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## **Trophies**

### **Champion Mainstream Variety White Wine**

Clovely Estate Semillon 2010

### **Champion Alternative Variety White Wine**

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Banca Ridge Viognier 2016

### **Champion Mainstream Variety Red Wine**

Ridgemill Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2016

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Balancing Rock Wines Sagrantino 2015

### **Champion Fortified Wine**

Riversand Golden Liqueur Muscat NV

### **Champion Wine \$20 or Under**

Banca Ridge Viognier 2016

### **Outstanding Wine of Provenance**

Clovely Estate Semillon

2009, 2013, 2017

### **Champion Wine of Show**

Balancing Rock Wines Sagrantino 2015

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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Winename	Points	Medal
<b>1</b>	<b>Verdelho, dry</b>					
1	1	2018	Hidden Creek Wines	Hidden Creek Verdelho	82.0	
1	2	2017	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Verdelho	82.0	
1	3	2018	Tobin Wines	Maisie Home Block Verdelho	81.0	
1	4	2016	O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard	Vince Reserve Verdelho	80.0	
1	5	2018	Hillsdale Estate	South Burnett Verdelho	83.0	
1	6	2018	Robert Channon Estate	Verdelho 2018	85.5	bronze
1	7	2017	Sirromet Wines	Vineyard Selection Verdelho	83.0	
1	8	2018	Ocean View Estate Wines	2018 Verdelho	87.0	bronze
1	9	2018	Symphony Hill Wines	Reserve Verdelho	90.0	silver
1	10	2018	Heritage Estate	Heritage Estate 2018 Verdelho	78.0	
1	11	2018	Morgan & Gill Wines	Morgan & Gill Verdelho	84.0	
1	12	2018	Clovely Estate	South Burnett Terroir Verdelho	83.0	
1	13	2018	Moffatdale Estate	Moffatdale Estate Verdelho	85.0	bronze

**Class Comments:** Medal winning wines had "Layers" of flavour with good acidity, ripeness and fruit weight. Many wines showed high residual sugar and yeast/lees notes. A few wines showed under ripe, sour notes.

<b>2</b>	<b>Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, dry</b>					
2	1	2017	Tobin Wines	Charlotte Sauvignon Blanc	82.0	
2	2	2018	Girraween Estate	Estate Sauvignon Blanc	86.0	bronze
2	3	2012	Tobin Wines	Isabella Semillon	83.0	
2	5	2014	Clovely Estate	South Burnett Terroir Semillon	90.0	silver
2	6	NV	View Wine by Sancerre	View Wine Sauvignon Blanc	81.0	
2	7	2017	Clovely Estate	South Burnett Terroir Semillon	92.0	silver
2	8	2018	Granite Belt Wines	Crystals Sauvignon Blanc	82.0	
2	9	2018	Riversands Vineyards	Beardmore's Dry	83.0	
2	10	2017	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Semillon	79.0	
2	11	2018	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Sauvignon Blanc	NP	

**Class Comments:** Difficult class. Medal wines showed varietal expression with two particularly strong entries. There seemed to be a number of fermentation issues with a few of the wines showing oxidised characteristics.

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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Wine Name	Points	Medal
<b>3</b>	<b>Chardonnay, dry</b>					
3	1	2017	Heritage Estate	Reserve Chardonnay	84.0	
3	2	2017	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate 'WYP' Chardonnay	95.0	gold
3	3	2017	Ocean View Estate	2017 Wild Fermented Chardonnay	83.0	
3	4	2018	Girraween Estate	Estate Chardonnay	83.0	
3	5	2017	Tobin Wines	Lily Chardonnay	87.0	bronze
3	6	2018	Moonrise Estate	New Moon Chardonnay	84.0	
3	7	2017	Hidden Creek Wines	Hidden Creek Chardonnay	83.0	
3	8	2016	Ballandean Estate Wines	Opera Block Chardonnay	84.0	
3	9	2013	Sirromet Wines	Le Sauvage Chardonnay	90.0	silver
3	10	2016	Whiskey Gully Wines	Reserve Chardonnay	82.0	
3	11	2017	Riversands Vineyards	Inland Way Chardonnay	84.0	
3	12	2017	Twisted Gum Wines	Single Vineyard Dry Grown	84.0	
3	13	2018	Ambar Hill Wines	Reserve Chardonnay	86.0	bronze
3	14	2016	Robert Channon Wines	2016 Chardonnay	87.0	bronze
3	15	2016	Robert Channon Wines	Chopin Chardonnay	85.0	bronze
3	16	2015	Mason Wines	Cellar Collection	82.0	

**Class Comments:** A tough class – post lunch. But one perfectly put-together, contemporary chardonnay.

## **4 Dry White Varietal Wine other than Wines eligible for classes 1 to 3**

4	1	2017	Balancing Rock Wines	Balancing Rock "Chelle" Viognier	85.0	bronze
4	2	2017	Balancing Rock Wines	Balancing Rock "La Mia Bellisma" Viognier	84.0	
4	3	2016	Banca Ridge	'Gateway' Viognier	96.0	gold
4	4	2017	Savina Lane Wines	2017 Petit Manseng	87.0	bronze
4	5	2017	Savina Lane Wines	Classico Fiano	86.0	bronze
4	6	2017	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Roussanne	83.0	
4	7	2018	Nuova Scuola	Nuova Scuola Viognier	82.0	
4	8	2017	Ocean View Estate	2018 Viognier	80.0	
4	9	2017	Hidden Creek Wines	2017 Pinot Gris	85.0	silver
4	10	2017	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Riesling	83.0	
4	11	2018	Heritage Estate	Heritage Estate Pinot Gris	84.0	

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4	12	2018	Symphony Hill Wines	Petit Manseng	95.0	gold
4	13	2015	Symphony Hill Wines	Wild Child Viognier	87.0	bronze
4	15	2018	Moonrise Estate	Pinot Gris	93.0	silver
4	16	2016	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Marsanne	85.0	bronze
4	17	2018	Ballandean Estate Wines	Messing About Fiano	90.0	silver
4	18	2018	Ocean View Estate	2018 Viognier	93.0	silver
4	19	2018	Heritage Estate	Heritage Estate Savignin	80.0	

**Class Comments:** So much fun! (Sadly, lacking vermentino) and hard to split the top few wines. The two golds shown intensity, complexity and freshness.

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<b>Class</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Winery</b>	<b>Wine Name</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Medal</b>
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## **5 Dry White Blends**

**Class Comments:** No entries in 2018

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## **6 Merlot, dry (any vintage)**

6	1	2016	Sirromet Wines	Signature Collection Merlot	82.0	
6	2	2016	Granite Ridge Wines	Fergies Hill Merlot	86.0	bronze

**Class Comments:** Small Class, top wine showed the classic, minty, leafy characters.

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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Wine Name	Points	Medal
<b>7 Cabernet Sauvignon, dry (any vintage)</b>						
7	1	2016	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon	83.0	
7	2	2016	Twisted Gum Wines	Single Vineyard Dry Grown Cabernet Sauvignon	85.0	bronze
7	3	2015	O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyards	Viola Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	81.0	
7	4	2016	Mason Wines	Cellar Collection Cabernet Sauvignon	81.0	
7	5	2016	Whiskey Gully Wines	Yes Minister Cabernet Sauvignon	87.0	bronze
7	6	2016	Robert Channon	Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2016	82.0	
7	7	2016	Ridgemill Estate	Black Dog Cabernet Sauvignon	95.0	gold
7	8	2016	Morgan & Gill Wines	Morgan & Gill Cabernet Sauvignon	80.0	
7	9	2016	Symphony Hill Wines	Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	90.0	silver
7	10	2016	Sirromet Wines	Signature Collection Cabernet Sauvignon	83.0	

Class Comments: A solid class with few obvious faults. Generally, this class showed ripe/overripe characteristics with best wine revealing true varietal characteristics with classic fruit tannins and well handled oak.

<b>8 Shiraz or Shiraz Viognier, dry (any vintage)</b>						
8	1	2016	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate 'The Lincoln'	83.0	
8	2	2016	Ballandean Estate Wines	Opera Block Shiraz	89.0	bronze
8	3	2016	Whiskey Gully Wines	Black Rod Shiraz	85.0	bronze
8	4	2016	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Shiraz	88.0	bronze
8	5	2016	Savina Lane Wines	Millenium Shiraz	83.0	
8	6	2015	O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyards	Shane Reserve Shiraz	80.0	
8	7	2017	Heritage Estate	Old Vine Shiraz	80.0	
8	8	2016	Twisted Gum Wines	Single Vineyard Dry Grown Shiraz	86.0	bronze
8	9	2016	Granite Ridge Wines	Granite Rock Shiraz 2016	85.0	bronze
8	10	2016	Robert Channon Wines	Reserve Shiraz 2016	96.0	gold
8	11	2016	Symphony Hill Wines	Reserve Shiraz 2016	95.0	gold
8	12	2016	Balancing Rock Wines	The Rock Shiraz	83.0	
8	13	2016	Mason Wines	Cellar Collection Shiraz	82.0	
8	14	2016	Sirromet Wines	Signature Collection Shiraz Viognier	84.0	
8	15	2017	Girraween Estate	Estate Shiraz	91.0	silver

Class Comments: As expected a solid class with the spread of style reflecting regional variations. Some overly-zealous oak use. The top wine shows finesse and complexity.



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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Wine Name	Points	Medal
<b>9</b>	<b>Dry Red Varietal Wine other than Wines eligible for classes 6 to 8</b>					
9	1	2016	Savina Lane Wines	Lady of Spain Graciano	90.0	silver
9	2	2016	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Tempranillo	82.0	
9	3	2016	Robert Channon Wines	Reserve Malbec	87.0	bronze
9	4	2016	Robert Channon Wines	Reserve Pinot Noir	82.0	
9	5	2018	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate 'The Spaniard'	90.0	silver
9	6	2016	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Petit Verdot	84.0	
9	7	2016	Symphony Hill Wines	Reserve Pinot Noir	82.0	
9	8	2017	Hidden Creek Wines	Hidden Creek Wines Tempranillo	95.0	gold
9	9	2014	Symphony Hill Wines	Reserve Petit Sangiovese	88.0	bronze
9	10	2016	Symphony Hill Wines	Reserve Petit Verdot	87.0	bronze
9	11	2016	Whiskey Gully Wines	Montequieu Malbec	79.0	
9	12	2015	Savina Lane Wines	Tempranilla Reserva	83.0	
9	13	2016	Clovely Estate	South Burnett Terroir Petit Verdot	85.0	bronze
9	14	2017	Hidden Creek Wines	Unsung Hero Barbera	95.0	gold
9	15	2015	Balancing Rock Wines	Balancing Rock Reserve Sagrantino	95.0	gold
9	16	2016	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Petit Verdot	84.0	
9	17	2014	Clovely Estate	South Burnett Terroir Sapervari	82.0	
9	18	2016	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate South Burnett Terroir Nebbiolo	85.0	bronze
9	19	2016	Ballandean Estate Wines	Messing About Durif	88.0	bronze
9	20	2017	Tobin Wines	Jacob Tempranillo	86.0	bronze
9	21	2017	Ocean View Estate	2017 Ruby Cabernet	84.0	
9	22	2016	Moonrise Estate	Petit Verdot	83.0	
9	23	2016	Ballandean Estate Wines	Messing About Saperavi	88.0	bronze
9	24	2016	Clovely Estate	South Burnett Terroir Barbera	83.0	

**Class Comments:** Strong Class and arguably the strength of the QLD Wine Industry. Really enjoyable to judge and great to see so much clear varietal expression and less winemaking artefact.

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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Wine Name	Points	Medal
<b>10</b>	<b>Dry Red Blends</b>					
10	1	2016	Granite Ridge Wines	Petit Verdot / Cabernet Sauvignon	80.0	
10	2	2014	Sirromet Wines	Private Collection LM Reserve Assemblage	81.0	
10	3	2016	Jester Hill Wines	Triboulet	87.0	bronze
10	4	2016	Whisky Gully Wines	Parliamentary Blend	90.0	silver

**Class Comments:** Top wine showed great structure and balance. A well-blended wine.

<b>11</b>	<b>Rose or Light Red, Early Release Red, Dry or slightly Off-Dry styles (&lt;10g/L RS)</b>					
11	1	2017	Clovely Estate	South Burnett Terroir Sangiovese Rose	84.0	
11	2	2017	Twisted Gum Wines	Single Vineyard Dry Grown Rose	85.0	bronze
11	3	2018	Jester Hill Wines	Sangiovese Rose	83.0	
11	4	2017	Jester Hill Wines	Trinculo	NP	
11	5	2018	Granite Ridge Wines	Rose	82.0	
11	6	2018	Morgan and Gill Wines	Morgan and Gill Rose	85.0	bronze
11	7	2018	Ridgemill Estate	Snigley's Rose	89.0	bronze
11	8	2018	Ocean View Estate	2018 Reflections	82.0	
11	9	2018	Hidden Creek Wines	Hidden Creek Rose	90.0	silver
11	10	2018	Ballandean Estate Wines	Messing About Rose	90.0	silver
11	11	2018	Moffatdale Ridge	Moffatdale Ridge Rose	83.0	
11	12	2017	Girraween Estate	Girraween Estate Rose	85.0	bronze

**Class Comments:** A couple of otherwise lovely wines are spoiled by excess sugar (good guess, for the cellar door). Best wines show fragrance and finesse.

<b>12</b>	<b>White – fruity, semi-sweet and medium sweet styles, including Moscato</b>					
12	1	2017	Balancing Rock Wines	Camp Fire White	79.0	
12	2	2018	Ocean View Estate	White Diamonds	84.0	

**Class Comments:** No class notes

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<b>13</b>	<b>Rose or Red – fruity, semi-sweet and medium sweet styles, including Moscato</b>					
13	1	2017	Riversands Vineyards	Dr Seidel's Red Moscato	82.0	

Class Comments: No class notes

<b>14</b>	<b>Dessert Whites - dessert styles, rich and luscious, more than 60 g/L residual sugar</b>					
14	1	2016	Sirromet Wines	Late Harvest Pinot Gris	86.0	bronze
14	3	2015	Whiskey Gully Wines	2015 Pengloss Colombard Chardonnay	89.0	bronze

Class Comments: No class comments

Class	No.	Year	Winery	Wine Name	Points	Medal
<b>15</b>	<b>Fortified Wines – all styles</b>					
15	1	NV	Riversands Vineyards	Golden Liqueur White Muscat	96.0	gold
15	2	NV	Granite Ridge Wines	Granite Amber Liqueur	89.0	bronze
15	3	NV	Sirromet Wines	Sun Wine	89.0	bronze
15	4	NV	Tobin Wines	Liqueur Muscat	95.0	gold
15	5	NV	Riversands Vineyards	Black Magic Vintage Port	78.0	

Class Comments: Good class with solid expression of Aussie style, best wine showed purity and good use of spirit

<b>16</b>	<b>Sparkling Wine– Red or White</b>					
16	1	2018	Ocean View Estate	2018 Sparkling Viognier	83.0	
16	2	2018	Riversands Vineyards	Sparkling Sisters	84.0	
16	3	2017	Ridgemill Estate	Eloise	84.0	
16	4	2015	O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyards	Lona Reserve Sparkling Semillon	86.0	bronze
16	5	2018	Girraween Estate	Sparkling Rose	84.0	
16	6	NV	Robert Channon Wines	'V' Bubbles	85.0	bronze
16	7	2010	Whisky Gully Wines	Bright Eyes Sparkling Colombard	85.0	bronze
16	8	2018	Ocean View Estate	2018 Sparkling Reflections	86.0	bronze
16	9	2012	Clovely Estate	Blanc de Blanc SBT	93.0	silver
16	10	2016	Hill of Promise	Three Mary's Sparkling Semillon	80.0	

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16	11	2017	Hill of Promise	Three Mary's Sparkling Muscat	76.0	
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**Class Comments:** An interesting mix of styles, including some Moscato-ish sweet wines. The silver medal wine showed aged complexity with freshness and vitality.

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## 17 Museum Class – Red (2010 or earlier) or White (2011 or earlier)

17	1	2011	Tobin Wines	Isabella Semillon	90.0	silver
17	2	2010	Clovely Estate	South Burnett Terroir Semillon	95.0	gold
17	3	2007	Ambar Hill Wines	Ambar Hills Shiraz	87.0	bronze

**Class Comments:** Three youthfully-mature wines. Top Semillon is exemplary.

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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Wine Name	Points	Medal
<b>18</b>	<b>Provenance Class</b>					
18	1	2006, 2012, 2017	Hidden Creek Wines	Hidden Creek Tempranillo		
18	2	2009, 2013, 2017	Clovely Estate	South Burnett Terroir Semillon	wine of provenance	

**Class Comments:** The Semillon showed magnificence over their years, whereas the Tempranillo looked tired in the earlier vintages. It would be good to see more entries in this field in future years.

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## 19 Innovative Wine Styles

19	1		Sirromet Wines	Amphorae Chardonnay	95	gold
19	2		Ocean View Estate	Rack Dried Ruby Cabernet	85	bronze
19	3		Ocean View Estate	White Diamonds	83	
19	4		Konpira Maru	La Donche Tropicale de Murgon	82	
19	5	2014	Clovely Estate	Passito, South Burnett Artisan	83	
19	6	2018	Robert Channon Wines	Wild Ferment Pinot Gris	82	
19	7	2018	Monticello Estate	Pear Wine	79	
19	8	2018	Monticello Estate	Perri Cider (Pear)	78	

**Class comment:** Interesting class of wines to judge. The top wine via a number of winemaking processes maintained varietal expression and was technically flawless. Too many of the wines showed significant wine faults and although this class is experimental/innovative wines still need to be free from faults to medal.