Class 1: Sparkling White, MC or Transfer. Dry Styles.

				Class	#	Score	Medal
DiGiorgio Family Wines	2023	Blanc de Blanc	Mount Gambier	1	1	88.0	Bronze
Whistle Post Estate	2022	Traditional Method- Pinot Noir Chardonnay	Coonawarra	1	2	86.5	Bronze
Cuvée-Co Wines	2021	Cuvée Nessa Blanc de Blancs	Mount Gambier	1	3	96.0	Gold
Padthaway Estate	2020	Eliza Blanc de Blancs	Padthaway	1	4	88.5	Bronze
Grey-Smith	2019	Mt Gambier Blanc de Blancs	Mount Gambier	1	5	85.5	Bronze
Eight at the Gate	NV	Jillian Pearl Blanc de blanc	Wrattonbully	1	6	90.5	Silver
Grey-smith	2019	Coonawarra Blanc de Blancs	Coonawarra	1	7	95.0	Gold

Class 1 Comments:

wow! these wines have come along way over the past decade.
very exciting to see such delicious examples on offer

Class 2: Sparkling White, any method.

				Class	#	Score	Medal
Werkstatt	2025	2025 Pétillant Naturel Riesling	Mount Gambier	2	1	82.0	
Glendon Park	2015	Cluaran Riesling Brut	Padthaway	2	2	84.0	
Cuvée-Co Wines	NV	Ada's Prosecco	Limestone Coast	2	3	87.0	Bronze
Raidis Estate	2024	Emma	Coonawarra	2	4	84.5	
Leconfield Wines	NV	Syn Chardonnay/Pinot Noir	Coonawarra	2	5	82.5	
Patrick of Coonawarra	NV	P Series by Patrick	Limestone Coast	2	6	85.0	Bronze
Stonehaven	NV	Stepping Stone	Limestone Coast	2	7	82.0	
Cape Jaffa Wines	2024	Sparkling Chardonnay	Mount Gambier	2	8	83.5	
Leconfield Wines	NV	Blanc de Blancs	Coonawarra	2	9	86.0	Bronze
Cuvée-Co Wines	NV	Fizzy Issy	Wrattonbully	2	10	84.0	
Eight at the Gate	NV	Sparkling Blanc	Wrattonbully	2	11	90.0	Silver

Class 2 Comments:

lots of diversity in this class, freshness line and length should as always be the focus....complexity on top of the basics...

Class 3: Sparkling White, any method, RS >15g/L.				Class	#	Score	Medal
Wangolina	2025	Birds of a Feather Moscato	Limestone Coast	3	1	93.0	Silver

Class 3 Comments:

what a cracking wine this is, beautiful sweetness with a dry finish
well done!

Class 4: Sparkling Rose, any style.				Class	#	Score	Medal
Cuvée-Co Wines	2022	2022 Ivy Elliot Rosé	Robe	4	1	86.0	Bronze
DiGiorgio Family Wines	2023	Sparkling Pinot Noir	Coonawarra	4	2	95.0	Gold
Woodsoak Wines	NV	Zaahira Sparkling	Robe	4	3	86.0	Bronze
Karatta Wines	NV	SS Karatta	Robe	4	4	84.0	
Padthaway Estate	2021	Eliza Brut Rose	Padthaway	4	5	92.0	Silver
Cuvée-Co Wines	NV	Ivy Elliot Rosé	Robe	4	6	84.0	
Norfolk Rise Vineyards	2023	Estate Summer Sparkling	Mount Benson	4	7	84.0	
Mount Benson Estate	2021	Bubbling Rose Of Syrah	Mount Benson	4	8	80.5	

Class 4 Comments:

a challenging class to judge with freshness at times the counterpoint to complexity. Achieving both is a challenge but what the best wines have.

Class 5: Sparkling Red, any style and sweetness.				Class	#	Score	Medal
DiGiorgio Family Wines	2023	Sparkling Coonawarra Merlot	Coonawarra	5	1	82.5	
Zema Estate	2024	Sparkling Merlot	Coonawarra	5	2	88.0	Bronze
Coonawarra Temperance	2022	'Brilla' Barbera	Coonawarra	5	3	84.0	
Barristers Block Wines	2021	Rouge	Wrattonbully	5	4	90.0	Silver
Eight at the Gate	NV	Sparkling Shiraz	Wrattonbully	5	5	92.0	Silver

Class 5 Comments:

some great wines here for the sparkling red enthusiast.
the sweetness of Shiraz is compelling and a great varietal for sparkling, the herbal edges from merlot create a dryness that requires closer attention

Class 6: Sweet or Fortified Wine, any vintage, > 1.0 Be.

				Class	#	Score	Medal
Yalumba	2023	FSW Botrytis Viognier	Wrattonbully	6	1	93.0	Silver
Leconfield Wines	2021	Late Harvest Riesling	Coonawarra	6	2	95.0	Gold
DiGiorgio Family Wines	2018	Botrytis Semillon	Limestone Coast	6	3	91.0	Silver
Majella Wines	2024	Majella Ruby	Coonawarra	6	4	90.0	Silver

Class 6 Comments:

who doesn't love a sweetie!
these are are all great wines but the freshness and clean finish on the Riesling was compelling winner

Class 7: Rose - Rose, any vintage.

				Class	#	Score	Medal
Reschke	2025	R-series	Limestone Coast	7	1	96.0	Gold
Barristers Block Wines	2025	'Charlize'	Wrattonbully	7	2	82.0	
Mezzo	2025	Rose	Limestone Coast	7	3	93.0	Silver
The Hidden Sea	2025	Rose	Mount Benson	7	4	88.0	Bronze
Cape Jaffa Wines	2025	Rose	Mount Benson	7	5	88.0	Bronze
Patrick of Coonawarra	2025	P Series by Patrick	Wrattonbully	7	6	88.0	Bronze
Woodsoak Wines	2025	Rani Rose	Robe	7	7	1.0	
Rymill Coonawarra	2025	Pioneers Rose	Coonawarra	7	8	85.0	Bronze
Stonehaven	2025	Stepping Stone	Limestone Coast	7	9	95.0	Gold
Landaire	2025	Rose	Padthaway	7	10	90.0	Silver
Majella Wines	2025	Majella Rose	Coonawarra	7	11	88.0	Bronze
Raidis Estate	2025	Laila	Coonawarra	7	12	83.0	
Norfolk Rise Vineyards	2025	Estate Rose	Mount Benson	7	13	90.0	Silver
Wangolina	2024	A-Series Rosato	Limestone Coast	7	14	82.0	
DiGiorgio Family Wines	2024	Pinot Noir Rose'	Coonawarra	7	15	88.0	Bronze

Class 7 Comments:

A bright and vibrant class of wines with freshness, vitality and drinkability. The top wines showed lovely poise, balance and texture alongside complexity and acidity. The lesser wines showed brown hues, dilute fruit or ferment issues

Class 8P: Wine of Provenance - DRY WHITE.

				Class	#	Score	Medal
Patrick of Coonawarra	NV	2025 Two Blocks Riesling	Coonawarra	8P	1	89.0	Bronze
DiGiorgio Family Wines	NV	Coonawarra Chardonnay	Coonawarra	8P	3	0.0	Withdrawn
Raidis Estate	2025	The Kid	Coonawarra	8P	4	95.0	Gold

Class 8P Comments:

interesting to see the development across the range of vintages.

Class 11P: Wine of Provenance - DRY RED.

				Class	#	Score	Medal
St Hugo	2022	Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	11P	1	96.0	Gold
Yalumba	2021	The Menzies Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	11P	2	87.5	Bronze
Barristers Block	NV	JP Series	Wrattonbully	11P	3	85.5	Bronze
Yalumba	2015	The Menzies Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	11P	4	58.5	
Majella Wines	2022	Majella Cabernet	Coonawarra	11P	5	95.0	Gold
Yalumba	2010	The Menzies Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	11P	6	58.5	
Digiorgio Family Wines	NV	Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	11P	7	0.0	Withdrawn
Malone	NV	Malone Cabernet	Wrattonbully	11P	8	88.0	Bronze
Orlando	2021	Jacaranda Ridge Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	11P	9	86.5	Bronze
Redman Wines	2021	Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	11P	10	89.0	Bronze
Raidis Estate	2024	Wild Goat	Coonawarra	11P	11	87.5	Bronze
Malone	NV	Malone Shiraz	Wrattonbully	11P	12	86.5	Bronze
Orlando	2021	Lawson's Padthaway Shiraz	Padthaway	11P	13	87.5	Bronze
Farmer's Leap Wines	2022	'The Brave' Shiraz	Padthaway	11P	14	85.5	Bronze
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2022	John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	11P	15	95.0	Gold

Class 11P Comments:

A wonderful class showing the rich history of viticulture and winemaking across the Limestone Coast. The three top entries were faultless in their expression, quality and presence across their three vintages. Some of the other wines were showing some premature development or lacked varietal concentration or complexity. A fantastic class of wines that were a true joy to taste each and every individual entry and consider them in the context of their three wines entered. Well done.

Class 14: Museum Wine - DRY WHITE > 4 years old (2021 or older).

				Class	#	Score	Medal
PATRICK OF COONAWARRA	2017	BLOCK 5 AGED	Coonawarra	14	1	95.0	Gold
Ottelia	2017	Riesling	Mount Gambier	14	2	90.5	Silver
Ottelia	2015	Riesling	Mount Gambier	14	3	89.0	Bronze
Landaire	2019	Chardonnay	Padthaway	14	4	84.0	
Grey-Smith	2018	2018 Chardonnay	Mount Gambier	14	5	84.0	
Browns of Padthaway	2017	Melba FR Chardonnay	Padthaway	14	6	87.0	Bronze
Browns of Padthaway	2015	Melba FR Chardonnay	Padthaway	14	7	84.0	

Class 14 Comments:

Top wine has aged really well, shows wax, lime, honeysuckle, crème brûlée. Very fresh and holding well for a wine nearly 10 years old. Chardonnays were a little hit and miss and a couple haven't aged well.

Class 15: Museum Wine - DRY RED > 7 years old (2018 or older).

				Class	#	Score	Medal
Carillion Wines	2018	Origins Block 22 Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattonbully	15	1	81.0	
Brands Laira	2018	One Seven One Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	15	2	95.0	Gold
Reschke	2017	Bos	Coonawarra	15	3	86.0	Bronze
Malone	2017	Malone Cabernet	Wrattonbully	15	4	87.0	Bronze
Majella Wines	2016	Majella Cabernet	Coonawarra	15	5	91.0	Silver
Pepper Tree Wines	2016	P.J.P. Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattonbully	15	6	86.5	Bronze
PATRICK OF COONAWARRA	2015	GRANDE RESERVE	Coonawarra	15	7	84.0	
Pepper Tree Wines	2013	Block 21A Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattonbully	15	8	90.0	Silver
Majella Wines	2013	Majella Cabernet	Coonawarra	15	9	88.0	Bronze
Whistle Post Estate	2012	Whistle Post 2012 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	15	10	92.0	Silver
Browns of Padthaway	2015	Edward FR Malbec	Padthaway	15	11	87.0	Bronze
Malone	2018	Malone Shiraz	Wrattonbully	15	12	84.0	
Farmer's Leap Wines	2018	'The Brave' Shiraz	Padthaway	15	13	82.5	
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2018	Michael Shiraz	Coonawarra	15	14	95.0	Gold
Barristers Block Wines	2018	The Bully	Wrattonbully	15	15	87.5	Bronze
Landaire	2016	Shiraz	Padthaway	15	16	87.5	Bronze

Class 15 Comments:

some terrific wines here and the best of course are the freshest.
the best wines are well made and bottle maturation conditions are critical to ensure slow progress

Class 16: Riesling, current to 4 years old (2025-2022).

				Class	#	Score	Medal
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2025	Riesling	Coonawarra	16	1	85.5	Bronze
Ottelia	2025	Riesling	Mount Gambier	16	2	83.0	
Reschke	2025	R-series	Limestone Coast	16	3	91.0	Silver
Leconfield Wines	2025	Old Vine Riesling	Coonawarra	16	4	86.0	Bronze
Stonehaven	2025	Stepping Stone	Limestone Coast	16	5	95.0	Gold
Majella Wines	2025	Majella Riesling	Coonawarra	16	6	86.0	Bronze
Stonehaven	2025	Limited Vineyard Release	Padthaway	16	7	92.0	Silver
Werkstatt	2025	2025 Mount Gambier Riesling	Mount Gambier	16	8	85.0	Bronze
Patrick of Coonawarra	2025	Two Blocks	Coonawarra	16	9	95.0	Gold
DiGiorgio Family wines	2025	Kongorong Riesling	Mount Gambier	16	10	96.0	Gold
Raidis Estate	2025	The Kid	Coonawarra	16	11	84.0	
Norfolk Rise Vineyards	2025	High and Dry Riesling	Mount Benson	16	12	88.0	Bronze
Coola Road	2025	Riesling	Mount Gambier	16	13	84.0	
Glendon Park	2024	Riesling	Padthaway	16	14	87.5	Bronze
Brands Laira	2024	Old Station Riesling	Coonawarra	16	15	88.0	Bronze

Class 16 Comments:

what a delicious bracket of wines and fast becoming an even more important varietal for the region. The top wines show great balance of varietal expression, acidity, sugar and phenolics. and some very handy silver medals also. drink up!

Class 17: Sauvignon Blanc (including blends), current to 4 years old (2025-2022).

				Class	#	Score	Medal
Wangolina	2025	Limestone Coast Sauvignon Blanc	Mount Benson	17	1	95.0	Gold
Stonehaven	2025	Stepping Stone	Limestone Coast	17	2	87.0	Bronze
Rymill Coonawarra	2025	Yearling Sauvignon Blanc	Coonawarra	17	3	84.5	
Raidis Estate	2025	The Kelpie	Coonawarra	17	4	90.0	Silver
The Hidden Sea	2025	Sauvignon Blanc	Limestone Coast	17	5	83.0	
Koonara Wines	2025	Angels Footprints Sauvignon Blanc	Mount Gambier	17	6	90.0	Silver
Woodsoak Wines	2025	Santi Sauvignon Blanc	Limestone Coast	17	7	84.0	
Reschke	2025	Bull Trader	Padthaway	17	8	83.5	
Ottelia	2025	Sauvignon Blanc	Mount Gambier	17	9	86.5	Bronze
Reschke	2025	R-series	Limestone Coast	17	10	83.5	
Hollick	2025	Coonawarra Sauvignon Blanc	Coonawarra	17	11	82.5	

Wangolina	2025	The Originals Sauvignon Blanc	Mount Benson	17	12	83.5	
Brands Laira	2025	Old Station Sauvignon Blanc	Coonawarra	17	13	89.5	Bronze
Cape Jaffa Wines	2025	Sauvignon Blanc	Mount Benson	17	14	84.0	
Rymill Coonawarra	2025	Pioneers Sauvignon Blanc	Coonawarra	17	15	90.0	Silver
Patrick of Coonawarra	2025	P Series by Patrick	Limestone Coast	17	16	82.5	
Norfolk Rise Vineyards	2025	Estate Sauvignon Blanc	Mount Benson	17	17	96.0	Gold
Carpenter Rocks	2025	Sauvignon Blanc	Mount Gambier	17	18	82.0	
Zema Estate	2025	Sauvignon Blanc	Coonawarra	17	19	87.0	Bronze
Coola Wines	2023	Sauvignon Blanc	Mount Gambier	17	20	84.0	
Mount Benson Estate	2022	Sauvignon Blanc	Mount Benson	17	21	84.0	
Patrick of Coonawarra	2025	P Series by Patrick	Limestone Coast	17	22	0.0	Withdrawn

Class 17 Comments:

Wide range of styles, best wines have freshness, lovely line, texture and drive. Some wines were light framed, dilute and lacking the freshness needed in this style.

Class 18: Pinot Gris/Pinot Grigio, current to 4 years old (2025-2022).				**Class**	**#**	**Score**	**Medal**
Stonehaven	2025	Stepping Stone	Limestone Coast	18	1	88.0	Bronze
Barristers Block Wines	2025	Homes Series	Limestone Coast	18	2	90.0	Silver
Reschke	2025	R-Series	Limestone Coast	18	3	94.0	Silver
Cape Jaffa Wines	2025	En Soleil Pinot Gris	Mount Benson	18	4	90.0	Silver
Smith & Hooper	2025	Pinot Grigio	Wrattonbully	18	5	82.0	
Sfera Wines	2025	Sfera Pinot Grigio	Limestone Coast	18	6	84.0	
Ottelia	2025	Pinot Gris	Limestone Coast	18	7	96.0	Gold
Carpenter Rocks	2025	Pinot Gris	Mount Gambier	18	8	92.0	Silver
Peppe Tree	2025	Limited Release B17 Pinot Gris	Wrattonbully	18	9	89.0	Bronze
Brand & Sons	2025	CommonGround Pinot Gris	Limestone Coast	18	10	86.0	Bronze
Wangolina	2025	Limestone Coast Pinot Gris	Mount Benson	18	11	82.0	
Raidis Estate	2025	Cheeky Goat	Coonawarra	18	12	84.0	
Pepper Tree	2025	ALT Series Pinot Grigio	Wrattonbully	18	13	82.0	
Norfolk Rise Vineyards	2025	Estate Pinot Grigio	Mount Benson	18	14	95.0	Gold
Eight at the Gate	2024	Single Vineyard Pinot Gris	Wrattonbully	18	15	88.0	Bronze

Class 18 Comments:

A lovely class of pinot gris/grigio with a diverse range of styles showcasing the varietal expression. The top wines were bright, well balanced with good fruit concentration and expression. The lesser wines were disjointed, out of balance or lacking fruit, or had perceived ferment issues.

Class 19: Other white, current to 4 years old (2025-2022).

				Class	#	Score	Medal
Landaire	2025	Fiano	Padthaway	19	1	93.0	Silver
Wangolina	2025	A-Series Fiano	Limestone Coast	19	2	87.5	Bronze
Bloomfield	2025	Grüner	Mount Benson	19	3	84.0	
Wangolina	2024	A-Series Gruner Veltliner	Mount Benson	19	4	89.5	Bronze
Wangolina	2024	Seasons Malvasia istriana	Mount Benson	19	5	88.0	Bronze
Rymill Coonawarra	2025	Pioneers Gewurztraminer	Coonawarra	19	6	83.0	
Ottelia	2025	Anytime White	Padthaway	19	7	84.5	

Class 19 Comments:

Pretty disappointing class apart from the two fiano wines that were nice examples without being great wines.

Class 20: Chardonnay, current to 4 years old (2025-2022).

				Class	#	Score	Medal
Reschke	2025	Bull Trader	Padthaway	20	1	86.5	Bronze
Katnook Estate	2025	Founders Block Chardonnay	Coonawarra	20	2	86.0	Bronze
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2025	Chardonnay	Coonawarra	20	3	85.5	Bronze
Stonehaven	2025	Reserve	Padthaway	20	4	83.5	
Rymill Coonawarra	2025	Pioneers Chardonnay	Coonawarra	20	5	84.0	
Stonehaven	2025	Stepping Stone	Limestone Coast	20	6	86.0	Bronze
Stonehaven	2025	Limited Vineyard Release	Padthaway	20	7	83.0	
Eight at the Gate	2024	Single Vineyard Chardonnay	Wrattonbully	20	8	88.0	Bronze
Leconfield Wines	2024	Chardonnay	Coonawarra	20	9	95.0	Gold
Majella Wines	2024	Majella Chardonnay	Coonawarra	20	10	91.0	Silver
Cape Jaffa Wines	2024	Chardonnay	Mount Gambier	20	11	85.5	Bronze
Brands Laira	2024	Blockers Chardonnay	Coonawarra	20	12	84.0	
Woodsoak Wines	2024	Mayur Chardonnay	Limestone Coast	20	13	88.5	Bronze
Ottelia	2024	Chardonnay	Limestone Coast	20	14	83.0	
Balnaves of Coonawarra	2024	Chardonnay	Coonawarra	20	15	95.0	Gold
The Hidden Sea	2024	Chardonnay	Limestone Coast	20	16	88.0	Bronze
Hollick	2024	Bond Road	Coonawarra	20	17	86.0	Bronze
Vandenberg	2024	Chardonnay	Limestone Coast	20	18	88.0	Bronze
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2024	Messenger Chardonnay	Coonawarra	20	19	86.0	Bronze

Landaire	2024	Chardonnay	Padthaway	20	20	91.0	Silver
Land of Tomorrow	2024	Wrattonbully Chardonnay	Wrattonbully	20	21	87.0	Bronze
Wangolina	2024	Limestone Coast Chardonnay	Padthaway	20	22	87.0	Bronze
Eight at the Gate	2024	Family Selection Chardonnay	Wrattonbully	20	23	93.0	Silver
Farmer's Leap Wines	2024	Farmer's Leap Chardonnay	Padthaway	20	24	84.0	
Landaire	2023	Chardonnay	Padthaway	20	25	96.0	Gold
Patrick of Coonawarra	2023	Méthode Oakre	Coonawarra	20	26	82.0	
Carpenter Rocks	2023	Chardonnay	Limestone Coast	20	27	81.0	
GWB Wine Estates	2023	High Wheeler Chardonnay	Coonawarra	20	28	85.0	Bronze
Landaire	2022	Chardonnay	Padthaway	20	29	92.0	Silver
Digiorgio Family Wines	2022	Coonawarra Chardonnay	Coonawarra	20	30	82.0	
Grey-Smith Wines	2022	Mt Gambier Chardonnay (still)	Mount Gambier	20	31	85.0	Bronze
GWB Wine Estates	2022	Over the Line Chardonnay	Coonawarra	20	32	84.0	
Trescowthick Wines	2025	Free Lance	Coonawarra	20	33	89.0	Bronze

Class 20 Comments:

the best examples are a guiding light for producers, great examples of what can be achieved in the region. terrific wines

Class 21: Merlot, current to 7 years old (2025-2019).				**Class #**		**Score**	**Medal**
Reschke	2025	R-series	Limestone Coast	21	1	88.5	Bronze
Riddoch	2024	Coonawarra Merlot	Coonawarra	21	2	86.0	Bronze
Reschke	2024	Bull Trader	Coonawarra	21	3	92.0	Silver
George Wyndham	2024	Bin 999 Merlot	Limestone Coast	21	4	96.0	Gold
Riddoch	2023	The Investor Coonawarra Merlot	Coonawarra	21	5	95.0	Gold
Leconfield Wines	2022	Merlot	Coonawarra	21	6	84.5	
Banks Thargo	2022	Merlot	Coonawarra	21	7	87.0	Bronze
Smith & Hooper	2019	Reserve Merlot	Wrattonbully	21	8	84.5	

Class 21 Comments:

Two golds - plush and dense, showing how drinkable and delicious Merlot should be.

Class 22: Single Red Varietal - French Heritage, current to 7 years old (2025-2019).				Class	#	Score	Medal
Rymill Coonawarra	2025	Pioneers Pinot Meunier	Coonawarra	22	1	1.0	
Reschke	2025	Bull Trader	Padthaway	22	2	88.0	Bronze
Stonehaven	2025	Limited Vineyard Release	Padthaway	22	3	85.0	Bronze
Reschke	2025	R-series	Limestone Coast	22	4	85.0	Bronze
Stonehaven	2025	Stepping Stone	Limestone Coast	22	5	87.0	Bronze
Padthaway Estate	2024	PN Pinot Noir	Padthaway	22	6	83.0	
Hollick	2024	Pinot Noir	Coonawarra	22	7	91.0	Silver
Karatta	2024	Hares Tail Pinot Noir	Robe	22	8	85.0	Bronze
Woodsoak Wines	2024	Pyaar Pinot Noir	Robe	22	9	88.0	Bronze
Werkstatt	2024	2024 Mount Gambier Pinot Noir	Mount Gambier	22	10	82.0	
Karatta	2024	Gold Miners Trek	Robe	22	11	95.0	Gold
The Hidden Sea	2024	Pinot Noir	Limestone Coast	22	12	84.0	
DiGiorgio Family Wines	2023	Kongorong Pinot Noir	Mount Gambier	22	13	84.0	
Patrick of Coonawarra	2022	Two Blocks	Mount Gambier	22	14	80.0	
Glendon Park	2021	Henry Pinot Noir	Padthaway	22	15	93.0	Silver
Leconfield Wines	2024	Cabernet Franc	Coonawarra	22	16	89.0	Bronze
Parker Estate	2024	Small Batch Cabernet Franc	Coonawarra	22	17	96.0	Gold
Rymill Coonawarra	2023	Pioneers cf Cab Franc	Coonawarra	22	18	88.0	Bronze
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2024	Single vineyard Cabernet Franc	Coonawarra	22	19	94.0	Silver
Padthaway Estate	2024	PV Petit Verdot	Padthaway	22	20	95.0	Gold
Leconfield Wines	2022	Petit Verdot	Coonawarra	22	21	83.0	
Stonehaven	2023	Stepping Stone	Limestone Coast	22	22	92.0	Silver
Pepper Tree	2023	ALT Series Malbec	Wrattonbully	22	23	87.0	Bronze

Class 22 Comments:

A great class showing vibrancy, fine silky tannins and great fruit expression. The top wines of the varieties showed exceptional varietal definition and expression alongside fruit tension and complexity. The lesser wines showed development, lack of fruit vibrancy or winemaking faults.

Class 23: Single Red Varietal - Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish Heritage, current to 7 years old (2025-2019).				Class	#	Score	Medal
Redman Wines	2024	Sangoivese	Limestone Coast	23	1	86.0	Bronze
DiGiorgio Family wines	2022	Tempranillo	Limestone Coast	23	2	83.5	
Bloomfield	2025	Mencia	Limestone Coast	23	3	95.5	Gold

Wangolina	2023	A-Series Mencia	Limestone Coast	23	4	84.0	
Hollick	2024	Gondolier Barbera	Coonawarra	23	5	87.0	Bronze
Cape Jaffa Wines	2024	Barbera	Wrattonbully	23	6	84.0	
Pepper Tree	2023	ALT Series Barbera	Wrattonbully	23	7	90.0	Silver
Wangolina	2024	A-Series Dolcetto	Limestone Coast	23	8	93.0	Silver
Wangolina	2023	A-Series Lagrein	Limestone Coast	23	9	87.0	Bronze
Wangolina	2024	A-Series Montepulciano	Limestone Coast	23	10	88.0	Bronze
Sfera Wines	2023	Sfera Montepulciano	Limestone Coast	23	11	82.0	
DiGiorgio Family Wines	2023	Head in the Clouds Montepulciano	Limestone Coast	23	12	95.0	Gold

Class 23 Comments:

such an exciting and fun class to judge, the best wines have been made with preservation of fruit in mind rather than winemaking artefact. Varietals that taste like the varietal, keep up the good work!

Class 24: Blended Red - containing Shiraz, current to 7 years old (2025-2019).				**Class #**		**Score**	**Medal**
Raidis Estate	2024	Riley	Coonawarra	24	1	85.5	Bronze
Majella Wines	2024	The Musician	Coonawarra	24	2	96.0	Gold
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2024	V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz	Coonawarra	24	3	90.5	Silver
Majella Wines	2023	The Musician	Coonawarra	24	4	90.0	Silver
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2023	The Siding Cabernet Shiraz Malbec Merlot	Coonawarra	24	5	95.0	Gold
Redman Wines	2022	The Redman	Coonawarra	24	6	85.5	Bronze
Leconfield Wines	2022	DGR	Coonawarra	24	7	85.5	Bronze
Majella Wines	2022	The Musician	Coonawarra	24	8	92.0	Silver
Majella Wines	2021	Malleea	Coonawarra	24	9	90.0	Silver
Eight at the Gate	2021	Single Vineyard Cabernet Shiraz	Wrattonbully	24	10	95.0	Gold
Brand & Sons	2023	'Night Owls' Shiraz Malbec	Coonawarra	24	11	85.5	Bronze
Farmer's Leap Wines	2023	Pillar Box Red	Padthaway	24	12	87.5	Bronze
Coonawarra Temperance	2022	The Great Australian Blend	Coonawarra	24	13	81.5	
Lindemans Wines	2022	Limestone Ridge	Coonawarra	24	14	91.0	Silver
Hotel Paddock Wines	2021	Single Vineyard - The Red Blend	Coonawarra	24	15	88.0	Bronze
Hotel Paddock Wines	2020	Single Vineyard - The Red Blend	Coonawarra	24	16	86.0	Bronze

Class 24 Comments:

Pretty strong class, top wines showing great perfume, tannin ripeness and oak balance. Stronger vintages shone through with a few wines starting to show signs of development.

Class 25: Blended Red - other red blends, current to 7 years old (2025-2019).

				Class	#	Score	Medal
Rymill Coonawarra	2024	Pioneers mc2	Coonawarra	25	1	87.5	Bronze
Riddoch	2024	Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	Coonawarra	25	2	86.5	Bronze
Balnaves of Coonawarra	2024	Cabernet Merlot	Coonawarra	25	3	96.0	Gold
Riddoch	2023	The Representative Coonawarra Cabernet Merlot	Coonawarra	25	4	86.5	Bronze
Cape Jaffa Wines	2023	Cabernet Petit Verdot	Mount Benson	25	5	86.0	Bronze
Smith & Hooper	2023	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	Wrattonbully	25	6	86.5	Bronze
Brands Laira	2022	Blockers Cabernet Merlot	Coonawarra	25	7	95.0	Gold
Leconfield Wines	2022	Reserve Cabernets	Coonawarra	25	8	84.0	
DiGiorgio Family Wines	2022	Coonawarra Emporio	Coonawarra	25	9	84.0	
Riddoch	2022	The Representative Coonawarra Cabernet Merlot	Coonawarra	25	10	85.0	Bronze
Lindemans Wines	2022	Pyrus	Coonawarra	25	11	95.0	Gold
Zema Estate	2022	Cluny	Coonawarra	25	12	88.5	Bronze
Redman Wines	2021	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	Coonawarra	25	13	92.0	Silver
Zema Estate	2021	Cluny	Coonawarra	25	14	88.5	Bronze
Banks Thargo	2019	Paroo Bagman	Coonawarra	25	15	89.5	Bronze

Class 25 Comments:

Really strong class and three gold medals. Top wines show the classic power and finesse shown by blending Shiraz with Cabernet. Powerful and somewhat traditional styled wines. Best wines showing freshness, power and great integration.

Class 26: Blended Red - alternative/non-traditional red blends, current to 7 years old.

				Class	#	Score	Medal
Maekawa Wines	2024	VDT	Padthaway	26	1	83.0	
Brands Laira	2022	August Tide Red Blend	Coonawarra	26	2	90.0	Silver
Sfera Wines	2021	Rosso Blend	Limestone Coast	26	3	85.0	Bronze

Class 26 Comments:

Small class, couple of nice wines.

Class 27: Shiraz, current to 2 years old (2025-2023).

				Class	#	Score	Medal
Stonehaven	2024	Limited Vineyard Release	Mount Benson	27	1	95.0	Gold
Raidis Estate	2024	Wild Goat	Coonawarra	27	2	86.0	Bronze
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2024	The Siding Shiraz	Coonawarra	27	3	90.0	Silver
Rymill Coonawarra	2024	Pioneers Shiraz	Coonawarra	27	4	92.0	Silver
Riddoch	2024	Coonawarra Shiraz	Coonawarra	27	5	91.0	Silver
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2024	V&A Lane Shiraz	Coonawarra	27	6	93.0	Silver
Riddoch	2024	Elgin's Crossing Coonawarra Shiraz	Coonawarra	27	7	86.0	Bronze
Wangolina	2024	Originals Syrah	Mount Benson	27	8	92.0	Silver
Boston Bay Wines	2024	Icon Series	Wrattonbully	27	9	85.0	Bronze
Balnaves of Coonawarra	2024	Shiraz	Coonawarra	27	10	90.0	Silver
Brand & Sons	2023	'Fire & Ice' Shiraz	Coonawarra	27	11	85.0	Bronze
Farmer's Leap Wines	2023	Random Shot Shiraz	Padthaway	27	12	85.0	Bronze
Bowen Estate	2023	Bowen Estate Coonawarra Shiraz	Coonawarra	27	13	80.0	
Majella Wines	2023	Majella Shiraz	Coonawarra	27	14	87.0	Bronze
Redman Wines	2023	Shiraz	Coonawarra	27	15	96.0	Gold
Vandenberg	2023	Ari Silver Shiraz	Mount Benson	27	16	90.0	Silver
Cape Jaffa Wines	2023	Shiraz	Mount Benson	27	17	84.0	
Rymill Coonawarra	2023	Classic Shiraz	Coonawarra	27	18	88.0	Bronze
Redman Wines	2023	The Last Row Shiraz	Coonawarra	27	19	84.0	
Hollick	2023	Coonawarra Syrah	Coonawarra	27	20	93.0	Silver

Class 27 Comments:

A bright and vibrant class with a few different styles. The top wines showed great vibrancy and expression with fruit texture and tannin. The lesser wines were underfruited, dilute on the palate or having a few faults.

Class 28: Shiraz, 3 years old (2022).

				Class	#	Score	Medal
Stonehaven	2022	Limited Vineyard Release	Padthaway	28	1	86.5	Bronze
Redman Wines	2022	The Last Row Shiraz	Coonawarra	28	2	84.0	
Reschke	2022	Bull Trader	Limestone Coast	28	3	96.0	Gold
Eight at the Gate	2022	Family Selection Shiraz	Wrattonbully	28	4	86.5	Bronze
Farmer's Leap Wines	2022	'The Brave' Shiraz	Padthaway	28	5	84.0	
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2022	Old Vines Shiraz	Coonawarra	28	6	83.5	

Cape Jaffa Wines	2022	Shiraz Ensoleil	Mount Benson	28	7	86.0	Bronze
Stonehaven	2022	Limited Vineyard Release	Wrattonbully	28	8	84.0	
Parker Estate	2022	Kidman Block	Coonawarra	28	9	90.0	Silver
St Hugo	2022	DR3 Shiraz	Coonawarra	28	10	92.0	Silver
Riddoch	2022	The Wine Grower Coonawarra Shiraz	Coonawarra	28	11	88.0	Bronze
Reschke	2022	R-series	Coonawarra	28	12	85.0	Bronze
Zema Estate	2022	Shiraz	Coonawarra	28	13	90.0	Silver
Katnook Estate	2022	Prodigy Shiraz	Coonawarra	28	14	96.0	Gold
Riddoch	2022	The Author Coonawarra Shiraz	Coonawarra	28	15	85.5	Bronze
Farmer's Leap Wines	2022	Brian Shiraz	Padthaway	28	16	93.0	Silver
Redman Wines	2022	Shiraz	Coonawarra	28	17	82.5	
Orlando	2022	Lawson's Padthaway Shiraz	Padthaway	28	18	84.5	
DiGiorgio Family Wines	2022	Coonawarra Shiraz	Coonawarra	28	19	85.5	Bronze
Katnook Estate	2022	Shiraz	Coonawarra	28	20	95.0	Gold
Stonehaven	2022	Stepping Stone	Limestone Coast	28	21	89.0	Bronze
Barristers Block Wines	2022	'The Bully' Shiraz	Wrattonbully	28	22	87.5	Bronze
Brands Laira	2022	Tall Vines Shiraz	Coonawarra	28	23	95.0	Gold
Reschke	2022	Vitulus	Coonawarra	28	24	84.0	

Class 28 Comments:

A really lovely class of wines from a cracking vintage. Top wines show great handling and diverse styles. Some wines already looking a touch developed, sweet and a touch dried out. Oak use and balance has improved significantly over the past few years.

Class 29: Shiraz, 4 to 7 years old (2021-2019).				**Class #**		**Score**	**Medal**
Brands Laira	2021	Blockers Shiraz	Coonawarra	29	1	88.0	Bronze
Mount Benson Estate	2021	Block 8 Syrah Reserve	Mount Benson	29	2	84.5	
Brands Laira	2021	Stentifords Shiraz	Coonawarra	29	3	84.5	
Riddoch	2021	The Author Coonawarra Shiraz	Coonawarra	29	4	91.0	Silver
Mount Benson Estate	2021	SYRAH	Mount Benson	29	5	82.5	
Orlando	2021	Lawson's Padthaway Shiraz	Padthaway	29	6	93.0	Silver
Eight at the Gate	2021	Family Selection Shiraz	Wrattonbully	29	7	83.5	
Zema Estate	2021	Shiraz	Coonawarra	29	8	95.5	Gold
Malone	2021	Malone Shiraz	Wrattonbully	29	9	85.0	Bronze

Zema Estate	2021	Family Selection Shiraz	Coonawarra	29	10	92.0	Silver
Patrick of Coonawarra	2020	Two Blocks	Wrattonbully	29	11	83.5	
Patrick of Coonawarra	2020	Joanna	Wrattonbully	29	12	82.5	
Mount Benson Estate	2019	Syrah	Mount Benson	29	13	95.0	Gold
Mount Benson Estate	2019	Syrah Reserve	Mount Benson	29	14	84.0	
Zema Estate	2019	Family Selection Shiraz	Coonawarra	29	15	90.0	Silver
Malone	2019	Malone Shiraz	Wrattonbully	29	16	90.0	Silver

Class 29 Comments:

under and over ripeness a problem with these wines, the former causing wines to become tired, the latter making them a bit hot and sour.
The best wines have restraint and elegance with finesse and length.
yummo!

Class 30: Cabernet Sauvignon, current to 1 year old (2025-2024).				**Class**	**#**	**Score**	**Medal**
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2024	The Siding Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	30	1	93.0	Silver
Jacob's Creek	2024	Reserve South Australia Cabernet Sauvignon	Limestone Coast	30	2	86.0	Bronze
Brands Laira	2024	Blockers Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	30	3	87.5	Bronze
Reschke	2024	Reserve	Coonawarra	30	4	83.0	
Riddoch	2024	Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	30	5	88.0	Bronze
Rymill Coonawarra	2024	Pioneers cab Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	30	6	95.0	Gold
Majella Wines	2024	The Composer	Coonawarra	30	7	92.0	Silver

Class 30 Comments:

These are great signs of the future, and probably a very good vintage.
the silvers are likely to improve with time once the tannins mature.
delicous!

Class 31: Cabernet Sauvignon, 2 years old (2023).				**Class**	**#**	**Score**	**Medal**
Bowen Estate	2023	Bowen Estate Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	31	1	75.0	
Brand & Sons	2023	'Yates' Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	31	2	88.0	Bronze
Farmer's Leap Wines	2023	Random Shot Cabernet Sauvignon	Padthaway	31	3	93.0	Silver
Pepper Tree	2023	Block 21A Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattonbully	31	4	86.0	Bronze
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2023	The Gables Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	31	5	0.0	Withdrawn
Rymill Coonawarra	2023	Classic Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	31	6	82.0	

Redman Wines	2023	Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	31	7	80.0	
Majella Wines	2023	The Composer	Coonawarra	31	8	89.0	Bronze
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2023	black label Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	31	9	95.0	Gold
Yalumba	2023	The Sanctum Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	31	10	83.0	
Majella Wines	2023	Majella Cabernet	Coonawarra	31	11	90.0	Silver
Riddock	2023	The Pastoralist Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	31	12	90.0	Silver
Glendon Park	2023	Myra FR Cabernet	Padthaway	31	13	84.0	

Class 31 Comments:

A wonderful line up of a challenging vintage. The top wines showed lovely balance, varietal expression and ripeness of tannin and fruit. The lesser wine suffered from winemaking faults, too much oak or tired fruit.

Class 32: Cabernet Sauvignon, 3 years old (2022).

				Class #		Score	Medal
Yalumba	2022	The Cigar Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	1	94.0	Silver
Leconfield Wines	2022	Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	2	88.0	Bronze
Brands Laira	2022	Blockers Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	3	86.0	Bronze
St Hugo	2022	DR3 Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	4	95.0	Gold
Zema Estate	2022	Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	5	90.0	Silver
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2022	Childs vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	6	96.0	Gold
Stonehaven	2022	Reserve	Coonawarra	32	7	87.0	Bronze
Raidis Estate	2022	Billy	Coonawarra	32	8	91.0	Silver
Jim Brand	2022	'Silent Partner' Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	9	85.0	Bronze
Petaluma	2022	ANOVA Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	10	86.0	Bronze
Patrick of Coonawarra	2022	Méthode Eucalypt	Coonawarra	32	11	88.0	Bronze
Eight at the Gate	2022	Family Selection Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattonbully	32	12	70.0	
Redman Wines	2022	Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	13	80.0	
Riddoch	2022	Elgin's Crossing Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	14	86.0	Bronze
St Hugo	2022	Single Vineyard Flint Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	15	90.0	Silver
Lindemans Wines	2022	St George	Coonawarra	32	16	95.0	Gold
Katnook Estate	2022	Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	17	84.0	
Balnaves of Coonawarra	2022	Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	18	95.0	Gold
Riddoch	2022	The Federator Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	19	91.5	Silver
St Hugo	2022	Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	20	86.5	Bronze

Riddoch	2022	The Pastoralist Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	21	84.0	
Katnook Estate	2022	Odyssey Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	22	90.5	Silver
Balnaves of Coonawarra	2022	The Tally Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	23	95.0	Gold
Redman Wines	2022	The First Divide Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	24	95.0	Gold
Brands Laira	2022	1968 Vines Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	25	88.5	Bronze
Barristers Block Wines	2022	'Millie' Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattonbully	32	26	84.0	
Majella Wines	2022	The Composer	Coonawarra	32	27	93.0	Silver
Leconfield Wines	2022	Sydney Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	28	91.0	Silver
DiGiorgio Family Wines	2022	Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	29	86.5	Bronze
Majella Wines	2022	Majella Cabernet	Coonawarra	32	30	97.0	Gold
Orlando	2022	Jacaranda Ridge Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	32	31	85.5	Bronze

Class 32 Comments:

Classic wines, many different styles, the best showing classic Cabernet fruit power, drive and tannin structure. Top few wines show a range of styles from the fresh and crunchy to the more traditional power style. Really good classic vintage that has held up very well.

Class 33: Cabernet Sauvignon, 4 years old (2021).				**Class**	**#**	**Score**	**Medal**
Zema Estate	2021	Family Selection Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	33	1	90.0	Silver
Patrick of Coonawarra	2021	Home Block	Coonawarra	33	2	86.0	Bronze
Majella Wines	2021	Majella Cabernet	Coonawarra	33	3	90.0	Silver
Nightfall Wines	2021	Draco Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	33	4	95.0	Gold
Reschke	2021	R-Series	Limestone Coast	33	5	84.5	
Leconfield Wines	2021	Sydney Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	33	6	91.0	Silver
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2021	Messenger single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	33	7	91.0	Silver
Stonehaven	2021	Stepping Stone	Limestone Coast	33	8	86.5	Bronze
Riddoch	2021	The Author Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	33	9	88.5	Bronze
Eight at the Gate	2021	Family Selection Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattonbully	33	10	87.5	Bronze
Pepper Tree	2021	P.J.P. Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon	Wrattonbully	33	11	84.0	
Majella Wines	2021	GPL68	Coonawarra	33	12	88.0	Bronze
Stonehaven	2021	Limited Vineyard Release	Coonawarra	33	13	84.0	
Yalumba	2021	The Menzies Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	33	14	96.0	Gold
Reschke	2021	Bull Trader	Coonawarra	33	15	84.0	
Whistle Post Estate	2021	Whistle Post Single Vineyard 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	33	16	85.0	Bronze

Orlando	2021	Jacaranda Ridge Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	33	17	86.5	Bronze
Reschke	2021	Vitulus	Coonawarra	33	18	87.5	Bronze
Zema Estate	2021	Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	33	19	90.5	Silver
Jim Brand	2021	'Silent Partner' Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	33	20	93.0	Silver
Malone	2021	Malone Cabernet	Wrattonbully	33	21	86.5	Bronze
Banks Thargo	2021	Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	33	22	87.5	Bronze

Class 33 Comments:

Fantastic class from a wonderful vintage. Top two wines were very hard to split and are both lovely examples of fresh, balanced classic Cab. Great range of styles with maybe a few wines starting into decline. Some herbs notes still holding a few wines back.

Class 34: Cabernet Sauvignon, 5 years old (2020).				**Class**	**#**	**Score**	**Medal**
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2020	black label Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	34	1	93.0	Silver
GWB Wine Estates	2020	High Wheeler Cabernet	Coonawarra	34	2	84.0	

Class 34 Comments:

great effort

Class 35: Cabernet Sauvignon, 6 years old (2019).				**Class**	**#**	**Score**	**Medal**
Mount Benson Estate	2019	Cabernet Sauvignon	Mount Benson	35	1	91.0	Silver
Wynns Coonawarra Estate	2019	black label Cabernet Sauvigon	Coonawarra	35	2	95.0	Gold
Leconfield Wines	2019	Sydney Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	35	3	89.0	Bronze
Zema Estate	2019	Family Selection Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	35	4	85.0	Bronze
Malone	2019	Malone Cabernet	Wrattonbully	35	5	84.0	
GWB Wine Estates	2019	Over the Line Cabernet	Coonawarra	35	6	82.0	

Class 35 Comments:

the top wine shows class and elegance, avoiding the shrivel and raisin associated with the vintage