



# 2021

Westpac  
Gippsland  
Wine Show  
Awards



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## The judging at Cape Paterson



The judging was held at Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club on Monday 29 November.

We sincerely thank our judges, led by Chair of Judges, Sarah Crowe, for their expertise, time and their support of our show. (see more, page 4).

The judges and associate judges commented on the stunning views, the venue, and, of course, the glorious weather.

Thank you to Jenna and Carly, from Kilcunda General Store, who kept the judges well fed, and to the Cape Paterson SLC committee for the use of their wonderful venue.

Thank you also to our Chief Steward, Frank Butera, for his tireless organisation of the show, with all of its many details, phone calls and Showrunner setup.

A big thank you to our stewards, Moira Chalk, Daniel Hynes and Dominic Kearton, who kept the judging running smoothly.

And thanks also to those who assisted with setting up and packing up - including washing 36 dozen glasses - twice!



# Order of Proceedings

5pm	Exhibitor and member tasting
5.30pm	Welcome drink and wine tasting for guests, served with grazing platters  Please collect your Gippsland Wine Show glass
6.30pm	Guests to be seated in the Atrium for the Awards ceremony and dinner  2020 award winning wines available for tasting Welcome by Alistair Hicks, Chair, Wine Gippsland  Chair of Judges review  Best in Class awards and medal winners  Auction - including mystery cases of exhibits  Major awards  Best Wine of Show
9.30pm	Closing and thanks

We would like to thank Westpac as naming rights sponsor for the Awards celebration, and sponsor of the Best Wine of Show. Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors, supporters and guests who make this event such a success. More sponsor details on pages 16-18



# JUDGING PANEL

## **Sarah Crowe - Chair of Judges. General Manager, 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 continues to build on the reputation started in 1969 with the first vineyard plantings at Yarra Yering.

She has been the recipient of an unprecedented four top awards this year: Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine's Winemaker of the Year (2021), The Real Review Winery of the Year (2021), Halliday Winery of the Year (2022) and Halliday Wine of the Year (2022).

## **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 one half of Athletes of Wine, a small wine brand he produces with good friend, Liam O'Brien, in the Macedon Ranges.

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





**(Above)** Rick Lacey of Purple Hen Wines, Rhyll, enjoyed an unprecedented haul of five of the six major trophies and awards of the 2021 Westpac Gippsland Wine Show, including Best Wine of Show, Best Red, Best White, Best Wines of Provenance and Most Successful Exhibitor.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### With thanks to:

Penny Vine	Associate Judge	
Alistair Hicks	Associate judge	
Frank Butera	Chief Steward	Bass River Winery
Daniel Hynes	Steward	Blue Gables
Dominic Kearton	Steward	Bass River Winery
Moira Chalk	Steward	Chene Australasia
Bernadine Phelan	Awards event organiser	Executive Officer

### Committee

Alistair Hicks	Chair	Blue Gables
David Harman	Deputy Chair	Harman Wines
Marcus Satchell	General committee	Dirty Three Wines
Ken Eckersley	General committee	Nicholson River Winery
Rob Lightfoot	General committee	Lightfoot & Sons
Wendy Blanch	Treasurer	

# Major Trophies and Awards



## **Best Wine of Show** **Purple Hen 2020 Shiraz**

Sponsor: Westpac



## **Best Red Wine**

Purple Hen 2020 Shiraz

Sponsor: Tonnellerie de Mercurey (Australia)



## **Best White Wine**

Purple Hen 2020 Off Dry Riesling

Sponsor: Cardinia Shire



## **Most Successful Exhibitor**

Purple Hen

Sponsor: Bass Coast Shire



## **Chair of Judges Trophy**

Lightfoot & Sons Myrtle Point Vineyard

2021 Chardonnay

Sponsor: East Gippsland Shire

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## **Best Wines of Provenance**

Purple Hen Pinot Noir  
(Vintages) 2014, 2016, 2019

Sponsor: Farmer's Daughters



## **Stewards' Award**

Blue Gables Vineyard  
2019 Jesse Chardonnay

Sponsor: Gippsland Lifestyle Magazine

# RESULTS: Best in Class and Awards

## ***Class 1: Best Sparkling: Bass River Winery, Bass River 1835 – Sparking Brut 2017***

Sponsor: Phillipsons Accounting Services



## ***Class 2: Best Sauvignon Blanc: Toms Cap Vineyard, 3 Dog Sauvignon Blanc 2021***

Sponsor: Baw Baw Shire



## ***Class 3 (A, B, C) Best Aromatic White: Purple Hen Winery, Purple Hen 2020 Off-Dry Riesling***

Sponsor: Destination Gippsland



## ***Class 4: Best Chardonnay: Blue Gables Vineyard, Blue Gables 2019 Jesse Chardonnay***

Sponsor: Labelhouse



## ***Class 5: Best Sweet White: Lightfoot & Sons, Lightfoot NV Myrtle Point Vineyard Chardonnay***

Sponsor: Maffra Cheese Co.



## ***Class 6: Best Rose: Lightfoot & Sons, Lightfoot 2021 Myrtle Point Vineyard Rose***

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## ***Class 7: Best Pinot Noir: Cannibal Creek Vineyard, Cannibal Creek 2019 Pinot Noir***

Sponsor: Wellington Shire



## ***Class 8: Best Shiraz & Shiraz Dominant: Purple Hen Winery, Purple Hen Shiraz 2020***

Sponsor: Gippsland Funeral Services



## ***Class 9: Best Cabernet Sauvignon Varieties & blends: Glenmaggie Wines, Glenmaggie Wines 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon***

Sponsor: South Gippsland Shire



## ***Class 10: Best Other Red Varieties & blends: Krooked Row Wines, Krooked Row Sangiovese 2019***

Sponsor: Monacellars







Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	<b>CLASS 1: SPARKLING</b>		
2	*Bass River 1835 - 2017 Chardonnay, Pinot Noir	95	GOLD
3	Bass River 1835 - 2018 Chardonnay, Pinot Noir	90	SILVER
6	Purple Hen 2018 Sparkling Shiraz Shiraz	88	BRONZE
7	Blue Gables Vineyard 2021 Sparkling Shiraz	86	BRONZE
	<b>CLASS 2 - SAUVIGNON BLANC</b>		<b>Award</b>
1	*Toms Cap 3 Dog Sauvignon Blanc 2021	90	SILVER
2	Purple Hen Wines 2021 Sauvignon Blanc	86	BRONZE
4	Blue Gables Vineyard 2021 Sauvignon Blanc	88	BRONZE
6	Purple Hen Wines 2020 Sauvignon Blanc	88	BRONZE
8	Phillip Island Winery 2020 Tall Timber - Fume Blanc	88	BRONZE
	<b>CLASS 3A, 3B, 3C: AROMATIC WHITE</b>		
2	Purple Hen 2021 Off Dry Riesling	95	GOLD
3	**Purple Hen 2020 Off Dry Riesling	95	TOP GOLD
5	The Gurdies Winery 2020 Heaston Estate Riesling	87	BRONZE
1	Purple Hen 2021 Pinot Gris	92	SILVER

**Results Legend:** \* Best in Class \*\* Major Trophy or Award



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Our unique hand-blown glass trophies for the major awards were created by the team at **Gordon Studies Glassblowers**

Carafes were presented for (back L-R):

Best Wines of Provenance  
Chair of Judges Award

Most Successful Exhibitor

The Chair of Judges Award

Decanters were presented for (front L-R):

Best Red Wine of Show

Best Wine of Show

Best White Wine of Show

Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	<b>CLASS 4: CHARDONNAY</b>		
2	Blue Gables Vineyard 2021 Jesse Chardonnay	88	BRONZE
3	Lightfoot 2021 Myrtle Point Vineyard Chardonnay	95	GOLD
5	GWC 2020 Loch Chardonnay	90	SILVER
6	Bass River 1835 - 2020 Chardonnay	87	BRONZE
8	Cannibal Creek 2019 Chardonnay	85	BRONZE
9	Bass River 1835 - 2019 Chardonnay	90	SILVER
11	**Blue Gables Vineyard 2019 Jesse Chardonnay	95	TOP GOLD
	<b>CLASS 5: SWEET WHITE</b>		
1	**Lightfoot NV Myrtle Point Vineyard 2021 Chardonnay	92	SILVER

**Results Legend:** \* Best in Class \*\* Major Trophy or Award

Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	<b>CLASS 6: ROSE</b>		
2	Bass River Single Vineyard 2021 Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Pinot Meunier	88	BRONZE
6	*Lightfoot 2021 Myrtle Point Vineyard Pinot Noir, Shiraz	95	GOLD
7	Dirty Three Wines 2021 "All the Dirts" Pinot Noir	86	BRONZE
10	The Gurdies Winery 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz	88	BRONZE
	<b>CLASS 7: PINOT NOIR</b>		
1	Blue Gables Vineyard 2021 Pinot Noir	90	SILVER
2	French Island Vineyards 2020 Pinot Noir	87	BRONZE
3	Purple Hen 2020 Pinot Noir	92	SILVER
6	Nicholson River 2019 Pinot Noir	87	BRONZE
7	*Cannibal Creek 2019 Pinot Noir	93	SILVER

**Results Legend:** \* Best in Class \*\* Major Trophy or Award

**(Below)** Rick Lacey accepts the trophy for Best Red Wine of Show from Nadege Carson of Tonnellerie de Mercurey (Australia). The award included a painted oak stave from Burgundy.



Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	<b>CLASS 8: SHIRAZ AND SHIRAZ DOMINANT BLENDS</b>		
1	Blue Gables Vineyard 2021 Hanratty Hill Shiraz	86	BRONZE
3	**Purple Hen 2020 Shiraz	95	GOLD
4	Blue Gables Vineyard 2020 Keith Thomas Reserve Shiraz	85	BRONZE
6	Purple Hen Wines 2019 Rooster Shiraz	93	SILVER
7	Blue Gables Vineyard 2019 Keith Thomas Reserve Shiraz	87	BRONZE
8	Lightfoot 2019 Myrtle Point Vineyard Shiraz	91	SILVER
9	Nicholson River 2017 Syrah	85	BRONZE
	<b>CLASS 9: CABERNET SAUVIGNON VARIETIES AND BLENDS</b>		
1	*Glenmaggie Wines 2020 Cabernet 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon	90	SILVER
5	Glenmaggie Wines 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon	85	BRONZE
	<b>CLASS 10: OTHER RED VARIETIES AND BLENDS</b>		
1	*Krooked Row Wines Sangiovese 2019 Sangiovese, Shiraz, Tempranillo	88	BRONZE

**Results Legend:** \* Best in Class \*\* Major Trophy or Award

**(Below L-R)** Rob and Tom Lightfoot accept the Chair of Judges Trophy from East Gippsland Shire Mayor, Cr Mark Reeves (centre). (Right) Rick Lacey accepts the award for Best Shiraz from Caroline Rossetti of Gippsand Funeral Services.







## WINES OF PROVENANCE

We introduced a new trophy this year, Best Wines of Provenance. This class allows winemakers to enter three vintages of one of their wines, across a five-year span. All varieties compete. It has allowed the judges to look at consistency of excellence and longevity - a longer-term barometer of the vineyard and winemaker's expertise.

We're proud to have Farmer's Daughters sponsoring this award. This highly regarded Melbourne restaurant opened in this most challenging of years, and continues to champion Gippsland produce and feature many Gippsland wines.

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**(Below L-R)** Wine Gippsland Chair, Alistair Hicks presents the Award for Best Rose to Tom Lightfoot (on behalf of Glasdec, who supplied the glassware). Tony Dawkins of Glenmaggie Wines accepts the award for Best Cabernet Sauvignon from Ken Fraser, South Gippsland Shire.





**(Top, left)** Rick Lacey of Purple Hen Wines accepts the Best Wine of Show trophy, a unique hand-blown glass decanter, from **Scott Guerin of Westpac**, the show and awards lead sponsor. **(Top, right)** Rick also collected the Best White Wine of Show trophy decanter from Andrew Pomeroy of Cardinia Shire.

**(Below, right)** Andrew Crouch from Farmer's Daughters presented Rick with the award for Best Wines of Provenance, a new category this year, spanning three vintages of a wine over a five-year period. And **(Below, left)** Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, presented Rick with a glass carafe award for Most Successful Exhibitor of Show.







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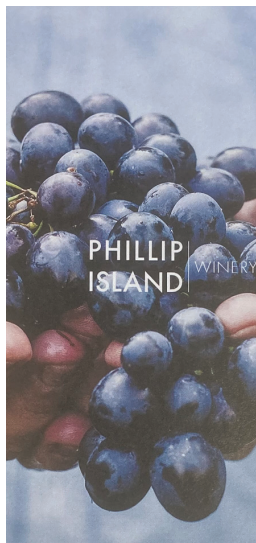
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Travel safe, and we hope Gippsland wines continue to be part of your celebrations in the future.

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