**Results Booklet**

**Queensland and Australian International Emerging Variety Wine Challenge 2021**



History of the Challenge

The mainstream wine varieties have been well known in Australia since they were imported in the 1820’s by the Australian wine industry “godfather”, James Busby. In recent years, many new exciting, emerging varieties have been imported and explored in Australia. Whilst they are new in Australia, they have distinguished histories in their respective home locations in Europe.

As part of the Australian Government’s $50 million Export and Regional Wine Support Package, in 2019-2020 the Queensland Wine Industry Association received a Grant co-funded by the Queensland State Government to promote International Wine Tourism. The idea to showcase our Emerging Varieties in Queensland began. These wines judged along side benchmarked wines country and region of origin.

In 2021, our second year of the Challenge, we have opened the event to the rest of Australia to also showcase their Emerging Varieties.

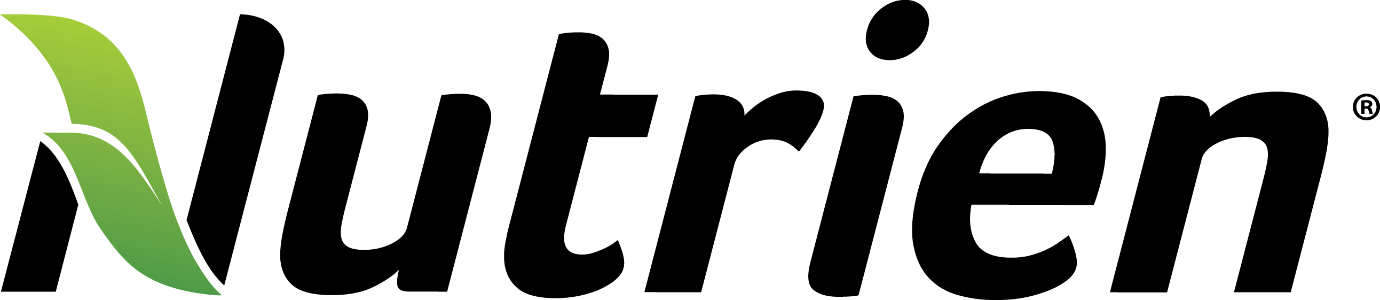
The interest in emerging varieties in Australia is driven by: - Many consumers are fascinated by something new and theyactively seek innovative wine styles and tastesEmerging varieties often provide a particular growing advantage, particularly where climate change is occurring. For example, some emerging varieties hold freshness and natural acidity through to the time of harvest even with unseasonal hot weather conditions. Other emerging varieties offer resistance to diseases caused by excessive humidity.

Interest in Emerging Varieties is strong in Queensland. The Challengepresents Emerging varieties from all over Australia with some benchmark wines from Europe. Judges of the competition are not at all aware of the origin of any wine. The results draw attention to Queensland wines that have achieved approval of the judges and these Queensland wines can be compared to Australian and international examples.

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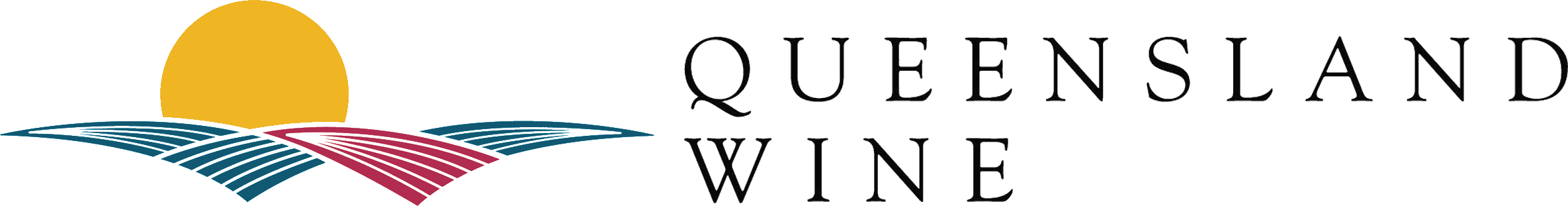


















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2020 Anglianico

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***Champion White***

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Zilzie Wines - 2020 Arinto

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***Best Queensland Italian White***

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Sirromet Wines - 2019 Pinot Grigio

***Best Italian White***

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***Best Queensland Iberian White***

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***Best Queensland Other World White***

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Jester Hill Wines - 2019 Roussanne

***Best Other World White***

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Yalumba Wines - 2018 ‘The Virgilius’ Viognier

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***Best Italian Red***

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Hidden Creek - 2020 Anglianico

***Best Queensland Iberian Red***

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Tobin Wines - 2016 “Jacob” Tempranillo

***Best Iberian Red***

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Yalumba Wines -2019 “Running with the Bulls” Tempranillo

***Best Queensland Other World Red***

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Boireann Winery – 2019 Mouvedre

***Best Other World Red***

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Bents Road – La Petit Mort - 2020 Saperavi

***Class 1 – Italian White***

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|  | **Winery** | **Wine** | **Year** | **Score** |
| 1 | Luigi Maffini Kratos | Fiano | 2021 | 88 - B |
| 2 | Hidden Creek | Vermentino | 2020 | 92 - S |
| 3 | Costamolino | Vermentino | 2019 | NR |
| 4 | Sirromet Wines | Pinot Grigio | 2019 | 95- G |
| 5 | Heritage Estate | Fiano | 2020 | 83 |
| 6 | Rocco di Montemassi | “Calasole” Vermentino | 2019 | 86 - B |
| 7 | ridgemill estate | Pinot Grigio | 2021 | 83 |
| 8 | Hidden Creek | Unsung Hero Fiano | 2020 | 83 |
| 9 | Heritage Estate | Vermentino | 2020 | 83 |
| 10 | Zilzie Wines | Fiano | 2019 | 84 |
| 11 | Ballandean Estate Wine | Giallo Fiano Malvasia | 2021 | 90 - S |
| 12 | Sirromet Wines | Granit Vermentino | 2020 | 83 |
| 13 | Ballandean Estate Wine | Fiano | 2021 | 93 - S |
| 14 | ridgemill estate | Pinot Grigio | 2019 | 83 |
| 15 | Hidden Creek | Unsung Hero Ansonica | 2020 | 86 - B |
| 16 | Zilzie Wines | Fiano | 2020 | 84 |
| 17 | Ravens Croft Wines | Pinot Grigio | 2021 | 83 |
| 18 | Sirromet Wines | Granit Fiano | 2020 | 83 |
| 19 | Monte Tondo | “Classico” Garganega | 2021 | 83 |

***Class 2 Iberian White***

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|  | **Winery** | **Wine** | **Year** | **Score** |
| 1 | View Wines | Alvarinho | 2019 | 88 - B |
| 2 | Kingsley Grove Estate | Verdelho | 2021 | 83 |
| 3 | Balancing Heart Vineyards | Verdelho | 2019 | 84 |
| 4 | Zilzie Wines | Arinto | 2020 | 96 - G |
| 5 | Hillsdale Estate | Verdelho | 2021 | 94 - G |
| 6 | Marques de Riscal | Verdejo | 2019 | 93 - S |
| 7 | Robert Channon Wines | Verdelho | 2021 | 83 |
| 8 | Banca Ridge | Albarino | 2020 | 80 |
| 9 | Tobin Wines | Verdelho | 2019 | 84 |
| 10 | Clovely Estate | Verdelho | 2021 | 83 |
| 11 | Ricca Terra | Terra do Rio White Field Blend Arinto/Verdejo |  | 87 - B |
| 12 | Morgan & Gill Wines | Verdelho | 2018 | 85 - B |
| 13 | Ravens Croft Wines | Verdelho | 2021 | 83 |
| 14 | Moffatdale Ridge | Verdelho | 2021 | NP |
| 15 | Banca Ridge | Late Picked Verdelho | 2021 | 82 |
| 16 | Jester Hill Wines | Verdelho | 2021 | 84 |

***Class 3 Other World Whites***

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|  | **Winery** | **Wine** | **Year** | **Score** |
| 1 | Jester Hill Wines | Sommers Gold Roussanne | 2021 | 82 |
| 2 | Yalumba | Samuels Collection Eden Valley Viognier | 2018 | 88 - B |
| 3 | Heritage Estate | Pinot Gris | 2021 | 89 - B |
| 4 | Balancing Heart Vineyards | Evolve Viognier | 2019 | 89 - B |
| 5 | View Wines | “Mistelle” Menseng | 2020 | 80 |
| 6 | Bents Road- La Petit Mort | Gentil Qvevri Gewurz/Muscat | 2020 | 88 - B |
| 7 | Yalumba | Y Series Viognier | 2021 | 84 |
| 8 | Jester Hill Wines | Roussanne | 2019 | 90 - S |
| 9 | Domaine Cauhope | Jurancon | 2017 | 95 - G |
| 10 | Gruner Veltliner | Laurenzfive | 2015 | 95 - G |
| 11 | Nuovla Scuola | Viognier | 2020 | 83 |
| 12 | Domaine Paul Blanck | Pinot Gris |  | NP |
| 13 | Bents Road – La Petit Mort | VMR Qvevri  Viognier/Marsanne/Roussanne | 2019 | 81 |
| 14 | Toppers Mountain Wines | Menseng | 2017 | 95 - G |
| 15 | Balancing Heart Vineyards | Viognier | 2021 | 84 |
| 16 | Yalumba | The Virgilius Viognier | 2018 | 96 - G |
| 17 | Banca Ridge | Gruner Veltliner | 2019 | 86 - B |
| 18 | Belardent | Picpoul de Pinet | 2019 | 87- B |
| 19 | Viognier | Toppers Mountain Wines | 2020 | 86 – B |

***Class 4 Italian Red***

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|  | **Winery** | **Wine** | **Year** | **Score** |
| 1 | Nouva Scuola | Sangiovese | 2019 | 87 - B |
| 2 | Clovely Estate | Nebbiolo | 2021 | 86- B |
| 3 | Hidden Creek | Unsung Hero Novello Lagrein | 2020 | 88 - B |
| 4 | Toppers Mountain Wines | Nebbiolo Vino Giovane | 2015 | 88 - B |
| 5 | Boireann Winery | Sangiovese | 2019 | 95 –QTG |
| 6 | Balancing Heart Vineyards | Inspire Sagrantino | 2017 | 91 - S |
| 7 | Luigi Maffini Kleos | Aglianico |  | 80 |
| 8 | Langmeil Winery | Della Mina Sangiovese/Barbera | 2019 | 90 - S |
| 9 | Heritage Estate | Nero d’Avola | 2020 | 84 |
| 10 | Sirromet Wines | Tempo Verita Lagrein | 2019 | 88 - B |
| 11 | Boireann Winery | Barbera | 2019 | 91 - S |
| 12 | O’Reilly’s Canungra Valley Vineyards | Sangiovese | 2019 | 84 |
| 13 | Masseria Altemura | Primitivo | 2018 | 82 |
| 14 | Ricca Terra | Aglianico | 2019 | 88 - B |
| 15 | Ricca Terra | Nero d’Avola | 2020 | 96- G |
| 16 | Nuova Scuola | Nebbiolo | 2018 | 82 |
| 17 | Sirromet Wines | Granit Montepulciano | 2020 | 89- B |
| 18 | Hidden Creek | Unsung Hero Lagrein | 2020 | 83 |
| 19 | Sirromet Wines | Le Sauvage Nebbiolo | 2018 | 83 |
| 20 | Kingsley Grove Estate | Sangiovese | 2020 | 83 |
| 21 | Michele Chiarlo | “Le Orme” Barbera | 2018 | 87- B |
| 22 | Hickinbotham of Dromana | Lagrein | 2016 | 91 -S |
| 23 | Clovely Estate | Nebbiolo Rose | 2021 | 89 - B |
| 24 | Ravens Croft Wines | Sangiovese | 2021 | 89 - B |
| 25 | Langmeil Winery | Massimo Primitivo/Montepulciano | 2020 | 89 - B |
| 26 | Ballandean Estate Wine | Nebbiolo | 2018 | 88 - B |
| 27 | Sirromet Wines | Granit Lagrein | 2020 | 86 - B |
| 28 | Occhippinti Siccagno | Nero d’Avola |  | NR |
| 29 | Morgan & Gill Wines | Sangiovese Rose | 2018 | 82 |
| 30 | Pemo | Montepulciano | 2019 | 86 - B |
| 31 | Vietti Perbacco | Nebbiolo |  | 95 - G |
| 32 | Sangiovese | Querciabella |  | 96 - G |
| 33 | Toppers Mountain Wines | Nebbiolo | 2020 | 82 |
| 34 | Hidden Creek | Anglianico | 2020 | 95 – G |

***Class 5 Iberian Red***

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|  | **Winery** | **Wine** | **Year** | **Score** |
| 1 | Hidden Creek | Prieto Picudo | 2020 | 87 - B |
| 2 | Rioja | Oliver Riviere Vinos | 2018 | 86 - B |
| 3 | Banca Ridge | Tempranillo | 2018 | 83 |
| 4 | Yalumba Wines | Tempranillo | 2019 | 96 - G |
| 5 | Nuova Scoula | Tempranillo | 2019 | 86- B |
| 6 | Hidden Creek | Unsung Hero Touriga | 2020 | 90 - S |
| 7 | Tobin Wines | Tempranillo | 2019 | 86 - B |
| 8 | Salterio | Mencia | 2019 | 90 -S |
| 9 | Hickinbotham of Dromana | Tempranillo | 2016 | 88- B |
| 10 | Toppers Mountain Wines | Tina Roriz/ Touriga/Tinta Cao | 2020 | 82 |
| 11 | Hidden Creek | Mensia | 2020 | 84 |
| 12 | Tobin Wines | Tempranillo | 2016 | 95 - G |
| 13 | Tobin Wines | Tempranillo | 2014 | 86 - B |
| 14 | Banca Ridge | Tinto | 2018 | 84 |
| 15 | Heredade do Roci Mariana | Touriga | 2017 | 91 - S |
| 16 | Banca Ridge | Tempranillo | 2017 | 86 - B |
| 17 | Petalos | Mensia | 2019 | 86 - B |
| 18 | Mariana | Touriga | 2019 | 86- B |

***Class 6 Other World Red***

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|  | **Winery** | **Wine** | **Year** | **Score** |
| 1 | Balancing Heart Vineyards | Petit Verdot | 2019 | 83 |
| 2 | Zilzie Wines | Malbec | 2019 | 88 - B |
| 3 | Jester Hill Wines | Petit Verdot | 2013 | 84 |
| 4 | O’Reilly’s Canungra Valley Vineyards | Chambourcin | 2019 | 84 |
| 5 | Jester Hill Wines | Petit Verdot | 2012 | 85 - B |
| 6 | ridgemill estate | Saperavi | 2019 | 88 - B |
| 7 | Maison de la Villette | Mourvedre | 2019 | 90 - S |
| 8 | Jester Hill Wines | Petit Verdot | 2018 | 87 - B |
| 9 | O’Reilly’s Canungra Valley Vineyards | Chambourcin | 2019 | 84 |
| 10 | Sirromet Wines | Tempo Verita Saperavi | 2019 | 80 |
| 11 | Boireann Winery | Mourvedre | 2019 | 90 - S |
| 12 | Bents Road – La Petit Mort | Saperavi | 2020 | 90 - S |
| 13 | Banca Ridge | Petit Verdot | 2018 | 84 |
| 14 | Sirromet Wines | Granit Saperavi | 2020 | 89 - B |
| 15 | Toppers Mountain Wines | Tannat | 2015 | 85 |
| 16 | Ballandean Estate Wine | Saperavi | 2018 | 87 - B |
| 17 | Jester Hill Wines | Petit Verdot | 2016 | 87 - B |
| 18 | Rosi Shuster | Blaufrankish | 2017 | 82 |
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***The QWIA President and QWIA Board would like to Congratulate all the Award Winners and thank you to all the wineries for supporting this Wine Challenge.***

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***To the General Public, we hope you enjoyed your Emerging Variety Experience, and you go away with some new favourites and keep supporting Queensland and Australian Wine.***

***Judges: Associate Judges:***

***Tony Harper Ashley Ratcliffe***

***Luke Willis Elliot Baker***

***Alan Hunter***