



SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

Australian Based Wine Show – International Judging Panel
Finalists Judged alongside Appropriate Food - European Union Accredited
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PLAIN LANGUAGE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Forming part of the 2020 Sydney International Wine Competition Entry Form.

1. Eligible Wines.

Provided they are made from grape juice, wines from any country are eligible to enter the Sydney International Wine Competition (SIWC or “the Competition”).

2. Eligible Entrants.

An eligible entrant is any person or business entity or representative acting on their behalf, as nominated in Part 1, with a financial interest in the wine to be entered and willing and able to guarantee performance of these Conditions of Entry.

3. Official Entry Form.

Wines may be entered into the 2020 Sydney International Wine Competition electronically via the Competition's Secure Server on-line Entry process, completed in full and by a responsible party whose relationship with the Winery/Brand being entered is nominated in the Entry Form and who as Proprietor/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or representative of same, guarantees the accuracy of the information supplied and the performance of these Conditions of Entry.

4. Separate Entry Forms.

If an entrant wishes to enter more than one brand of wine, a separate Entry Form is required for each brand, with details of the wines to be entered under that brand name.

5. Entry Fees for the 2020 Competition.

Online Entry Fee: AU\$105.00, plus 10% Australian Goods and Services Tax (GST), per wine entry.

6. Payment of Entry Fees

Entry Fees may be paid by Visa, MasterCard or Amex Cards, or Electronic Funds Transfer (A/c Name: Braela Pty Ltd – t/a Sydney International Wine Competition, BSB #112 879, A/C # 467 464 271, Swift Code: SGBLAU2, St George Banking Group, 14-16 Montgomery St, Kogarah, NSW, Australia 2217.)

7. Financial Institution's Fees.

Financial Institution's Fees are payable by the entrant.

Visa/MasterCard and Amex payments - add 1.5%.

Non-Australian Bank EFT Payments - please ensure Competition receives the full nominated AU\$ Entry Fee amount, including Government Taxes and Bank charges.

NB Any entry with an Entry Fee credited at less than the full nominated Entry Fee including Government taxes will be deemed to be not officially entered.

8. Maximum Number of Entries.

The Competition will cap entries at 2,000 with the proviso that in special circumstances, (eg. 16 entries from one entrant but only 3 are inside the cap), the Competition Director has discretion to accept additional entries.

9. Entry Forms and Entry Fees Deadline.

Entries Forms and Entry Fees will be accepted until 12 midnight AEST, **Monday 2nd September 2019** or until the entry cap (see 8. above) has been reached.

10. Entry Fees for Withdrawn and/or Disqualified Entries

If an Entry is withdrawn, its Entry Fee will not be refundable, but may be transferred to a replacement Entry. If an Entry is disqualified, its Entry Fee is automatically forfeited. Entry Fees paid for Entries which the Competition is unable to accept because they exceed the cap will be refunded in full.

11. Number of Judging Samples Required.

Six (6) x 750 mL sample bottles are required for each entry except for fortified wines and wines with 80 g/L or more of residual sugar where three (3) x 750mL samples are required (or an equivalent volume if packed in smaller format bottles).

12. Title to Judging Samples (and Promotional Tasting Stock, where applicable)

Title to judging samples (and Promotional Tasting Stock, where applicable) vests with the Competition upon their delivery and receipt into the SIWC's storage address: Sydney International Wine Competition, SIWC Storage, 49 Somme Avenue, Wentworth Falls, NSW 2782, Australia.

13. Delivery Deadline and Delivery Address for Judging Samples.

Judging samples must be delivered after **Monday 22nd July 2019** and received by 4.00 pm AEST, **Monday 16th September 2019** to the nominated address (see 12, above). Except at the discretion of the Competition's Director, an entry will be disqualified if its judging samples are not delivered by the delivery deadline.

14. Delivery Charges, Government Taxes, Customs Duties and all other Charges for Delivering Judging Samples into Store.

On time delivery of judging samples into the Competition's storage at the nominated address will be entirely the responsibility of the Entrant and at no cost to the Competition. The Competition will not accept any financial responsibility, including responsibility for clearance of samples through Australian Customs, or delivery into the Competition's storage. Consignment paperwork must be marked Delivered, Duty Paid (DDP).

15. Labels.

The Competition does not supply entrants with Competition's own, special judging-sample label. Fully dressed sample bottles are preferred. Your Entry Form must show exactly the same name as appears (or will appear) on the entered wine's label. Judging samples with laboratory labels are acceptable. Samples of Solera wines must be submitted in fully dressed bottles.

16. Only Wines Eligible for Entry.

Only wines that have been bottled in full are eligible for entry with the following exceptions. The following wines are acceptable entries:

- a) solera wines,
- b) non-vintage wines provided their bottling identification is clearly shown on the Entry Form and on the judging samples. Awards won by these wines will only apply to wines bearing the bottling ID of the samples submitted for judging.
- c) batch bottled wines from finished blends intended for staggered bottling. Awards won by these wines will also apply to subsequent bottlings of that finished blend, provided all bottlings show a clear line of identification to the samples submitted for judging from that finished blend.
- d) Barrel samples are not eligible for entry.

17. Minimum Production Requirements to Enter the Competition.

No minimum production requirements apply to the 2020 Sydney International Wine Competition.

18. Trophies, Awards & Recognition of the Competition's Highest Pointed Wines.

Any wine eligible for entry into the Competition is eligible to win the Competition's Gold Award, Blue-Gold Award, TOP 100/Blue-Gold Award and most of the Competition's Trophies. (Some trophies are, for example, geographically or varietally specific.) The Competition offers Bottle Medallions for these Awards all of which carry the Competition's name and Trade Mark registered Logo.

19. Trade Mark & Copyright.

The name Sydney International Wine Competition and its trademark registered LOGO are the legal property of the Competition and may not be reproduced by any other party without the Competition's written consent. All content on the Competition's website and other publications is subject to copyright.

20. Provisional Award Advice - 2020 Competition's Awards.

The 2020 Competition's TOP 100, Blue-Gold, Gold Award and Trophy winning wines will be announced provisionally to the individual Award winning entrants on or before **Friday, 25th October 2019**.

21. Additional Requirements

An Entrant of a Provisional Gold, Blue-Gold or TOP 100 Award winning wine(s) agrees, on or before **Friday, 8th November 2019**, to supply;

- (1) **Wine Detail Confirmation:** reconfirmation of the wine details for each Award winning wine(s). This is requested through the Competition's Winery Login '*Results*' and will be used for promotion on the Competition's 2020 website.
- (2) **Promotion Fee(s):** the Promotion Fee - AU\$200.00 (plus 10% GST) - for (each of) their Award winning wine(s).
- (3) **Promotional Tasting Stock:** 12 x 750 mL bottles of Promotional Tasting Stock (PTS) of their Award Winning Wine(s) or an equivalent volume (9 litres) in bottles of lesser capacity, free of charge, including delivery (DDP) into the Competition's storage, for promotion of their Award winning wine(s) at the Competition's Sydney Exhibitions of the Award winners and similar promotions. For fortified wines and wines with 80 g/L or more of residual sugar six (6) x 750mL samples are required (or an equivalent volume if packed in smaller format bottles). **NOTE: Promotional Stock will be used for photography on the website, please supply with fully dressed commercial labels.**

22. Confirmation – 2020 Competition's Awards.

The 2020 Competition's TOP 100, Blue-Gold, Gold Award and Trophy winning wines will be confirmed to the individual Award winning entrants upon the Competition's receipt of the **three Additional Requirements**. (See Item 21). The Entrant will then be at liberty to announce and promote their success after the embargo date has been reached.

23. Retention of Promotional Tasting Stock

Entrants of an Award winning wine(s) agree to be responsible for retaining the required Promotional Tasting Stock (PTS). PTS bottles should be fully dressed with their commercial labels which show the identical name under which the wine was entered and under which the wine has been/will be made available for retail purchase. In certain circumstances, Lab labels may be acceptable with the Competition's consent.

24. Name Change for an Award Winner.

Except as provided below, any entry that has received an Award from the Competition must be marketed under the same name that was used to enter the wine into the Competition. If a name change is intended, the Competition requires completion of a prescribed declaration from the entrant guaranteeing that, apart from the changed name, the Award Winning Wine submitted for judging and any wine bearing a different name is in every respect the same wine that was judged. Further, the original name of the wine which won the Award must appear on the front or back label of the wine carrying the changed name.

25. Inspection - Verification.

To ensure that the provisional Award winning wine is the same wine available for purchase by consumers, the Entrant agrees that the Competition, via its properly credentialed and authorised agent, may inspect stock and sales records of wines bearing the same name details as the entered Award winning wine (and/or with changed and approved name details - see Item 24) and the Entrant agrees to facilitate such inspection at a mutually convenient time within fourteen days of the despatch date of the Competition's written request for same.

26. Analysis of Stock.

On any such inspection as in Condition 25, the Entrant agrees to allow the Competition's agent to remove two bottles of the Award winning wine's stock for analysis by the Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) and comparison with the analysis of any one of the judging samples supplied by the entrant for judging. If the judging sample and the sample from the Entrant's stock of wine of the same name are considered by AWRI not to be the same wine, the entry will be disqualified its Award will be withdrawn.

27. Appeal and Final Decision

At no cost to the Competition, the Entrant may appeal any such decision to a commonly agreed independent arbitration and the outcome of such arbitration shall be adhered to by and binding upon both parties. With this exception, all other decisions, such as the Judges' markings and the Competition's results, will be final and, except at the Competition Director's discretion, correspondence will not be entered into.

28. Disqualification & Liability

Failure to comply with the above Conditions of Entry by an Entrant may lead to disqualification of all or any of the entrant's entries and/or other remedies. Any dispute between the Entrant and the Sydney International Wine Competition will be governed by the Laws of New South Wales, Australia.