



2026 ENTRY SCHEDULE

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

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KEY DATES

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

REGULATIONS FOR THE COWRA WINE SHOW

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 101 - 110, 125, 131 – 140 - six (6) 750 ml bottles, or equivalent
Classes 121, 151, 161-165 - four (4) 750ml bottles, or equivalent
12. Online, email and posted entries close on **Friday 12^h June 2026**.
13. Bottle entry labels will be emailed to exhibitors starting from **Monday 17th 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.

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.

COWRA WINE SHOW

Minimum stock quantities required at time of bottling:

White and Red Table Wines	100 dozen
Sweet White Dessert Wines	25 dozen
Sparkling Wine	25 dozen
Fortified Wine	25 dozen

Awards are non-transferable and are therefore only to be used exclusively to promote the label entered. All results will be published in the Results Catalogue and released to the media and public.

WHITE TABLE WINE

CLASS	TYPE	VARIETY	VINTAGE
101	Dry White	Chardonnay	2026 & 2025
102	Dry White	Chardonnay	2024 & older
103	Dry White	Pinot Gris/Grigio	Any vintage
104	Dry White	Riesling	Any vintage
105	Dry White	Sauvignon Blanc	Any vintage
106	Dry White	Semillon	2026 & 2025
107	Dry White	Semillon	2024 & older
108	Dry White	Other White Variety	Any vintage
109	Dry White	White Blend	Any vintage
110	Dry White	Low/Non-Alcohol White Wine	Any vintage
SWEET WHITE			
121	Sweet White, Table Wine Any Style	Any Variety, Non Botrytised and Botrytised	Any Vintage
ROSÉ			
125	Rosé	Any Variety, Any Style	Any vintage

RED TABLE WINE

CLASS	TYPE	VARIETY	VINTAGE
131	Dry Red	Cabernet Sauvignon	2026 & 2025
132	Dry Red	Cabernet Sauvignon	2024 & Older
133	Dry Red	Durif	Any Vintage
134	Dry Red	Pinot Noir	Any Vintage
135	Dry Red	Shiraz	2026 & 2025
136	Dry Red	Shiraz	2024
137	Dry Red	Shiraz	2023 and older
138	Dry Red	Other Varieties	Any Vintage
139	Dry Red	Blends See note A below	Any Vintage
140	Dry Red	Low/Non-Alcohol Red Wine	Any Vintage

Note A **Not eligible for other classes.**

SPARKLING WINES – ANY VINTAGE

Four 750 ml bottles or equivalent required

CLASS	TYPE	STYLE	VINTAGE
151	Sparkling White, Pink, Rose and Red	Any Variety, Any Style	Any vintage

FORTIFIED WINES – ANY VINTAGE

Four (4) 750 ml bottles or equivalent required, classification to be stated

CLASS	TYPE	VINTAGE
161	Apera, Any Style	Non-Vintage
162	Sweet White Wine Any Classification	Non-Vintage
163	Muscat, Any Classification	Non-Vintage
164	Fortified Tawny or Ruby	Non-Vintage
165	Fortified Vintage	Any Vintage

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COWRA WINE SHOW

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR (Classes 101 - 165)

DRY WHITE TABLE WINE OF SHOW (Classes 101 - 110)

DRY RED TABLE WINE OF THE SHOW (Classes 131 – 140)

WHITE WINES

CHARDONNAY (Classes 101 - 102)

RIESLING (Class 104)

SEMILLON (Classes 106 - 107)

DRY WHITE OTHER VARIETIES (Classes 105 & 108)

DRY WHITE BLEND (Class 109)

SWEET WHITE WINE (Classes 121)

ROSÉ

ROSÉ (Class 125)

RED WINES

CABERNET SAUVIGNON (Class 131 - 132)

PINOT NOIR (Classes 134)

SHIRAZ (Classes 135 - 137)

DRY RED OTHER VARIETIES (Classes 133 & 138)

DRY RED BLEND (Classes 139)

SPARKLING WINES

SPARKLING WINE OF THE SHOW (Classes 151)

FORTIFIED WINE

FORTIFIED WINE (Classes 161 - 165)