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# GIPPSLAND WINE SHOW 2020

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## JUDGES

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### **Sarah Crowe - Chair of Judges Chief Winemaker, Yarra Yering**

After studying and working in Horticulture Sarah began her wine career with vineyard work in the Hunter Valley and within three years, she had become Brokenwood's Assistant Winemaker.

Building on her experience Sarah completed International harvests in both Oregon and the Rhone Valley.

After 12 years in the Hunter Valley Sarah was looking for a new challenge when the job opportunity at Yarra Yering came up.

Sarah made the move to the Yarra Valley joining the team in 2013 to focus on one single iconic vineyard site. The vineyard is central to wine quality and Sarah considers the Yarra Yering vineyard to be the best she has ever worked with.

The release of her first wines, the 2014 vintage saw her named James Halliday's Winemaker of the Year 2017.

Now in the role of Winemaker and General Manager, Sarah hopes to continue to build on the reputation started in 1969 with the first vineyard plantings at Yarra Yering.

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### **Matt Brooke Director of Wine, Crown Casino**

Matt has been a sommelier for over 15 years, working at some of Melbourne and Brisbane's most prestigious restaurants along the way gaining several awards such for Wine List of the Year at Brooks, Ortiga and Circa. Matt has also been heavily involved in Sommeliers Australia currently sitting on the National committee. Gaining judging experience at shows like the National Wine Show in Canberra and regional shows like McLaren Vale, Clare Valley, Yarra Valley gained Matt a coveted place at the 2014 Len Evans Tutorial where he came away as Dux of the program. Since then he has been working as Director of wine at Crown Melbourne and is also 1 half of Athletes of Wine, a small wine brand he produces with good friend Liam O'Brien in the Macedon Ranges.

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### **Alister Timms Chief Winemaker, Shadowfax**

No stranger to the world of winemaking and viticulture, Alister grew up on his family's vineyards on the Bellarine Peninsula and was planting vines at the age of 10.

With a science degree from Melbourne University, Alister went on to study Oenology at the University of Adelaide and graduated in 2001.

Alister then started working at Shadowfax as Assistant Winemaker, a position he held for three years before moving back home to run his family's winery Kilgour Estate.

In 2008, Alister returned to Shadowfax to manage the winery's various vineyards and establish the Little Hampton property in the Macedon Ranges, whilst working as Assistant Winemaker to Matt Harrop. He took over as Chief Winemaker in October 2017.

Alister has achieved outstanding success at Shadowfax and has been an integral part of many prestigious wine awards over the past 18 years.

Alister leads a small team of young wine professionals and enthusiasts who share the same passion...to simply create great wine.

"We want our vineyards to express their own unique characters and the wine grown there to talk to the one who's drinking it, by telling its own story."

## ASSOCIATE JUDGES

### Name

Lucy Kendall  
Errol Blanch

## WINE SHOW EVENT MANAGER

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## CHEIF STEWARD

Frank Butera      Bass River Winery

## STEWARDS

### Name

Rick Lacey  
Alistair Hicks  
Alastair Butt

### Company

Purple Hen Wines  
Blue Gables Vineyard  
Shearwater Wines / Lightfoot and Sons

## COMMITTEE

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### Company

Blue Gables Vineyard  
Harman Wines  
Treasurer  
Lightfoot and Sons  
Dirty Three Wines  
Nicholson River Winery

Chair  
Vice Chair



# TROPHIES & AWARDS

## TROPHIES

**Best Wine of Show: PURPLE HEN – 2019 CHARDONNAY**

Sponsor: Wellington Shire Council

**Best Red Wine: PURPLE HEN – 2019 PINOT NOIR**

Sponsor: Mercurey Australia

**Best White Wine: PURPLE HEN – 2019 CHARDONNAY**

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## AWARDS

**Best Exhibitor: DIRTY THREE**

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**Best Chair of Judges Award: DIRTY THREE – 2019 THE DIRTY CHARDY CHARDONNAY**

Sponsors: Maffra Cheese

**Best Stewards Selection: PURPLE HEN – 2019 PINOT NOIR**

Sponsors: The Right Man / Monarcellars

## BEST IN CLASS

**Best Sparkling: BASS RIVER – 2016 SPARKLING BRUT**

Sponsor: Glasdec

**Best Sauvignon Blanc: BLUE GABLES – 2020 SAUVIGNON BLANC**

Sponsor: Baw Baw Shire

**Best Aromatic White: BLUE GABLES – 2020 PINOT GRIS**

Sponsor: East Gippsland Shire

**Best Chardonnay: PURPLE HEN – 2019 CHARDONNAY**

Sponsor: South Gippsland Shire

**Best Sweet White: LIGHTFOOT & SONS – NV DARKFOOT CHARDONNAY**

Sponsor: Cardinia Shire Council

**Best Rose: THE GURDIES WINERY – 2020 THE HONEY EATER LABEL PINOT ROSE**

Sponsor: Phillipsons Accounting and Financial Planning

**Best Pinot Noir: PURPLE HEN – 2019 PINOT NOIR**

Sponsor: Bass Coast Shire

**Best Shiraz & Shiraz dominant: LIGHTFOOT & SONS – 2019 MYRTLE POINT VINEYARD SHIRAZ**

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**Best Cabernet Sauvignon varieties & blends: THE GURDIES WINERY – 2019 THE ORCHID LABEL CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

Sponsor: MCC Labels

**Best Other Red Varieties & blends:**

**LIGHTFOOT AND SONS – 2019 LIMITED RELEASE PINOT NOIR / SYRAH**

**THE GURDIES WINERY – 2019 GURDIES HILL RED CABERNET SAUVIGNON, SHIRAZ, MERLOT**

Sponsor: Latrobe City Shire



# 2020 CLASS ENTRIES

Gold – 95 + | Silver 90 – 94 | Bronze 85 – 89

CLASS	ENTRIES
1 Sparkling	7
2 Sauvignon Blanc	4
3A Aromatic White - Riesling	3
3B Aromatic White - Pinot Gris/Pinot Grigio	4
4A Chardonnay 2020 & 2019	10
4B Chardonnay 2018 & Older	6
5 Sweet Whites	2
6 Rose	6
7A Pinot Noir 2020 & 2019	18
7B Pinot Noir 2018 & Older	7
8 Shiraz & Shiraz dominant blends	15
9 Cabernet Sauvignon Varieties and Blends	7
10 Other Red Varieties and Blends	7



**CLASS 1 - SPARKLING**

1	Blue Gables Vineyard 2019 Sparkling Chardonnay, Pinot Gris		
2	Purple Hen 2018 Sparkling White Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir	86	Bronze
3	Cannibal Creek 2017 Blanc de Blancs Chardonnay		
4	Bass River Winery 2016 - 1835 Sparkling Brut Chardonnay 50, Pinot Noir 50	95	Gold
5	Wild Dog Winery 2014 Chardonnay, Pinot Noir Sparkling	90	Silver
6	Wild Dog Winery 1999 Sparkling Chardonnay, Riesling Disgorged 2019		
7	Wild Dog Winery 2015 Sparkling Shiraz		

**COMMENTS:** *Top wine an outstanding example of Australian sparkling, complex and layered*

**CLASS 2 - SAUVIGNON BLANC**

1	Bass River Single Vineyard 2020		
2	Blue Gables Vineyard 2020	90	Silver
3	GWC 2019 Moyarra Fume Blanc		
4	Tambo Wine 2018 Sauvignon Blanc 2018		

**COMMENTS:** *Most wines lacking freshness and fruit*

**CLASS 3A - AROMATIC WHITE - RIESLING**

1	GWC 2020 Lochonia Vineyard Riesling		
2	Bass River Single Vineyard 2020 Riesling	90	Silver
3	The Gurdies Winery 2020 The Orchid Label Riesling	89	Bronze

**COMMENTS:** *Two wines showing lovely varietal typicity*

**CLASS 3B - AROMATIC WHITE - PINOT GRIS/PINOT GRIGIO**

1	French Island Vineyards Pinot Grigio 2020		
2	Bass River Single Vineyard 2020 Pinot Gris		
3	French Island Vineyards 2020 Pinot Gris		
4	Blue Gables Vineyard 2020 Pinot Gris	92	Silver

**COMMENTS:** *The best wine a great example of Pinot gris nicely balanced, others with some ferment issues*

**CLASS 4A - CHARDONNAY VINTAGE 2020 & 2019**

1	Cannibal Creek 2019 Chardonnay	93	Silver
2	Lightfoot & Sons 2019 Myrtle Point Vineyard Chardonnay	90	Silver
3	Bass River 1835 2019 Chardonnay	95	Gold
4	Dirty Three Wines 2019 The Dirty Chardy Chardonnay	96	Gold
5	Lightfoot & Sons 2019 Single Block Chardonnay		
6	GWC 2019 LOCH Chardonnay	88	Bronze
7	Purple Hen 2019 Chardonnay	96	Top Gold
8	Bass River Single Vineyard 2019 Chardonnay		
9	Blue Gables Vineyard 2019 Jesse Chardonnay	93	Silver
10	Tilson Hill 2019 Chardonnay	85	Bronze

**COMMENTS:** *The strongest class we judged today, keep up the focus on Chardonnay!*

**CLASS 4B - CHARDONNAY VINTAGE 2018 & OLDER**

1	Tilson Hill Vineyard 2018 Chardonnay	95	Gold
2	Glenmaggie Wines 2018 Chardonnay		
3	Bass River 2018 - 1835 Chardonnay	85	Bronze
4	Purple Hen Wines 2018 Chardonnay	85	Bronze
5	Tambo Gippsland Lakes Chardonnay 2018		
6	Montview Chardonnay 2018		

**CLASS 5 - SWEET**

1	Lightfoot & Sons NV Darkfoot Chardonnay	93	Silver
2	Bass River 2018 1835 Iced Riesling		



## CLASS 6 - ROSE

1	The Gurdies Winery 2020 The Honey Eater Label Pinot Rose'	87	Bronze
2	Lightfoot & Sons 2020 Myrtle Point Vineyard Pinot Noir, Shiraz		
3	GWC 2020 Moyarra Rose Pinot Noir		
4	Blue Gables Vineyard 2020 Blue Gables Rose Pinot Gris		
5	Bass River Single Vineyard 2019 Pinot Gris		
6	Tambo Gippsland Lakes 2018 Rose		

**COMMENTS:** *Some ferment issues and perhaps smoke taint in a couple of wines*

## CLASS 7A - PINOT NOIR - VINTAGE 2020 & 2019

1	Cannibal Creek 2019 Reserve Pinot Noir	88	Bronze
2	Dirty Three Wines 2019 Dirt 3 (Holgates Rd) Pinot Noir		
3	GWC 2019 Calulu Pinot Noir		
4	The Gurdies Winery 2019 The Orchid Label Pinot Noir	90	Silver
5	Blue Gables Vineyard 2019 Pinot Noir	88	Bronze
6	Bass River 1835 2019 Pinot Noir	93	Silver
7	Tilson Hill 2019 Pinot Noir		
8	French Island Vineyards 2019 Pinot Noir	90	Silver
9	Cannibal Creek 2019 Pinot Noir Pinot Noir	86	Bronze
10	Dirty Three Wines 2019 Dirt 1 (Berrys Creek) Pinot Noir	95	Gold
11	Purple Hen 2019 Pinot Noir	95	Top Gold
12	Lightfoot & Sons 2019 Myrtle Point Vineyard Pinot Noir	90	Silver
13	Dirty Three Wines 2019 Dirt 2 (Tilson) Pinot Noir	85	Bronze
14	French Island Vineyards Ill de Francais 2019 Pinot Noir		
15	Lightfoot & Sons 2019 Renegade Pinot Noir	88	Bronze
16	Tilson Hill 2019 CS Pinot Noir	86	Bronze
17	Dirty Three Wines 2019 "All the Dirts" Pinot Noir	95	Gold
18	Phillip Island Winery 2019 'Bill Henry' Pinot Noir	87	Bronze

**COMMENTS:** *Many lovely wines, strong medal count showing the suitability to the region and the varying styles produced.*

**CLASS 7B - PINOT NOIR - VINTAGE 2018 & OLDER**

1	Tilson Hill Vineyard 2018 Pinot Noir	95	Gold
2	Bass River 2018 - 1835 Pinot Noir 100		
3	Purple Hen Wines 2018 The Rooster Pinot Noir	88	Bronze
4	Cannibal Creek 2018 Reserve Pinot Noir	85	Bronze
5	Montview Pinot Noir 2018 Pinot Noir		
6	Tambo Gippsland Lakes Pinot Noir 2018		
7	Cannibal Creek 2018 Pinot Noir	95	Gold

**COMMENTS:** *Lovely wines, maturing gracefully*

**CLASS 8 - SHIRAZ & SHIRAZ DOMINANT BLENDS**

1	Glenmaggie Wines 2020 Bazz Shiraz 2020 Shiraz		
2	Lightfoot & Sons 2019 Myrtle Point Vineyard Shiraz	95	Top Gold
3	GWC 2019 Syrah		
4	Wild Dog Winery 2019 Reserve Shiraz	90	Silver
5	Glenmaggie Wines 2019 Shiraz		
6	Blue Gables Vineyard 2019 Keith Thomas Reserve Shiraz	90	Silver
7	The Gurdies Winery 2019 The Orchid Label Shiraz		
8	Purple Hen 2019 Shiraz	93	Silver
9	French Island Vineyards 2019 Shiraz	95	Gold
10	Wild Dog Winery 2019 Shiraz		
11	Blue Gables Vineyard 2019 Hanratty Hill Shiraz	91	Silver
12	Dirty Three Wines 2019 Aldo Shiraz		
13	Purple Hen Wines 2018 Rooster Shiraz	85	Bronze
14	Blue Gables Vineyard 2018 KT Reserve Shiraz	86	Bronze
15	Nicholson River 2015 Syrah	86	Bronze

**COMMENTS:** *Some very lovely Shiraz/Syrah examples, some wines with obvious oak overshadowing the fruit*

**CLASS 9 - CABERNET SAUVIGNON VARIETIES & BLENDS**

1	The Gurdies Winery 2019 The Orchid Label Cabernet Sauvignon	90	Silver
2	Purple Hen 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon		
3	Glenmaggie Wines 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon	86	Bronze
4	GWC 2019 LOCH Cabernet Sauvignon		
5	Tambo Gippsland Lakes Cabernet Sauvignon 2018		
6	Cannibal Creek 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon	88	Bronze
7	Phillip Island Winery 2019 'Blue Ute' Cabernet Sauvignon	88	Bronze

**COMMENTS:** *Many wines with under ripe characteristics*

**CLASS 10 - OTHER RED VARIETIES & BLENDS**

1	Lightfoot & Sons 2019 Limited Release Pinot Noir Syrah, Pinot Noir	90	Silver
2	The Gurdies Winery 2019 Gurdies Hill Red Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Merlot	90	Silver
3	Bass River Single Vineyard 2019 Merlot	85	Bronze
4	The Gurdies Winery 2019 The Orchid Label Merlot		
5	Cannibal Creek 2018 Merlot		
6	The Nicholson 2017 Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc		
7	Nicholson River 2017 Sangiovese		

**COMMENTS:** *A disappointing class, many unbalanced wines (under/over ripe)*

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