



2023

Westpac Gippsland Wine Show Awards

We acknowledge the deep and ongoing connection to Country of the Gunaikurnai and Bunurong people, the Traditional Custodians of the land, sky and waters where we live and work. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

The judging at Cape Paterson



The judging was held at Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club on Monday 2 October.

We sincerely thank our judges, led by Chair of Judges, Sarah Fagan, 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 weather.

Thank you to Jenna and Carly, from Events Cape Paterson, 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 judges, exhibits, and the show, with all of its myriad details.

We are indebted to our stewards, Alistair Hicks, Moira Chalk and Chloe Bruyns, 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! And of course, it wouldn't run seamlessly without the support of Monacellers for delivery and storage.





(Top left) Mark Heath, accepting the Chair of Judges award for the Gippsland Wine Company 2022 Loch Chardonnay, from co-sponsors Simon Johnson (Tinamba Hotel), David Visser (Lakes Entrance Helicopters), with Sarah Fagan, Chair of Judges, representing co-sponsors, MANSI on Raymond.

(Top middle) Top Gold and Trophy for the Best Riesling, Dirty Three 2023 Dirty Rizza

(Top right) Top Gold and Trophy for Best Sparkling, Bass River 2018 - Sparkling Brut 1835

(Lower middle) Mark Heath accepts the Best White Wine of Provenance, from Wine Victoria Chair/Acting CEO Stephanie Duboudin, presenting on behalf of sponsor Farmer's Daughters. (Lower right) Gippsland Wine Company's two trophies

We would like to thank Westpac for returning 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 15-16.



JUDGING PANEL

Sarah Fagan - Chair of Judges, Tarrawarra Estate Winemaker

Acclaimed Yarra Valley winemaker, Sarah Fagan, returns as Chair of Judges for the 2023 Westpac Gippsland Wine Show, leading our panel of judges over three years. After growing up on a farm in New South Wales, where her parents also planted grapevines, Sarah began working at De Bortoli in her last year of a wine science degree, and built her reputation as a talented winemaker over 20 years with the winery. She has recently become chief winemaker at the renowned Tarrawarra Estate in the Yarra Valley. Sarah is a highly experienced wine judge, with a refined palate and particular appreciation for cool-climate winemaking from regions all over the world. She is also a Len Evans Scholar.

Tim Perrin, Judge: Kooyong and Port Phillip Estate Chief Winemaker

Tim is currently Chief Winemaker for Kooyong and Port Phillip Estate on the Mornington Peninsula. Prior to this role Tim spent seven years as senior winemaker for Oakridge in the Yarra Valley. Graduating from Charles Sturt University with a bachelor of Wine Science in 2006, Tim has been a winemaker since 2007 and has a vast array of experience in both premium and commercial winemaking. Tim has been a judge at both regional and capital city wine shows since 2012. In 2016 he was named dux of AWRI's AWAC and was a selected as a Scholar at the prestigious Len Evans Tutorial in 2019.

Rohan Smith, Judge: Medhurst Wines Chief Winemaker

Following a successful career as a classical musician and in the music industry, Rohan Smith turned his attention to his love and passion for wine, winemaking and working the dirt. To drive this passion, he relocated to the Mornington Peninsula, undertaking a Bachelor of Wine Science through CSU, graduating as dux, and has worked for numerous vineyards and wineries including Elgee Park, Merricks Estate, Willow Creek, Foxeys Hangout and most recently as winemaker at Handpicked Wines. Rohan is a member of the Melbourne Royal Wine Awards committee and has judged at numerous wine shows, including the Melbourne Royal Wine Awards, Yarra Valley and Macedon Wine Shows. He was recently appointed Chief Winemaker at Medhurst Wines in the Yarra Valley.



Pictured, from left, Rohan Smith, (judge), Alistair Hicks, (Wine Gippsland President), Kayleen Reynolds (associate judge), Sarah Fagan (Chair of Judges), Tim Perrin (judge) and Dominic Kearton (associate judge)



Jack Peterson of Westpac (right), presents Marcus Satchell with the 2023 Westpac Gippsland Wine Show award for Best Wine of Show for the Dirty Three 2022 All the Dirts Chardonnay.

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With thanks to:

Frank Butera	Chief Steward	Bass River Winery
Kayleen Reynolds	Associate Judge	Prince Wine Store
Dominic Kearton	Associate judge	Purple Hen Winery
Moira Chalk	Steward	Chene Australasia
Chloe Bruyns	Steward	Dan Murphy
Alistair Hicks	Steward	Wine Gippsland President
Bernadine Phelan	Awards event organiser	Wine Gippsland Executive Officer

Committee

Alistair Hicks	President	Blue Gables Vineyard
Jessica Audas	Vice President	ARC Wines
David Harman	General committee	Harman Wines
Marcus Satchell	General committee	Dirty Three Wines
Rob Lightfoot	General committee	Lightfoot Wines
Frank Butera	Chief Steward	Bass River Winery
Wendy Blanch	Treasurer	

Major Trophies and Awards



Best Wine of Show

Dirty Three 2022 All The Dirts Chardonnay

Sponsor: Westpac



Best Red Wines of Provenance

Dirty Three Wines All the Dirts Pinot Noir 2022, 2019, 2018

Sponsor: Brandt Equipment

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Best White Wines of Provenance

Gippsland Wine Company Chardonnay 2021, 2019, 2016

Sponsor: Farmer's Daughters



Most Successful Exhibitor

Blue Gables Vineyard

Sponsor: Cardinia Shire

Chair of Judges Award

Gippsland Wine Company Loch Chardonnay 2022

Sponsors: Lakes Entrance Helicopters,
MANSI on Raymond and Tinamba Hotel



RESULTS: Best in Class and Awards

Class 1: Best Sparkling: TROPHY

Bass River Winery, Bass River 2018 Sparkling Brut 1835

Sponsor: Phillipsons Accounting Services



Class 2: Best Sauvignon Blanc:

Purple Hen Winery, Purple Hen 2023 Sauvignon Blanc

Sponsor: Baw Baw Shire



Class 3 (A, B, C) Best Aromatic White: TROPHY

Dirty Three Wines, 2023 "The Dirty Rizza" Riesling

Sponsor: Bass Coast Shire



Class 4: Best Chardonnay: TROPHY

Dirty Three Wines, Dirty Three 2022 "All The Dirts" Chardonnay

Sponsor: East Gippsland Shire



Class 5: Best Sweet White:

Lightfoot Wines, NV Darkfoot

Sponsor: Monacellars



Class 6: Best Rosé :

Blue Gables Vineyard, Blue Gables 2023 Rosé

Sponsor: Destination Gippsland



Class 7: Best Pinot Noir: TROPHY

Blue Gables Vineyard, Blue Gables 2022 Ashton Pinot Noir

Sponsor: Wellington Shire



Class 8: Best Shiraz & Shiraz dominant:

Blue Gables Vineyard, Blue Gables 2022 Hanratty Hill Shiraz

Sponsor: Gippsland Funeral Services



Class 9: Best Cabernet Sauvignon Varieties & blends:

Silverwaters Vineyard, Silverwaters 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon

Sponsor: South Gippsland Shire



Class 10: Best Other Red Varieties & blends:

Blue Gables Vineyard, Blue Gables 2021

Sangiovese Sponsor: Maffra Cheese





Guests and winemakers enjoyed the tasting of 105 exhibit wines before the feast-style dinner with award-winning wines



Matthew Briggs, Brandt Australia, presents Marcus Satchell with the Best Red Wine of Provenance

Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	CLASS 1: SPARKLING WINE (Sponsor: Phillipsons Accounting Services)		
1	Lightfoot 2021 Vintage Sparkling Chardonnay, Pinot Noir	86	BRONZE
2	Purple Hen 2021 Sparkling White		
3	Gippsland Wine Company Blanc De Noir 2019 Zero Dosage	95	GOLD
4	Bass River 2019 - 1835 Sparkling Brut	85	BRONZE
5	Bass River 2018 - 1835 Sparkling Brut	96	TOP GOLD
6	Purple Hen 2022 Sparkling Rose		
7	Glenmaggie Wines 2022 Sparkling Cabernet Sauvignon		
8	Purple Hen 2021 Sparkling Shiraz		
Comment	<i>Top wines were a real pleasure to judge. Lovely energy and drive. Great complexity. Good future for traditional style sparkling wine in the region.</i>		
	CLASS 2 - SAUVIGNON BLANC & BLENDS (Sponsor: Baw Baw Shire)		Award
1	Phillip Island Winery 2023 Tall Timber Fume Blanc	86	BRONZE
2	Purple Hen Wines 2023 Sauvignon Blanc	90	SILVER
3	Blue Gables 2023 Sauvignon Blanc		
4	Carrajung Estate 2022 Sauvignon Blanc		
5	Cannibal Creek 2022 Sauvignon Blanc		
6	Glenmaggie Wines 2022 Nicky's Sauvignon Blanc		
7	Gippsland Wine Company Fume Blanc 2021		
Comment	<i>Stronger wines showed varietal definition and balance</i>		



(Left) Rick Lacey accepts the Best Sauvignon Blanc for the Purple Hen 2023 Sauvignon Blanc from Baw Baw Shire Deputy Mayor, Cr Michael Leaney. (Right) Frank Butera of Bass River Winery accepts the Top Gold and Trophy for the Bass River 2018 Sparkling Brut 1835, from Kurt Best of Phillipsons Accounting.



(Left) Stephanie Duboudin, Wine Victoria Chair and Acting CEO, presents Alistair and Catherine Hicks of Blue Gables Vineyard with the trophy for Most Successful Exhibitor, on behalf of sponsors Cardinia Shire. Blue Gables won four of the Best in Class awards, including Top Gold and Trophy for the Blue Gables 2022 Ashton Pinot Noir.

(Right) Marcus Satchell accepts the Top Gold and Trophy for the Dirty Three 2023 Dirty Rizza Riesling from Teresa Mahood, representing Bass Coast Shire.

Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	CLASS 3A: AROMATIC WHITE - RIESLING (Sponsor - 3A,B,C: Bass Coast Shire)		Award
1	Purple Hen 2023 Off Dry Riesling	95	GOLD
2	Dirty Three Wines 2023 "The Dirty Rizza" Riesling	96	TOP GOLD
3	Bass River 2023 Riesling		
4	Blackcoat Wines 2022 Single Vineyard Riesling	85	BRONZE
	CLASS 3B: AROMATIC WHITE - PINOT GRIS / PINOT GRIGIO		
1	Blue Gables Vineyard 2023 Pinot Gris	92	SILVER
2	Bass River 2023 Pinot Gris		
3	French Island Vineyards 2023 Pinot Grigio		
4	Purple Hen 2023 Pinot Gris	88	BRONZE
	CLASS 3C: AROMATIC WHITE - OTHER WHITE VARIETIES AND BLENDS		
1	Wyanga Park Winery 2023 Field Blend Gewürztraminer, Riesling, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc		
2	Wyanga Park Winery 2022 Field Blend Gewürztraminer, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling	88	BRONZE
3	Blackcoat Wines 2022 Single Vineyard Chenin Blanc	86	BRONZE
4	Purple Hen 2022 Viognier	86	BRONZE
Comment	<i>Lovely pair of purity-driven rieslings. Lovely tension and drive through the palate. Very good wines, a treat to judge</i>		

Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	CLASS 4: CHARDONNAY (Sponsor: East Gippsland Shire)		
1	Carrajung Estate 2022 Chardonnay	95	GOLD
2	Bass River 2022 - Single Vineyard Chardonnay		
3	Gippsland Wine Company Loch Chardonnay 2022	95	GOLD
4	Silverwaters Vineyard 2022 Chardonnay	85	BRONZE
5	Bass River 2022 - 1835 Chardonnay		
6	Glenmaggie Wines 2022 Chardonnay		
7	Blackcoat Wines 2022 Single Vineyard Chardonnay		
8	Dirty Three Wines 2022 "All the Dirts" Chardonnay	96	TOP GOLD
9	Blue Gables 2022 Jesse Chardonnay	93	SILVER
10	Bass River 2021 - 1835 Chardonnay		
11	Lightfoot 2021 Home Block Chardonnay	93	SILVER
Comment	<i>Top wines were a pleasure to judge. Lovely fruit intensity, tension and drive. Excellent balance and energy.</i>		

Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	CLASS 5: SWEET WHITE (Sponsor: Monacellars)		
1	Bass River 2023 Iced Sauvignon Blanc	86	BRONZE
2	Bass River 2022 Iced Sauvignon Blanc	85	BRONZE
3	Brandy Creek Estate 2018 Late Harvest Pinot Gris		
4	Lightfoot NV DARKFOOT	89	BRONZE
Comment:	<i>A few diverse styles</i>		
	CLASS 6: ROSÉ (Sponsor: Destination Gippsland)		
1	Blue Gables 2023 Rosé	92	SILVER
2	Cannibal Creek 2023 Rosé		
3	Gippsland Wine Company Rosato 2023		
4	Carrajung Estate 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon, Riesling		
5	Brandy Creek Estate 2019 Pinot Rosé	85	BRONZE
Comment	<i>A few wines showing freshness and clean winemaking</i>		



(Left) Cr Scott Rossetti, Wellington Shire Council, presents Ashton and Catherine Hicks with the Best Pinot Noir Top Gold and Trophy for the Blue Gables 2022 Ashton Pinot Noir.

(Right) Andrew Davidson, East Gippsland Shire, presents Marcus Satchell with the Top Gold and Trophy for the Dirty Three 2022 All The Dirts Chardonnay

Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	CLASS 7: PINOT NOIR (Sponsor: Wellington Shire)		
1	Lightfoot 2021 Cliff Block Pinot Noir	85	BRONZE
2	Lightfoot 2021 Renegade Pinot Noir		
3	Blue Gables 2022 Ashton Pinot Noir	96	TOP GOLD
4	Bass River 2022 - 1835 Pinot Noir	93	SILVER
5	Silverwaters Vineyard 2022 Pinot Noir	90	SILVER
6	Dirty Three Wines 2022 "Magic Dirt" Pinot Noir	95	GOLD
7	Fleet Wines 2022 Nostalgia Pinot Noir	87	BRONZE
8	Bass River 2022 - River Block Pinot Noir		
9	Cannibal Creek 2022 Pinot Noir	95	GOLD
10	Dirty Three Wines 2022 "All the Dirts" Pinot Noir	95	GOLD
11	Blackcoat Wines 2022 Single Vineyard Pinot Noir		
12	Gippsland Wine Company Pinot Noir 2022	86	BRONZE
13	Purple Hen Wines Purple Hen 2022 Pinot Noir	86	BRONZE
14	Fleet Wines 2023 Gippsland Pinot Noir		
15	Wyanga Park Winery 2023 Pinot Noir	85	BRONZE
Comment	<i>Lovely class to judge. Top four wines showed varying styles and were all excellent examples. Wines rewarded for showing lovely balance of tannin, fruit and oak.</i>		

Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	CLASS 8: SHIRAZ AND SHIRAZ DOMINANT BLENDS (Sponsor: Gippsland Funeral Services)		
1	Blue Gables Vineyard 2021 Keith Thomas Reserve Shiraz		
2	Glenmaggie Wines 2021 Shiraz		
3	Silverwaters Vineyard 2022 Shiraz	92	SILVER
4	French Island Vineyards 2022 Shiraz		
5	Purple Hen 2022 Shiraz	89	BRONZE
6	Blue Gables 2022 Hanratty Hill Shiraz	93	SILVER
7	Purple Hen Wines 2022 Rooster Shiraz	85	BRONZE
Comment	<i>Some wines showing lovely fruit intensity and handling. Watch oak handling sits in balance with fruit.</i>		



(Left) Caroline Rossetti, Gippsland Funeral Services, presents Errol Blanch with the award for Blue Gables Best Shiraz for the 2022 Hanratty Hill Shiraz.



(Right) Cr Scott Rae, South Gippsland Shire Council, presents Emily Van Der Walt with the Best Cabernet Sauvignon for the Silverwaters Vineyard 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon.

Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	CLASS 9: CABERNET SAUVIGNON VARIETIES AND BLENDS (Sponsor: South Gippsland Shire)		
1	Silverwaters Vineyard 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon	90	SILVER
2	Purple Hen 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon		
Comment	<i>One wine showed nice varietal drive.</i>		
	CLASS 10: OTHER RED VARIETIES AND BLENDS (Sponsor: Maffra Cheese Company)		
1	Bass River Winery, Bass River 2022 Merlot		
2	Blue Gables Vineyard, Blue Gables 2021 Sangiovese	84	BEST
3	Brandy Creek Estate 2019 Tempranillo		

Entry	CLASS	Score	Award
	CLASS 11: WHITE WINE OF PROVENANCE (Sponsor: Farmer's Daughters)		
1	Dirty Three Wines 2023, 2022, 2018 Riesling		
2	Bass River 2023, 2022, 2015 Riesling		
3	Carrajung Estate 2023, 2022, 2019 Sauvignon Blanc		
4	Bass River 2022, 2021, 2018 - 1835 Chardonnay		
5	Gippsland Wine Company Loch Chardonnay 2021, 2019, 2016		WINNER
	CLASS 12: RED WINE OF PROVENANCE (Sponsor: Brandt Equipment: Pakenham, Leongatha, Maffra branches)		
1	Cannibal Creek 2022, 2018, 2016 Pinot Noir		
2	Bass River 2022, 2021, 2016 - 1835 Pinot Noir		
3	Purple Hen Wines 2021, 2019, 2016		
4	Lightfoot Myrtle Point Pinot Noir 2021, 2018, 2013		
5	Dirty Three 2022, 2019, 2018 "All the Dirts" Pinot Noir		WINNER
6	Purple Hen The Rooster Pinot Noir 2021, 2018, 2016		



(Above) Tom Lightfoot accepts the Best Sweet White award for the Lightfoot NV Darkfoot, from Simon Kelton of Monacellers.



(Above) Christos Iliopoulos, representing Maffra Cheese Company, presents the Best Other Red award to Catherine Hicks for the Blue Gables 2021 Sangiovese.



(Above) Janine Hayes, of Destination Gippsland, presents Alistair Hicks with the Best Rosé for the Blue Gables 2023 Rosé.



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Our hosts, Adam and Julia Vardy of Mewburn Park Homestead for the stunning venue,
and Simon, Tanya and Gerard from the Tinamba Hotel for the delicious meal

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