



# 2026 ENTRY SCHEDULE

Judging	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Exhibitor's Tasting	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Public Tasting	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Trophy Presentation	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> August

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## KEY DATES

<b>JUNE 12 (Fri)</b>	<b>ENTRIES CLOSE</b>
<b>JUNE 17 (Wed)</b>	<b>BOTTLE ENTRY LABELS EMAILED TO EXHIBITORS</b>
<b>JULY 3 (Fri)</b>	<b>ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SOCIETY</b>
<b>JULY 13 (Mon)</b>	<b>JUDGING COMMENCES</b>
<b>JULY 16 (Thurs)</b>	<b>EXHIBITOR'S TASTING</b>
<b>JULY 18 (Sat)</b>	<b>PUBLIC TASTING</b>
<b>AUGUST 8 (Sat)</b>	<b>TROPHY PRESENTATION</b>

## REGULATIONS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN SINGLE VINEYARD WINE SHOW

### ALL EXHIBITS AWARDED GOLD OR SILVER MEDALS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY TO THE NATIONAL WINE SHOW, CANBERRA ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR THE TRAVEL AWARD

1. The Cowra Wine Show (CWS) is open to licensed winemakers, distillers and merchants who adhere to the **Winemakers Federation of Australia Code of Practice for the Display of Awards**.
2. All exhibits shall conform to the respective Acts of the States and Commonwealth of Australia which govern the production and sale of Australian Wine and Brandy, including but not limited to: the Custom and Excise Act, Health Act, Spirit Act, the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Export Regulations Amendments 1993, and the regulations relevant to such Acts.
3.
  - (a) All exhibits shall be made wholly in Australia utilising only Australian grapes.
  - (b) All classes in the CWS are exclusively for finished bottled wine.
  - (c) All entries for table wines will only be accepted where the wine is made from grapes containing not less than 85% of a single vintage and the vintage is stated on the commercial label or will be stated on the commercial label when released. This regulation does not apply to non-vintage classes.

4. All entries shall be made either online or using the form supplied by Cowra Show Society Inc. (“the Society”). All information requested must be supplied. Method of payment must be indicated on the entry form.
5. An entry fee of \$75.00 (including GST) per entry is required within seven (7) days of submitting the entry online or emailing a scanned entry form. Posted entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by the required fee. Entry fees are non-refundable.
6. Exhibitors may submit unlimited entries per class.
7. A wine shall only be entered once, irrespective of the number of trade labels under which it is released.
8. Exhibits of blended wines must represent the prescribed quantity already blended, but not necessarily in the one container. In all single varietal classes, not less than 85% of the wine shall be of the specified variety.
9. Exhibits of wines subject to multiple bottling runs shall be, in all respects, the same wine that is currently available for retail sale.

**10. EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS**

Minimum stock level to be held by the exhibitor at the time of entry:

White and Red table Wines	50 dozen
Sweet White Dessert Wine	25 dozen
Sparkling Wines	25 dozen
Fortified Wines	25 dozen

(750ml bottles or equivalent volume)

11. Exhibit requirements are:  
Classes 1 – 7, 10, 31 - 40 - six (6) 750 ml bottles, or equivalent  
Class 8- four (4) 750ml bottles, or equivalent
12. Online, email and posted entries close on **Friday 12<sup>h</sup> June 2026.**
13. Bottle entry labels will be emailed to exhibitors starting from **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026.** The labels should be affixed to all bottles before delivery.
14. Commercially labelled wines must be entered with their commercial labels affixed. **Please note when affixing wine show labels, where possible, do not cover your commercial labels as we need to cross-check all entries.**
15. All exhibits are to be delivered, at exhibitor’s cost to:  
**CWS**  
**Show Pavilion**  
**3-5 Grenfell Road**  
**Cowra. NSW. 2794**
16. External packaging must be properly marked with the exhibitor’s name and the enclosed exhibit(s).
17. Exhibits are to arrive no later **Friday 3 JULY 2026.** Exhibits on which freight has not been paid will be excluded from judging.

18. All exhibits become the property of the Society upon receipt.
19. The Society reserves the right to accept or reject any entry, to question exhibitors on details of entries, and to change entries to a more appropriate class.

## 20. **AUDITING**

- (a) In all cases, the wine in stock, as declared on the entry form, may be inspected and checked by a representative or nominee of the Society to verify origin, quantity held and availability for retail sale.
- (b) The exhibitor agrees to retain stock records at the time of entry that will demonstrate to an auditor, if required, that they meet the volume requirements of the classes entered.
- (c) The exhibitor agrees that if an entry submitted is from a single blend then no blend number is required. If the wine submitted is from more than one blend and bottled under the one label the blend (or batch) number is to be included on the entry form.
- (d) The exhibitor is required to declare that the entries meet the entry criteria as set out in the regulations.
- (e) The exhibitor agrees to cooperate with and abide by the consequences of the wine shows' auditing process.
- (f) The exhibitor agrees to the publication, as contemplated by these recommendations, of audit results, including details of any penalties imposed; and the exhibitor agrees to make no claim of any kind or description arising out of or in connection with that publication, and indemnifies the wine show organisers in respect of any claim by any third party in respect of loss or damage arising out of or in connection with that publication.
- (g) After the closing date for receipt of exhibits, a draw may be made for selection of regions from which entries may be checked. An official appointed by the Society may make an inspection of the quantities of such wines in accordance with the declaration on the entry form and take at least one sample bottle for comparison with the exhibit submitted.
- (h) The Society may purchase at random, samples from a licensed retail outlet for comparison with the exhibits submitted for judging.
- (i) The exhibitor agrees that the show organisers and the bodies with which they are associated, are enabled to recognise and act in conformity with any penalties imposed by any other wine show organiser or associated body, and for the exhibitor in question to have no claim of any kind or description against a recognising wine show organiser in respect of any such recognition or action.

## 21. **JUDGING**

Exhibits will be judged out of 100 points and the average of three judge's points will be the result.

Medals awarded in all classes as follows:

Gold	(95.0 to 100 points)
Silver	(90.0 to 94.99 points)
Bronze	(85.0 to 89.99 points)

## 22. **TROPHIES**

- (a) The Most Successful Exhibitor trophy will be awarded to the exhibitor whose entries have the highest points tally. Five points will be awarded for gold medal, three points for silver and one for bronze. This award may only be displayed on or in relation to wines that have won a medal at the CWS.

- (b) Exhibitors of trophy winning wines selected by the committee to be served at the Awards Presentation Function, will be required to supply and deliver to the Society 12 x 750ml bottles of table and sparkling wines and up to 6 x 750ml bottles (or equivalent) of fortified and dessert wines. These wines will be served at the Presentation Dinner and at other promotional functions.
- (c) A Travel Award to the value of \$3,000, will be awarded to the winner of the best Dry White or Red Table Wine of the ASVWS, as decided by the Judges.
- (d) The Most Successful Local Exhibitor of the ASVWS will be awarded to the exhibitor whose entries have the highest points tally Five points will be awarded for a gold medal, three points for a silver and one for a bronze. This award may only be displayed on or in relation wines that have won a medal at the ASVWS.
- (e) Exhibits for a Local Award will be made using a minimum of 85% grapes grown within the Cowra Region GI boundaries. The "Local Award" box should be checked to denote entries seeking consideration for a Local Award.

### 23. PROTESTS

No protest will be considered unless made within 7 days of the announcement of the awards. However, it must be noted that the decision of the judges is final and, whilst no discussion will be entered, the reason for the decision will be given.

### 24. DISQUALIFICATIONS

- (a) Any exhibitor breaking any regulation may be disqualified from this and any future Show or Shows.
- (b) No entry will be received from any exhibitor disqualified by this or any other similar society during the period of such disqualification. Should an entry be accepted, it shall, when discovered, be deemed void, and the entry fee and the exhibit shall be forfeited.
- (c) It should also be noted that an entry may be disqualified if:
  - i. A checked wine (per regulation 15) does not conform to the wine entered or
  - ii. A wine entered is not finished and commercially bottled or
  - iii. The quantity claimed to be held in stock is determined to be false.

### 25. THE EXHIBITORS' TASTING

This is a "restricted industry function" and therefore attendance is limited to bona-fide company personnel associated with the entry. Limited extra tickets, based upon entries submitted, will only be issued upon a direct request to the Society.

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## CLASSES

### WHITE TABLE WINE

CLASS	TYPE	VARIETY	VINTAGE
1	Dry White	Chardonnay	2026 & 2025
2	Dry White	Chardonnay	2024 & Older
3	Dry White	Riesling	Any Vintage
4	Dry White	Semillon	Any Vintage
5	Dry White	Other White Variety and Blend	Any Vintage
6	Dry White Organic	Any White Variety/Blend	Any Vintage
7	Low/No Alcohol	Any White Variety/Blend	Any Vintage

### SWEET WHITE WINE

8	Sweet White, Any Style	Any Variety, Botrytised and Non Botrytised	Any Vintage
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### ROSÉ

10	Rosé	Any Variety	Any Vintage
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### RED TABLE WINE (ctd. next page)

31	Dry Red	Cabernet Sauvignon	2026 & 2025
32	Dry Red	Cabernet Sauvignon	2024 and Older
33	Dry Red	Pinot Noir	2026 & 2025
34	Dry Red	Pinot Noir	2024 and Older
35	Dry Red	Shiraz	2026 & 2025
38	Dry Red	Shiraz	2024 & Older

37	Dry Red	Other Red Variety	Any Vintage
38	Dry Red	Red Blend	Any Vintage
39	Dry Red Organic	Any Red Variety/Blend	Any Vintage
40	Low/No Alcohol	Any Red Variety/Blend	Any Vintage

### **SPARKLING WINES**

Four 750 ml bottles or equivalent required

61	Sparkling White, Pink, Rose and Red	Any Variety	Any Vintage or N/V
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# TROPHIES 2026

## AUSTRALIAN SINGLE VINEYARD WINE SHOW

### TRAVEL AWARD FOR DRY WHITE OR RED TABLE WINE OF THE SHOW

(Classes 1- 7, 10, 31 - 40 See Regulation 23(c))

### MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR

(Classes 1-61)

### MOST SUCCESSFUL LOCAL EXHIBITOR

(Classes 1-61) See Regulation 23(d)

## WHITE WINES

### SINGLE VINEYARD DRY WHITE TABLE WINE OF SHOW

(Classes 1-7)

### VITICULTURIST OR GROWER OF SINGLE VINEYARD DRY WHITE TABLE WINE OF SHOW

(Classes 1-7)

*SINGLE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY (Classes 1, 2, 6 & 7)*

*SINGLE VINEYARD RIESLING (Class 3, 6 & 7)*

*SINGLE VINEYARD SEMILLON (Classes 4, 6 & 7)*

*SINGLE VINEYARD OTHER WHITE VARIETIES AND WHITE BLENDS (Classes 5 – 7)*

## ROSÉ

*SINGLE VINEYARD ROSÉ (Class 10)*

## RED WINES

**SINGLE VINEYARD DRY RED TABLE WINE OF SHOW** (Classes 31 - 40)

### VITICULTURIST OR GROWER OF SINGLE VINEYARD DRY RED TABLE WINE OF SHOW

(Classes 31 - 40)

*SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON (Classes 31, 32, 39 & 40)*

*SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR (Classes 33, 34, 39 & 40)*

*SINGLE VINEYARD SHIRAZ (Classes 35, 36, 39 & 40)*

*SINGLE VINEYARD OTHER RED VARIETIES AND RED BLEND (Classes 37, 38, 39 & 40)*

## SPARKLING WINE

*SINGLE VINEYARD SPARKLING WINE (Class 61)*