



SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION

Australian Based Wine Show - International Judging Panel

Finalists Judged alongside Appropriate Food - European Union Accredited

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Forming part of the 2012 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 2012 Sydney International Wine Competition electronically via the Competition's Secure Server on-line Entry Form (recommended) or via the official hardcopy Entry Form, completed in full and signed 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 2012 Competition.

Entry Fee per entry for the 2012 Competition is AU\$110.00, which includes 10% Australian Goods and Services Tax (GST)

6. Maximum Number of Entries.

For the ninth year, 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.

7. Entry Forms and Entry Fees Deadline.

Entries Forms and Entry Fees will be accepted until 12 midnight AEST, Friday 16 September, 2011 or until the entry cap (see 6 above) has been reached.

8. Nett Entry Fees may be paid by Visa, Mastercard or Amex Cards, AU\$ cheque (Payee: Sydney International Wine Competition), or Electronic Funds Transfer. (SIWC Bank and Account details: Bank ID: ANZ Banking Group. Swift Code: ANZ BAU 3M. A/c Name: Sydney International Wine Competition. BSB: 012 003. Account Number: 0097-93078. Branch Address: 68 Pitt Street, Sydney.)

9. Financial Institution's Fees. Financial Institution's Fees will be covered by the entrant. Visa/MasterCard payments - add 1½%. Amex payments - add 3½%. Non-Australian Bank EFT Payments - please ensure Competition receives the NETT TOTAL AU\$ Entry Fee(s) amount. (Instruct your Bank accordingly.) **NB** Any entry with an Entry Fee credited at less than the Nett Total Entry Fee will be deemed to be not officially entered.

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 samples x 750 mls bottles are required for each entry except for wines with 80 g/ltr or more of residual sugar where three x 750mls samples are required (or an equivalent volume if packed in smaller format bottles).

12. Title to Judging Samples.

Title to judging samples 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 and received by 4.00 pm AEST, Friday, 30 September, 2011, 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, Customs and any 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.

15. Labels.

The Competition does not supply entrants with a 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 Bottled Wines Eligible for Entry.

Only wines that have been fully bottled are eligible for entry with the following exceptions:

- a) solera wines,
- b) finished and bottled 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 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 may 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 2012 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 Blue-Gold or Highly Commended recognition, and most of the Competition's Trophies. (Some trophies are, for example, geographically or varietally specific.) In addition, the Competition's TOP 100™ Award is restricted to the approximately 5% highest pointed wines of each Style Category. (TOP 100™ Award winners are always also Blue-Gold Award winners.)

19. Promotions - Internet Promotions.

The Competition's Blue-Gold and Highly Commended Award Winning Wines agree to pay the Competition an Internet Promotions Fee of \$AUD220.00, which includes 10% GST, for each of their Award winners within fourteen days from date of the Competition's Internet Promotions Tax Invoice. This entitles each Award Winning Wine (AWW) to its own page on the Competition's website, www.top100wines.com. Several of the Competition's judges will offer their independent comments on each AWW. The website will also offer hyperlinks from the AWW's page to the entrant's own nominated website and email addresses. Entrants of AWWs will supply a digital image, as prescribed, of the AWW's front label and information about their AWW as per the Competition's Questionnaire, within 14 days of the Competition's request for same. This information is required for the Competition's promotional Internet Domain. It is essential that entrants of Award winners comply with the prescribed time requirement. Failure to comply with this Condition may result in disqualification.

20. Announcement of 2012 Competition's Awards.

2012 Competition TOP 100™, Blue-Gold and Highly Commended Award Winning Wines) will be announced and promoted by the Competition for international access via the Competition's Internet Domain for at least one year from late February 2012.

21. Promotions - Wine Exhibitions, Dégustation Banquets and Dinners.

- a) Entrants of the Competition's TOP 100™ and Blue-Gold Award Winning Wines (AWW) agree to supply the Competition, free of charge, including delivery into Competition's storage, 12 x 750 mls bottles of Promotional Tasting Stock (PTS) of their Award Winning Wine(s) or an equivalent volume (9 litres) in bottles of lesser capacity, for promotional Exhibitions, Banquets, Dégustations and similar promotional purposes.
- b) **Special Wines.** Trophy winners and the Entrants of the three highest pointed TOP 100/Blue-Gold Award Winning Wines in each of the Competition's thirteen Style Categories agree to supply the Competition, free of charge (foc), including foc delivery into the Competition's storage, an additional 18 litres of PTS for promotional purposes.
- c) **Supply and Delivery.** Entrants of AWW agree their PTS will be delivered into the Competition's storage no later than Friday 3 February 2012. AWW entrants will receive at least four weeks notice of this requirement.
- d) **Retention of Required Stock.** Provisional AWW entrants agree to be responsible for retaining the required stock and for the on-time delivery-into-store requirements of their PTS.
- e) **Labels.** PTS bottles must be dressed with 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.
- f) **Title.** Title to PTS will vest with the Competition upon delivery of the undamaged PTS into SIWC storage.

22. Inspection - Verification.

To ensure that the provisional AWW 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 AWW wine 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.

23. Analysis of Stock.

On any such inspection as in Condition 22, the Entrant agrees to allow the Competition's agent to remove a bottle of the AWW entered 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, any Award will be withdrawn and, in such circumstances, the Competition reserves the right to pursue further remedies.

24. Appeal.

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 both parties.

25. Name Change.

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 the Award Winning Wine submitted for judging and any wine bearing a different name is in every respect the same wine, apart from the name.

26. Trade Mark & Copyright.

The name Sydney International Wine Competition and its LOGO™, are the trademarked legal property of the Competition and may not be reproduced nor used in combination by any other party without the Competition's written consent. All content on the Competition's website and other publications is subject to copyright and may only be reproduced and/or circulated with the Competition's written approval.

27. Final Decision.

The Sydney International Wine Competition Director's decisions will be final and, at the Competition's discretion, no correspondence will be entered into regarding the Judges' markings nor the Competition's results.

28. Disqualification & Liability

This Agreement will be governed by the laws of New South Wales, Australia. Failure to comply with all the above Conditions of Entry by an Entrant may lead to disqualification and/or other (legal) remedies of all or any of the entrant's entries.

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