



WINE WINNERS: Steve Pannell and Fiona Lindquist with two trophies awarded to SC Pannell at the CARTeSIAN McLaren Vale Wine Show.

Regional wines shine in the Vale

THE CARTeSIAN McLaren Vale Wine Show produced an array of alternative variety winners in 2011.

International judge, Lisa Perrotti Brown said it was an incredibly packed week judging at the McLaren Vale wine show.

"I got a great overview of the recent vintages and the new trends for this region. A lot of exciting new grape varieties are emerging with less emphasis on vines that clearly can't excel in this region (eg Sauvignon) and increased plantings of warmer climate/more expressive grapes such as Fiano, Vermentino, Grenache and Mataro.

"I was very pleased with the results of the show, which I think was very just and spoke volumes for the team of judges: Tom Carson (Chair), Sue Hodder, Glenn James, Louise Radman and journos Nick Ryan and Jane Faulkner and myself." Amongst the Trophies were wines from: Coriole, Walter Clappis, Wirra Wirra, Shingleback, Kay Bros, Battle of Bosworth, SC Pannell (2 Trophies!), and Pertaringa.

CARTeSIAN McLaren Vale Wine Show Trophy Winners

Best McLaren Vale Chardonnay and blend of: Highly commended: 2011 Kangarilla Road McLaren Vale Chardonnay

Best McLaren Vale White Wine other: 2011 Coriole Fiano.

Best McLaren Vale Rose or Sparkling Wine: Highly commended: 2011 Mrs Wigley Rose.

Best McLaren Vale Shiraz under \$25: 2008 Kay Brothers Basket Pressed Shiraz.

Best McLaren Vale Shiraz \$25 - \$50: 2010 Wirra Wirra Woodhenge Shiraz.

Best McLaren Vale Shiraz over \$50: 2009 Ill Associates Squid Ink Shiraz.

Best McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon: 2010 Battle of Bosworth Cabernet Sauvignon.

Best McLaren Vale Grenache: 2010 SC Pannell Grenache.

Best McLaren Vale Single Red Varietal Other: 2009 Pertaringa Wines Tannat.

Best McLaren Vale Shiraz Predominant Blend: 2010 Fox Creek Shiraz Grenache Mouvedre.

Best McLaren Vale Cabernet Predominant Blend: Highly Commended: 2010 DogRidge THE PUP Cabernet Merlot.

Best McLaren Vale Red Blend Other: 2010 SC Pannell Touriga Tempranillo.

Best Fortified Wine: Oliver's Taranga Vineyards The Banished Fortified.

Best McLaren Vale Museum Wine: 2004 Hardys Eileen Hardy Shiraz.

McLaren Vale Icon Red Wine: Chapel Hill Cabernet Sauvignon 2009/2005.

Best McLaren Vale Pre-release wine: 2010 Tintara Shiraz.

Best Fleurieu Peninsula White, Rose or Sparkling Wine: Highly commended: 2011 Sparkling Bronze Cabernet Sauvignon Malian.

Best Fleurieu Peninsula Red Wine: 2009 Coates Touriga Nacional.

Best Small Batch Wine: 2011 The Hedonist Sangiovese Rose.

Single Vineyard Wine Any Style: 2011 Chalk Hill Vermentino.

Single Vineyard Viticulturist Any Style: Jock Harvey.

Eric Lacey Memorial - Best Small Producer: 2010 SC Pannell Touriga Tempranillo.

Most Successful Exhibitor Award: Tintara. **International Judges Best Wine:** 2010 Red Knot Grenache/Shiraz/Mouvedre.

Wine Show Judge, Glenn James, summed up the enthusiasm from the judges.

"Very excited to see some new white varieties leading the charge in McLaren Vale. I think McLaren Vale has finally found its great white hope!

"And, of course, the Grenache and blends were an instant stand-out - this is what this region does exceptionally well and has done so for a long time," he said.