

2022 James Halliday Grenache Challenge

The James Halliday Grenache Challenge (JHGC) gathers varietal Grenache wines from around Australia for a competitive tasting to celebrate and elevate the variety. The challenge takes aim at all producers from all regions, for an honest gauge of Australia's winemaking form and to catch the styles and movements developing across our landscape.

In the spirit of reconciliation, the McLaren Vale Wineshow acknowledges the Kaurna people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which McLaren Vale is situated today and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Important Dates:

Entries open: Monday 1st of August 2022

Entries close: Friday 9th of September 2022

No late entries will be accepted

Delivery of exhibits: Monday 26th September - Friday 30th of September 2022

Judging: Monday 17th of October 2022

Announcement of trophy/results: Friday 4th November 2022

Entry Criteria:

1. JHGC is open to table wines made from Australian Grenache.
2. Exhibits must be from a commercial bottling and bear a commercial label declaring:
 - a. Variety (must be single varietal Grenache)
 - b. Vintage year (all vintages are eligible, provided they are available for purchase)
 - c. A single region or sub region complying with an Australian GI
 - d. Labelled as "Grenache" only. GSM or other label blends are not eligible for the James Halliday Grenache Challenge.
3. Exhibits and their labels must comply with relevant State Acts and Commonwealth Acts, including the Wine Australia Label Integrity Program (LIP) <https://www.wineaustralia.com/selling/further-information/regulatory-services>
4. A single winery may enter as many eligible wines as they wish.
5. All information provided to the entry system must be made accurately and in good faith.
6. Entries (wines) must belong to the exhibitor and be current release / available for purchase at time of entry.
7. Exhibits (6 x 750mL bottle samples) become the property of the organiser thereafter and may be made available for promotional or tasting use.
8. Exhibitors must hold a minimum of 50 dozen (450L at the time of entry)
9. An entry fee of \$75 GST inclusive is payable for each entry.
10. The entry fee is payable on-line through the Showrunner entry system at the time of entry.
11. Entries will not be accepted until the entry fee is paid and may yet be disqualified at the discretion of the WineShow Co-Chairs and/or the Wine Show Committee. Fees for disqualified or withdrawn entries will not be refunded.
12. Wines that are disqualified or not received in time for judging become the property of the organiser, as per point 7 above, and will not be returned to the exhibitor.

How to Enter

Submit entries online at <https://mclarenvale.info/JHGC>

*****IF YOU ARE ENTERING THE JAMES HALLIDAY GRENACHE CHALLENGE ONLY (I.E NON MCLAREN VALE GI WINES), PLEASE SELECT "JAMES HALLIDAY GRENACHE CHALLENGE" FROM THE CLASS CATEGORY, AND THEN CLASS 33. DO NOT SELECT 'RED WINE' IN THE CLASS CATEGORY*****

Delivery

Exhibits must arrive during the window outlined above and be delivered to:

McLaren Vale Bottlers/Serafino Wines, 39 Kangarilla Road, McLaren Vale SA 5171 (Delivery hours 9:00am to 2:00pm). *** Exhibits delivered to PO Box or alternative addresses will not be received***

Contact for deliveries only: warehouse@mclarenvalebottlers.com.au or call Dan Sanchez on 0402 693 680

For interstate deliveries please email warehouse@mclarenvalebottlers.com.au if you require clarification on sending in your exhibits

Labels

Labels for entries will be emailed to the exhibitor at least 1 week **after** entries close.

Labels will be emailed in 6 to a page, Avery L7166 format. Extra labels may be discarded.

Exhibitors must print their own labels and affix to exhibit bottles prior to sending exhibits to the Wineshow.

Please affix labels so as to cover as little of the commercial label as possible.

Judging

Entries will be tasted blind in regional classes/brackets, vintage detail may be provided to judges.

Top golds from each class will proceed to a blind trophy taste-off.

Wines will be scored on a 100-point scale

The James Halliday Grenache Challenge overall winner will be the wine with the highest score.

The Winemaker of the winning wine will be invited to guest judge at the James Halliday Grenache Challenge in the following year.

Audit

A random audit of any entry may be conducted as per current ASVO guidelines and may result in disqualification of any exhibit not fulfilling entry criteria.

Privacy

Information submitted in the entry process will be used in the running of the JHGC and surrounding activities. It may be further used to contact exhibitors and invite entries for subsequent shows. MVGWTA does not disclose entry information publicly or pass on entry information to third parties other than that which is relevant to the publishing of results.

Enquiries

The James Halliday Grenache Challenge is operated by the volunteers of the McLaren Vale wine show committee (Co-chaired by Jolene Swayn – Haselgrove Wines and Paul Carpenter – Longline Wines) and the McLaren Vale Grape Wine and Tourism Association.

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