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## A marbleous Darling Downs Wagyu wins Australia's best steak for second year

The Darling Downs has once again proven it's yards ahead, with Stockyard's Wagyu Kiwami crowned Australia's best steak at the prestigious Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) Branded Beef and Lamb Competition Awards at the Brisbane Showgrounds today.

It's the second year in a row the Wagyu Kiwami, produced at Jondaryan near Toowoomba, has steaked the coveted John Kilroy Cha Cha Char Grand Champion Branded Beef of Show title and the fourth in a row beef from the Darling Downs region has taken it out.

The Wagyu Kiwami beat 36 other entrants, with Chief Judge Elaine Millar describing it as an extremely well-balanced, superb judging and eating experience.

"It had an extraordinary juicy yet clean melt-in-your mouth butteriness along with rich beefy flavours that were complimented by sweet pureed macadamias and oyster mushrooms nuances – the perfect cut for on-trend live-fire cooking," she said.

"Across all classes, our 2018 judging panels were immersed in a 'best-ever' experience due to the exceptional quality of this year's entries, which highlights Australia's position as a leader in the international beef market."

Meanwhile Tasmanian sourced lamb is proving tough to beat, with Melrose Wholesale Meats, based in Brisbane, claiming the title of Australia's best lamb for their Tasmanian Royal, which was taken out last year by Woodward Foods Australia's HRW Tasmanian Lamb.

Ms Millar said there was a beautiful poise between the generous clean juiciness and the fine texture of the Tasmanian Royal, both of which complimented one another.

"The subtle delicious gaminess and the sweet creamy biscuity flavours provided a perfect well-balanced flavour profile."

The awards followed two days of judging this week, which saw 11 food experts including well-known executive chefs Richard Ousby of Stokehouse Q and Glen Barratt of Wild Canary, taste their way through 57 of the nation's finest red meat products.

Some of today's award-winning beef and lamb will now feature on the menu at the fine dining steakhouse restaurant at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka), which is just 98 days away.



**MAJOR AWARD WINNERS:**

**THE JOHN KILROY CHA CHA CHAR GRAND CHAMPION BRANDED BEEF OF SHOW  
(Australia's best steak)** Stockyard Pty Ltd - Class 4 Cat. No. 26 - Stockyard Wagyu Kiwami

**SUPER BUTCHER CHAMPION MSA GRADED BRANDED BEEF OF SHOW**  
JBS Australia - Class 1 Cat. No. 9 - Riverina Angus

**SUPER BUTCHER CHAMPION BRANDED LAMB OF SHOW (Australia's best lamb)**  
Melrose Wholesale Meats - Class 6 Cat. No. 43 - Tasmanian Royal

**BEEF AWARD WINNERS**

**Class 1 - Lendlease Grain Fed Class**

Gold: JBS Australia for its JBS Riverina Angus  
Silver: Stockyard Pty Ltd for its Stockyard Gold  
Bronze: NH Foods Australia for its Oakey Angus Reserve

**Class 2 - Lendlease Grass Fed Class**

Gold: JBS Australia for its Swift Premium  
Silver: NH Foods Australia for its Manning Valley Naturally Grass Fed  
Bronze: Greenham Tasmania for its Bass Strait Beef

**Class 3 - Super Butcher Wagyu Class AUS-MEAT Marble Score 1 to 5**

Gold: Andrews Meat Industries for its Tajima Wagyu  
Silver: Stockyard Pty Ltd for its Stockyard Red  
Bronze: Mort & Co for its The Phoenix

**Class 4 - Super Butcher Wagyu Class AUS-MEAT Marble Score 6+**

Gold: Stockyard Pty Ltd for its Stockyard Wagyu Kiwami  
Silver: Mort & Co for its The Phoenix  
Bronze: Stockyard Pty Ltd for its Stockyard Black

**Class 5 - Super Butcher Open Class**

Gold: JBS Australia for its Tender Valley Angus  
Silver: NH Foods Australia for its Australian Shorthorn Wingham Beef Exports  
Bronze: Woodward Foods Australia for its Woodward Foods - Natural Beef

**LAMB AWARD WINNERS**

**Class 6 - Meat & Livestock Australia Branded Lamb Class 20kg or Less**

Gold: Melrose Wholesale Meats for its Tasmanian Royal  
Silver: Country Fresh Nationwide for its Thomas Farms  
Bronze: Country Fresh Nationwide for its Supreme Lamb

**Class 7 - Super Butcher Branded Lamb Class More than 20kg**

Gold: Australian Wholesale Meats Qld for its Sovereign Lamb  
Silver: Woodward Foods Australia for its Woodward Foods - Australian lamb  
Bronze: Country Fresh Nationwide for its Supreme Lamb



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Bronze: Milly Hill Pty Ltd for its Milly Hill

**Class 8 - Super Butcher Restaurant Trade Branded Lamb Class More than 24kg**

Gold: Woodward Foods Australia for its Woodward Foods - Tasmanian Lamb

Silver: Australian Wholesale Meats Qld for its Sovereign Lamb

Bronze: Woodward Foods Australia for its Woodward Foods - Australian Lamb

Bronze: Melrose Wholesale Meats for its Tasmanian Royal

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