

CLASS A: SPARKLING WINE

Winery	Wine	Entry #	Grape Variety	Vintage	Score	Award
Midhill Vineyard	Blanc de Blancs	62	Chardonnay	2009	55.5	Gold Medal Trophy
Peregrine Ridge	Winemaker's Reserve Sparkling Shiraz	73	Shiraz	2005	52	Silver Medal
Parkside Estate		145	Chardonnay/Pinot	2009	51	Silver Medal
Forty Acre Wines	Sparkling Red	122	Shiraz	2010	51	Silver Medal
Hesket Estate	Blanc de Noir	175	Pinot Noir	2009	49	Bronze medal
Mount Charlie	Beatrix Elsie Sparkling Macedon	19	Pinot Noir/Chardonnay	2008	48.5	Bronze Medal
Sheer Drop Wines	Sparkling Chardonnay/Pinot Noir	101	Chardonnay/Pinot Noir	NV	48	Bronze Medal
Rowanston on the Track	Blanc de Noir	131	Pinot Noir	2011	47.5	Bronze Medal
Barfold Estate	Sparkling Shiraz	110	Shiraz	2010	47.5	Bronze Medal
Sheer Drop Wines	Sparkling Rosé	102	Pinot Noir	NV	46.5	Bronze Medal
Sheer Drop Wines	Sparkling Red	103	Shiraz	NV	46.5	Bronze Medal

The Baird & McGregor Trophy for the Best Sparkling Wine was awarded to Midhill for their 2009 Blanc de Blancs.

Judges' comments: Solid wines that just lack some autolysis/secondary characters for higher points. Base wines look good but they need more time on lees etc.

CLASS B: WHITE WINES OTHER THAN CHARDONNAY

Winery	Entry #	Grape variety	Vintage	Score	Award
Granite Hills	80	Riesling	2005	56	Gold Medal
Mt Monument	58	Riesling	2013	55.5	Gold Medal
Curly Flat	1	Pinot Gris	2012	51.5	Silver Medal
Rowanston on the Track	132	Riesling	2013	50	Bronze Medal
Harcourt Valley Vineyards	32	Riesling	2012	49.5	Bronze Medal
Zig Zag Wines	152	Riesling	2012	49	Bronze Medal
Granite Hills	79	Riesling	2008	47.5	Bronze Medal
Galli Estate Winery	92	Pinot Grigio	2013	47.5	Bronze Medal
Birthday Villa	9	Gewürztraminer Spätlese	2010	47	Bronze Medal
Sheer Drop Wines	104	Riesling	2013	46.5	Bronze Medal
Birthday Villa	8	Gewürztraminer	2013	46.5	Bronze Medal
Midhill	63	Gewürztraminer	2013	46.5	Bronze Medal

The Cliffys Trophy for the Best White Wine other than Chardonnay was awarded to Granite Hills for their 2005 Riesling.

Judges' comments: Varied interesting class. Two excellent Rieslings (one mature; one vibrant and young.) One stylish pinot gris. Other wines often coarse, under-ripe or lacking that finishing touch that aromatic varieties often need.

CLASS C: CHARDONNAY

Winery	Entry #	Grape Variety	Vintage	Score	Award
Curly Flat	3	Chardonnay	2010	56	Gold Medal
Curly Flat	4	Chardonnay	2011	55.5	Gold Medal
Galli Estate Winery	94	Artigiano Chardonnay	2012	51	Silver Medal
Granite Hills	81	Chardonnay	2012	49.5	Bronze Medal
Mount Charlie	20	Chardonnay	2010	49.5	Bronze Medal
Byrne Wines	17	Chardonnay	2012	47	Bronze Medal
Mt Monument	59	Chardonnay	2011	46.5	Bronze Medal

The Cellarbrations at Foxxys Trophy for the Best Chardonnay was awarded to Curly Flat for their 2010 Chardonnay.

Judges' comments: Judges expected more from this class. Several wines were propped up with residual sugar but had not enough fruit for the level of oak. Best wines showed balance and restrained oak. We hope the best 2013 wines are still in barrel waiting for next year's show.

CLASS D: ROSÉ

Winery	Entry #	Grape variety	Vintage	Score	Award
Nintingbool	57	Shiraz/Pinot Noir	2013	48	Bronze Medal

There was no trophy awarded in this class.

Judges' comments: Simple wines, lacking fruit freshness and depth. We would like to see more bright fruit, more crisp flavours and perhaps some savouriness.

CLASS F: MERLOT

Mount Alexander	171	Merlot	2012	49	Bronze Medal
Coliban Valley	162	Merlot	2010	47	Bronze Medal

There was no trophy awarded in this class.

Judges' comments: Wines lack structure and concentration. Merlot needs to be taken more seriously.

CLASS E: PINOT NOIR

Winery	Entry #	Grape variety	Vintage	Score	Award
Tomboy Hill	139	'Rebellion' Pinot Noir	2010	56	Gold Medal
Curly Flat	6	Pinot Noir	2010	55.5	Gold Medal
Tomboy Hill	138	'Rebellion' Pinot Noir	2011	51.5	Silver Medal
Kyneton Ridge Estate	70	Pinot Noir	2012	51	Silver Medal
Tomboy Hill	136	'Lola's Picking' Pinot Noir	2012	51	Silver Medal
Tomboy Hill	141	'The Tomboy' Pinot Noir	2010	51	Silver Medal
Hanging Rock	166	Pinot Noir	2012	50	Bronze Medal
Hanging Rock	167	Jim Jim Pinot Noir	2012	48.5	Bronze Medal
Nintingbool	55	Pinot Noir	2012	48.5	Bronze Medal
Mt Monument	61	Pinot Noir	2012	46.5	Bronze Medal
Tomboy Hill	140	"The Rebel' Pinot Noir	2010	46.5	Bronze Medal

The Mercato Trophy for Best Pinot Noir was awarded to Tomboy Hill for their 2010 'Rebellion' Pinot Noir.

Judges' comments: Excellent class of classically styled wines. 2010 vintage clearly a standout. Gold medals showing sweet fruit, richness but not heaviness. Some others unfortunate to miss out – just needed a little more finesse and style.

CLASS G: SHIRAZ

Winery	Entry #	Wine/grape variety	Vintage	Score	Award
Water Wheel Vineyards	26	Baringhup Shiraz	2012	56	Gold Medal
Kyneton Ridge Estate	71	Shiraz	2010	55.5	Gold Medal
Harcourt Valley Vineyards	35	Barbara's Shiraz	2012	53	Silver Medal
Hennings Vineyard	52	Shiraz	2010	51	Silver Medal
Killiecrankie Wines	142	Montspear Shiraz	2010	51	Silver Medal
Sheer Drop Wines	107	Shiraz	2008	50	Bronze Medal
Harcourt Valley Vineyards	37	Heathcote Shiraz	2012	49.5	Bronze Medal
Passing Clouds	119	Syrah	2012	49.5	Bronze Medal
Killiecranke Wines	144	Killiecrankie Shiraz	2010	49.5	Bronze Medal
Hanging Rock	168	Heathcote Shiraz	2009	49.5	Bronze Medal
Peregrine Ridge	76	Limiter Release Shiraz	2008	49.5	Bronze Medal
Harcourt Valley Vineyards	38	Old Vine Shiraz	2010	49	Bronze Medal
Hanging Rock	169	Heathcote Shiraz	2010	48.5	Bronze Medal

Glenwillow	15	Shiraz	2012	48	Bronze Medal
Mount Alexander Winery	172	Shiraz	2010	48	Bronze Medal
Peregrine Ridge	74	Shearstone Shiraz	2009	48	Bronze Medal
Galli Estate Winery	100	Block Two Shiraz	2009	48	Bronze Medal
Barfold Estate	111	Heathcote Shiraz	2008	48	Bronze Medal
Harcourt Valley Vineyards	36	Sightings Shiraz	2012	47.5	Bronze Medal
Lord Malmsbury	66	Zeina Shiraz	2010	47.5	Bronze Medal
Water Wheel Vineyards	25	Bendigo Shiraz	2012	47	Bronze Medal
Black Estate	185	Shiraz	2010	47	Bronze Medal
Nintingbool	56	Shiraz	2012	46.5	Bronze Medal
Hennins Vineyard	51	Shiraz	2011	46.5	Bronze Medal
Rowanston on the Track	133	Barrel Select Shiraz	2009	46.5	Bronze Medal
Granite Hills	91	Nardoo Shiraz	2004	46.5	Bronze Medal

The Farmers Arms Trophy for the Best Shiraz was awarded to Water Wheel Vineyards for their 2012 Baringhup Shiraz.

Judges' comments: Strong class showing the strength of Victorian Shiraz. Different styles make for some interesting judging discussions. Both golds show their differences – one a rich, powerful wine, the other more elegant. Oak handling could be improved and will improve scores.

CLASS H, I: CABERNET SAUVIGNON & BORDEAUX BLENDS

Winery	Entry #	Grape variety/blend	Vintage	Score	Award
Birthday Villa	129	Cabernet Sauvignon	2012	56	Gold Medal
Harcourt Valley Vineyards	39	Cabernet Sauvignon	2012	55.5	Gold Medal
Harcourt Valley Vineyards	43	Malbec	2012	55.5	Gold Medal
Zig Zag Wines	158	Cabernet Merlot	2010	55.5	Gold Medal
Water Wheel Vineyards	28	Cabernet Sauvignon	2012	51	Silver Medal
Birthday Villa	128	Cabernet Sauvignon	2009	48	Bronze Medal
Burke & Wills Winery 'The Aristocrat'	182	Merlot 32% Cabernet Franc 25% Cabernet Sauvignon 22% Petit Verdot 18%	2009	48	Bronze Medal
Zig Zag Wines	159	Cabernet Merlot	2011	47.5	Bronze Medal
Sheer Drop Wines	106	Cabernet Sauvignon	2009	47	Bronze Medal
Harcourt Valley Vineyards	40	Old Vine Cabernet Sauvignon	2010	47	Bronze Medal
Granite Hills 'The Gordon' Blend	87	Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Cabernet Franc 35% Merlot 5%	2008	47	Bronze Medal

The Frangos & Frangos Trophy for the Best Cabernet or Blend was awarded to Birthday Villa for their 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon.

Judges' comments: Surprisingly good class with different styles rewarded. Strong and concentrated wines with ripeness and phenolic maturity. Happy absence of green thin weedy wines. Congrats to Malbec producer – perhaps a new direction for the regions here.

CLASS J, K: OTHER REDS AND BLENDS (INC ITALIAN VARIETIES)

Winery	Entry #	Grape variety/blend	Vintage	Score	Award
Galli Estate Winery	98	Sangiovese	2012	48	Bronze Medal
Harcourt Valley Vineyards	42	Grenache 80% Malbec 15% Shiraz 5% GSM	2013	48	Bronze Medal

There was no trophy awarded in this class.

Judges' comments: Mixed class with no great highlights. Vintage problems the reason in some cases.

CLASS L: SWEET WINES

Sheer Drop Wines	108	Botrytis Riesling	2010	55.5	Gold Medal
Granite Hills	85	Late Harvest Riesling	2012	47.5	Bronze Medal

The Argus Dining Room Trophy for the Best Sweet Wine was awarded to Sheer Drop for their Botrytis Riesling.

Judges' comments: Gold medal wine has some excellent intensity, lovely dry finish and a nice touch of phenolics. Others look simple in comparison but will improve in the bottle.

The Lake House Trophy for Best Wine in Show was awarded to Water Wheel Vineyards for their 2012 Baringhup Shiraz.

The Julian West Memorial Trophy for the best small winery (sponsored by the Wine Show Committee) was awarded to Harcourt Valley Vineyards.

The Peoples' Choice Trophy (sponsored by Lake House) was awarded to Curly Flat for their 2010 Chardonnay.