

James Halliday

Chardonnay Challenge

2017
Schedule

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The James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge is a celebration of Australian Chardonnay and Australia's regional diversity.

The Challenge recognises Australia's outstanding regional chardonnays. One wine will be awarded the James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge Trophy for being Australia's most outstanding chardonnay and highest pointed wines from each region will also be recognised.

Entry Criteria

1. The James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge is open to Australian wines only.
2. Wines must declare the following on the commercial label:
 - a. One, and only one, Australian geographic region or subregion as defined by the Australian Geographic Indications.
 - b. Chardonnay, and only chardonnay
 - c. Vintage year

The rules governing these declarations can be found here: [Compliance Guide](#).
3. If the wine is produced from grapes which originate outside a gazetted geographic region, please contact Administration on 03 5962 7610.
4. All vintages are eligible.
5. Wines must be commercially bottled, and entries must be clearly labelled as per criteria defined in clause 2.
6. All exhibits must conform to their respective State Acts and Commonwealth Acts which govern the manufacture of Australian wine including (but not limited to) the Label Integrity Program under the Wine Australia Corporation Act and Food Standards Code.
7. Only still table wines may be entered.
8. There is no restriction on the number of entries per winery.
9. Exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor at the time of entry.
10. Each wine must have a minimum volume of 50 dozen at time of entry.

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11. The organiser reserves the right to market and promote any wine entered in the James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge.
12. All exhibits become the property of the organiser who may make exhibits available for other judging or promotional tastings.
13. Entry fee \$115 (inc. GST) for each wine entered.
14. Entry fees will not be refunded if an exhibit is not received by the due date, withdrawn by the exhibitor after entry form lodgement, or the exhibit is disqualified by the Chief Steward.
15. No entry will be accepted until receipt of the full entry fee.
16. Wines may be refused entry, or may be disqualified at the complete discretion of the Chief Steward and/or the Wine Show Committee.
17. Each exhibit must consist of 6 x 750ml bottles for judging purposes.
18. Any promotional opportunities will be forwarded to exhibitors for their consideration.

Whilst it is not required that the commercial label is affixed to the exhibit, it is strongly suggested that all wines have a label as they may be used for promotional photography and video.

How to enter

All entries must be lodged online at www.chardonnaychallenge.com.au. Click on the Competition tab and follow the Entry link.

Entries open - Monday 5 June 2017

Entries close - Friday 30 June 2017

Delivery of exhibits

All exhibits must be delivered during the period Monday 31 July - Friday 11 August to:

James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge
C/- Domaine Chandon
727 Maroondah Highway
Coldstream Victoria 3770

Outer packaging must include the following details.

- James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge
- Region of wine (Please list)

Exhibit Labels

- Exhibit labels and delivery labels will be forwarded to exhibitors approximately 2 weeks prior to delivery due date.
- Exhibit labels must be fixed over the back label on all exhibits prior to delivery.

Judging

- Judging will take place alongside the Yarra Valley Wine Show by panels of three judges.
- Scores will be published on a 100 point scale.
- Wines receiving less than 85 points will be listed in the catalogue without scores.
- The single most highly pointed wine from each region (scoring 95 points or above) will be eligible for the trophy.

Audit

- A random audit will be conducted with respect to any entry in line with ASVO guidelines.
- If an audit reveals that an exhibit was not submitted in accordance with the Challenge Regulations any award(s) that the exhibit may have earned will be forfeited and the responsible exhibitor may be denied entry to future events.

Awards

James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge Trophy

The trophy for Australia's best regional chardonnay.

Best of Region

The highest scoring wine from each region (only wines scoring ≥ 95 points will be eligible)

All wines will receive a score out of 100 which can be used for marketing purposes.

Exhibitors shall comply with the Winemakers Federation of Australia (WFA) Code of Practice for the display of awards. A copy of the code can be found here: [Awards Code of Practice](#).

Disputes

- No correspondence with respect to any decisions will be entered into.

Privacy statement

The Yarra Valley Wine Growers Association (YVWGA) collects information from a number of sources, in the public domain, to contact wine enterprises who then may be invited to enter the James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge. The YVWGA collects further information from wine enterprises as they submit an entry. All collected information from entries is only used to further existing relationships with entrants. The YVWGA does not pass on, or disclose, any information about wine enterprises to any other organisation or person.

Enquiries

The James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge is operated by the Yarra Valley Wine Growers Association.

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Important Dates & Instructions

Entry Dates

Open - Monday 5 June 2017

Close - Friday 30 June 2017

Delivery of Exhibits

Between 9am - 4pm

From Monday 31 July - Friday 11 August

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C/- Domaine Chandon

727 Maroondah Highway

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Judging

Tuesday 29 - Thursday 31 August 2017

Judges

Philip Rich *Chair of Judges*

Adrian Sparks

Anna Pooley

Chris Crawford

Chris Tyrrell

Dylan McMahon

Julian Langworthy

Liz Silkman

Mark O'Callaghan

Matt Skinner

Nick Spencer

Paul Carpenter

Sam Connew

Jo Marsh

Tom Hogan

Leanne Altmann

Trophy Announcement

Wednesday 20 September 2017 at 12 noon EST

Results for the James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge will be announced in a short video which will be loaded on the Results page of the website www.chardonnaychallenge.com.au

See www.chardonnaychallenge.com.au for further information and entries.