



RESULTS FROM THE 2011 ADELAIDE HILLS WINE SHOW

The results of the Adelaide Hills Wine Show are released today and some of the big winners include Mike Press who collected the trophy for Best Wine of Show, and Pike & Joyce who won trophies in two different classes.

The show is held in November each year, and is an opportunity for producers of Adelaide Hills wine to benchmark their produce and celebrate excellence, and to recognise high quality wines across a range of varietals and styles.

This year 95 producers submitted 422 exhibits across 17 classes. A record number of gold medals were received and 10 trophies awarded across a variety of commercial and museum classes. In total there were 182 medals awarded.

The judging took place over 22 and 23 November, and was Chaired by Tim Kirk, the Chief Winemaker and CEO of Clonakilla Wines.

2011 Adelaide Hills Wine Show Trophy winners:

Best Sparkling Wine of the Show	2009 Deviation Road Methode Champenoise
Best Sauvignon Blanc of the Show	2011 O'Leary Walker Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc
Best Chardonnay of the Show	2009 Pike & Joyce Chardonnay
Best Pinot Gris/Grigio of the show	2010 Pike & Joyce Pinot Gris
Best Pinot Noir of the Show	2009 Riposte 'The Sabre' Pinot Noir
Best Cabernet family or Blend of the Show	2010 The Lane Vineyard 'Block 1' Cabernet Merlot
Best Shiraz of the Show	2010 Mike Press Adelaide Hills Shiraz
Best Red wine in Classes other than Classes 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12	2010 Howard Gambol Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon
Best Wine in Museum Classes	2005 Shaw + Smith Riesling
Best Wine of the Show	2010 Mike Press Adelaide Hills Shiraz



Chair of Judges, Tim Kirk, said "The line up of trophy winning wines demonstrates the diversity of the region. The Adelaide Hills is clearly a region that can capably produce many varieties extremely well."

Panel Chair, Dan Buckle, was particularly excited about the Pinot class and said "The top wines are beautiful and the strongest results in memory from this class. Balance, seduction, vibrancy and energy.... A great class to judge."

Journalist Nick Ryan said of the Chardonnay class, "Further proof that this pairing of variety and region is a blessed union."

The awards ceremony was held on Friday 25 November, at Mt Lofty House. In addition to the trophies presented, Stephen George from Ashton Hills Vineyard presented the Chanticleer's Cup, an award in memory of his wife, Peta. The Cup is presented to a cellar door staff member in the region for excellent performance, and this year was awarded to Patrick Madden from Shaw + Smith.

This year also saw the inaugural presentation of the Committee's Award to Barratt Wines. This award is presented by the Wine Show Committee to encourage and recognize consistent support of the local Wine Show and the production of wine styles that reflect the versatility and elegance of the Adelaide Hills Region.

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The full results from the 2011 Adelaide Hills Wine Show can be downloaded [here](#).