Burgoyne's Block	Rutherglen	29 2	49.5	Bronze
Wirra Wirra Vineyards	2009	Sparrows Lodge Mourvedre	McLaren Vale	29 3	45.5	
Pyramids Road Wines	2009	Limited Release Mourvedre	Granite Belt	29 4	45.0	
d'Arenberg	2009	The Twenty Eight Road Mourvedre	McLaren Vale	29 5	48.5	C
ridgemill estate	2009	monastrell tempranillo	Granite Belt	29 6	45.0	
d'Arenberg	2007	The Twenty-eight Road	McLaren Vale	29 7	43.5	
Ducks in a Row Winemakers	2009	Erect Habit	McLaren Vale	29 8	51.0	Silver

**Class 29 Comments:**

Pleasantly difficult to judge: there is a good diversity of styles being made from this variety, from light and fragrant to dark and rich to earthy and properly savoury. Good potential.



**Class 30: Malbec and Malbec Blends**

			Class #	Score	Medal
The Islander Estate Vineyards	2006	Majestic Plough Malbec	30 1	41.5	
Bremerton Wines	2009	Bremerton Special Release Malbec	30 2	43.5	
Bleasdale Vineyards	2008	Double Take Malbec	30 3	45.5	
Casella Wines	2010	Yellow Tail Malbec	30 4	55.5	Gold
Zonte's Footstep	2009	Zonte's Footstep Violet Beauregard Malbec	30 5	45.0	
Tamburlaine Wines	2009	Orange Reserve Malbec	30 6	43.5	
Bleasdale Vineyards	2009	Second Innings	30 7	49.1	Bronze
Thorn-Clarke Wines	2008	Terroir St Kitts Malbec	30 8	45.0	
Audrey Wilkinson Vineyard	2009	Audrey Wilkinson Reserve Malbec	30 9	44.5	

**Class 30 Comments:**

Bit of a mixed bag, with a couple of lovely wines. Quite a lot of wines had hard acid and tannins, with clumsy use of oak. The good wines have real promise but the majority show a lot of work still to be done to best express malbec.

**Class 31: Sagrantino and Sagrantino Blends**

			Class #	Score	Medal
Oliver's Taranga Vineyards	2009	Oliver's Taranga Sagrantino	31 1	49.5	Bronze
Chalmers Wines Australia Pty Ltd	2009	Sagrantino	31 2	46.5	Bronze
Coriole Vineyards	2007	Coriole Sagrantino	31 3	46.5	Bronze
Chalmers Wines Australia Pty Ltd	2008	Sagrantino	31 4	45.0	
Andrew Peace Wines	2007	Australia Felix Sagrantino	31 5	40.5	
Preston Peak Wines	2008	Sagrantino	31 6	46.5	Bronze
Terra Felix Pty Ltd	2009	Terra Felix Sagrantino	31 7	52.5	Silver
Gracebrook Vineyards	2008	Sagrantino	31 8	40.0	
Amadio Wines Pty Ltd	2009	Amadio Sagrantino	31 9	48.5	Bronze

**Class 31 Comments:**

Good Class. Great to see sagrantino have its own class. Obviously you have to love tannins to love sagrantino. Judges felt that winemakers should really let the fruit and its own natural savoury tannins do the talking. These wines don't need new oak, old oak for softness only.



**Class 32: Saperavi**

					<b>Class #</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Medal</b>
G. Patritti & Co. Pty LTD	2008	Patritti, Barossa Valley, Saperavi	Barossa	32	1	48.0	Bronze
Symphonia Wines Pty Ltd	2008	Saperavi	King Valley	32	2	42.0	
G. Patritti & Co. Pty LTD	2009	Patritti Saperavi	Barossa	32	3	46.5	Bronze
Hugh Hamilton Wines	2008	Hugh Hamilton 'The Oddball' Saperavi	McLaren Vale	32	4	44.0	
Oak Works	2009	Saperavi	Murray Darling NSW	32	5	44.5	
Department of Agriculture and Food WA	2010	Saperavi	Manjimup	32	6	33.0	

**Class 32 Comments:**

Encouraging to see saperavi get its own class this year. Couple of bronzes showing saperavi's best assets - good dense ripe fruit, firm tannins - a few wines had issues with too much oak.