



Media Release

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Australia's finest drops to be crowned at Royal Queensland Wine Awards

Australia's top wineries will go head to head at the nation's first wine show of the season, with winners being announced at the exclusive Royal Queensland Wine Awards Dinner in Brisbane on July 8.

Chief Judge and award-winning winemaker PJ Charteris, with his team of expert judges, will taste more than 2000 Australian wines before they make the tough decision of crowning the best of the best.

Mr Charteris says the Royal Queensland Wine Show (RQWS), plays an important role in the Australian wine industry.

"The RQWS is the first to be held for the season and is a great benchmark for the industry and wine savvy public, wine producers and consumers can gauge what wines to look out for through the rest of the year," he said.

"It's also a great opportunity for producers to gain exposure and promote their wines."

Crowned Hunter Valley Winemaker of the Year in 2010, Mr Charteris has worked in New Zealand, Australia, Europe and the Americas in search of the perfect drop – his passions are making Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

He is always on the lookout for the highest quality in Australian wine and this year has his eye on smaller producers.

"It's great to see more and more smaller producers entering wine shows, as a result we get greater diversity of style in the wines as well as outstanding quality," he said.

The RQWS, which will be judged from June 30 to July 3, is the ultimate test for winemakers to compete against industry peers.

All will be revealed when the winners are announced at the Royal Queensland Wine Awards Dinner on Tuesday, July 8.

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The awards will be held at the state-of-the-art Royal International Convention Centre where guests can taste the first champion wines of the wine show season from award-winning Australian wineries.

The wines will be enjoyed with a menu specially prepared to showcase the best of the best Queensland produce while rubbing shoulders with the who's who of the Australian Wine Industry.

The RQWS has received entries from wine regions across Australia including the iconic Barossa Valley, Victoria's Milawa region, the Hunter Valley, Queensland's Granite Belt and Western Australia's Margaret River to name a few.

To buy tickets to this exclusive event click here: <http://www.rqfws.com.au/wine-dinner/>

Essential information:

- Royal Queensland Wine Award's Dinner July 8, 2014
- \$175 + GST per ticket
- More than 2000 Australian wines judged
- Judging 30 June to 3 July, 2014

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