



MEDIA RELEASE

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ActewAGL Canberra Regional Wine Show record number of entries

The ActewAGL Canberra Regional Wine Show has attracted a record number of 304 entries from 49 wineries around the ACT region including the Canberra District, Hilltops, Gundagai, Tumbarumba, the Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven Coast.

Judging will take place on 16 and 17 September 2010 at Exhibition Park in Canberra.

Wines will be judged in 23 classes including Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and other white wine varieties and blends, and Pinot Noir, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and other red wine varieties and blends. Sparkling wines, medium and sweet white wines, fortified wines and museum wines will also be judged.

A new trophy has been introduced to acknowledge the valuable contribution Dr Edgar Riek OAM has made to the wine industry. He is regarded as one of the founding fathers of the local wine industry and was the first to establish a vineyard on the Lake George escarpment. He turned 90 this year.

The Dr Edgar Riek trophy will be presented to the Best Canberra District Shiraz judged in the open classes.

The Show is a qualifying show for entry to the National Wine Show of Australia and gold and silver medal winners may be eligible to enter the 2010 National Wine Show if relevant entry criteria are met.

The highly experienced and qualified judging panel includes Mr Ben Edwards (Chairman of Judges), Mr Jim Chatto and Mr Nick Stock. All are judges at the 2010 National Wine Show of Australia.

The presentation of trophies will take place in Terrace Restaurant, Exhibition Park in Canberra on Friday 17 September at 6.00pm by the ACT Chief Minister, Mr Jon Stanhope MLA and the Chairman of ActewAGL, Mr John Mackay AM.

A public tasting of the wines will be held in Terrace Restaurant on Saturday 18 September between 12.00pm and 3.00pm.

The media is invited to attend on judging days, the trophy presentation and the public tasting and are requested to contact the Society to make suitable arrangements. Judges, exhibitors and Show organisers will be available for interview.

PLEASE NOTE: No perfumed products including perfume, after shave, hand cream or deodorant must not be worn if attending the Show. Admittance will be refused, after shave or other perfume products are to be worn by media and other personnel attending during the Show as this impacts on the judges' assessment of the wines.

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