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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Winename	Points	Medal
<b>1</b>	<b>Verdelho, dry</b>					
1	1	2014	Dusty Hill	Dusty Hill Verdelho		Not Presented
1	2	2014	Robert Channon Wines	Verdelho 2014	49.5	Bronze
1	3	2014	Summit Estate	Summit Estate Verdelho	46.5	Bronze
1	4	2014	Sirromet Wines	Vineyard Selection Verdelho	45.0	
1	5	2014	Symphony Hill Wines	Family Reserve Verdlho	47.5	Bronze
1	6	2014	Robert Channon Wines	Long Block Verdelho 2014	45.5	
1	7	2014	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Verdelho	45.0	
1	8	2014	Hidden Creek	Hidden Creek Verdelho	42.5	
1	9	2015	Dusty Hill	Gra Fion Verdelho	50.0	Bronze
1	10	2015	Ravens Croft Wines	Ravens Croft Verdelho	51.5	Silver
1	11	2015	Tipperary Estate	Verdelho	45.5	
1	12	2015	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Verdelho	43.0	
1	13	2015	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Verdelho	49.5	Bronze
1	14	2015	Robert Channon Wines	Verdelho 2015	55.5	Gold
1	15	2015	Summit Estate	Summit Estate Verdelho	51.0	Silver
1	16	2015	Mason Wines	Mason Wines Verdelho	44.0	
1	17	2015	Mt Tamborine Vineyard & Winery	Verdelho	48.5	Bronze
1	18	2015	Moffatdale Ridge	Moffatdale Ridge 2015 Verdelho	51.0	Silver

**Class Comments:** A fantastic class of wines to judge. It's great to see so many well made wines and diversity of styles. Verdelho is certainly one of the top champion white wines of the QLD Wine Industry. Top wine was an atypical style with amazing poise and complexity. Wines not awarded medals were lacking freshness and balance. Keep up the good work!

**2 Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, dry**

2	1	2014	Dusty Hill	Dusty Hill Semillon	42.0	
2	2	2014	Riversands	Beardmores Dry	49.0	Bronze
2	3	2015	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Sauvignon Blanc	48.0	Bronze
2	4	2015	Girraween Estate	Estate Sauvignon Blanc	44.5	
2	5	2014	Symphony Hill Wines	Semillon	46.0	
2	6	2013	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Semillon	46.5	Bronze
2	7	2014	Moffatdale Ridge	2014 Semillon	44.5	
2	8	2010	Golden Grove	2010 Semillon	52.0	Silver

**Class Comments:** A rather disappointing class, many poorly, simple wines and lacking any varietal definition or fruit. Many under fruited wines, top wine awarded for some beautifully aged fruit, a wine of precision and poise, amazing capacity to hold its age. A diamond in the rough.

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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Winename	Points	Medal
<b>3</b>	<b>Chardonnay, dry</b>					
3	1	2012	Whiskey Gully	Reserve Chardonnay	42.5	
3	2	2013	Riversands	Inland Way Chardonnay	47.5	Bronze
3	3	2013	Sirromet Wines	Signature Collection Chardonnay	48.0	Bronze
3	4	2013	Twisted Gum	Chardonnay	42.5	
3	5	2013	Mt Tamborine Vineyard & Winery	Miracle French Oak Chardonnay	44.0	
3	6	2013	Sirromet Wines	Le Sauvage "The Wild" Chardonnay	49.5	Bronze
3	7	2014	Ballandean Estate	Opera Block Chardonnay	53.0	Silver
3	8	2014	Pyramids Road Wines	Pyramids Road Chardonnay	40.0	
3	9	2014	Ravens Croft Wines	Ravens Croft Chardonnay	40.5	
3	10	2014	Robert Channon Wines	Chardonnay 2014	40.5	
3	11	2014	Mason Wines	Cellar Collection Chardonnay	44.5	
3	12	2014	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Chardonnay	49.5	Bronze
3	13	2014	Whiskey Gully	Beverley Chardonnay	45.0	
3	14	2014	Robert Channon Wines	Reserve Chardonnay	40.0	
3	15	2014	Golden Grove	2014 Chardonnay	46.5	Bronze
3	16	2014	Summit Estate	Summit Estate Chardonnay	40.0	
3	17	2015	Mason Wines	Unwooded Chardonnay	44.5	
3	18	2015	Oceanview Estate	Reserve Chardonnay	45.5	
3	19	2015	Girraween Estate	Estate Unwooded Chardonnay	45.5	
3	20	2015	Oceanview Estate	Wild Fermented Chardonnay	48.0	Bronze

**Class Comments:** Top wine reflects the ripe style and winemaking influence. Good flavour and smart use of oak, but many wines show poor handling and lack of attention to detail.

#### **4 Dry White Varietal Wine other than Wines eligible for classes 1 to 3**

4	1	2015	Ballandean Estate	Messing About Fiano	55.5	Gold
4	2	2014	Savina Lane	Savina Lane Fiano Classico	40.0	
4	3	2015	Ravens Croft Wines	Ravens Croft Pinot Gris	51.5	Silver
4	4	2015	Robert Channon Wines	Pinot Gris 2015	45.5	
4	5	2014	Sirromet Wines	Club Selection Pinot Gris "Pink"	42.5	
4	6	2014	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Riesling	42.5	
4	7	2014	Whiskey Gully	Betty's Block	44.0	
4	8	2014	Ballandean Estate	Viognier	46.5	Bronze
4	9	2015	Tipperary Estate	Viognier	37.0	
4	10	2015	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Viognier	46.5	Bronze
4	11	2013	Sirromet Wines	Le Sauvage "The Wild" Viognier	42.0	
4	12	2014	Savina Lane	Barrel Ferment Wild Yeast Viognier	43.0	
4	13	2015	Oceanview Estate	Viognier	48.0	Bronze
4	14	2015	Moffatdale Ridge	2015 Viognier	38.0	
4	15	2015	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Marsanne		Not Presented

**Class Comments:** The top wine is well made, showing good varietal expression and a good example of matching the variety to the region. A few wines showing overuse of acid, and some serious microbial problems.

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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Winename	Points	Medal
<b>5</b>	<b>Dry White Blends</b>					
5	1	2015	Mason Wines	Mason Wines Semillon Sauvignon Blanc	44.5	
5	2	2015	Ballandean Estate	SSB	50.0	Bronze
5	3	2015	Tipperary Estate	Verdelho/Semillon	43.5	
5	4	2014	Twisted Gum	Verdelho Semilon Chardonnay	43.0	
5	5	2014	Summit Estate	Summit Estate Pinnacle White	47.5	Bronze

**Class Comments:** Unfortunately not many awards given to this class. Many forward and prematurely advanced wines lacking fruit and freshness. Top wines awarded for clean, crisp and bright fruit. Producers need to watch the balance between acidity and sweetness.

<b>6</b>	<b>Merlot, dry (any vintage)</b>					
6	1	2012	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Merlot	45.5	
6	2	2012	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Reserve	46.5	Bronze
6	3	2013	Riversands	Ellen Meade Merlot	44.0	
6	4	2013	Granite Ridge Wines	Fergies Hill Merlot	43.5	
6	5	2013	Sirromet Wines	Signature Collection Merlot	41.5	
6	6	2013	Just Red Wines	Merlot	40.5	
6	7	2014	Pyramids Road Wines	Pyramids Road Merlot	47.5	Bronze
6	8	2014	O'Reillys Canungra Valley Vineyard	Mr Mick Merlot	44.0	
6	9	2014	Moffatdale Ridge	2014 Naked Merlot	39.0	
6	11	2015	Oceanview Estate	Unwound Merlot	48.0	Bronze

**Class Comments:** Awarded wines showed real fruit characters and softness. Some wines had too much oak or too much time in barrel.

<b>7</b>	<b>Cabernet Sauvignon, dry (any vintage)</b>					
7	1	2012	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Cabernet Sauvignon	49.0	Bronze
7	2	2012	Mason Wines	Mason Wines Cellar Collection Cabernet Sauvignon	52.5	Silver
7	3	2012	Whiskey Gully	Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	51.5	Silver
7	4	2012	Symphony Hill Wines	Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	47.0	Bronze
7	5	2013	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Cabernet Sauvignon	40.5	
7	6	2013	Granite Ridge Wines	Top Block Cabernet Sauvignon	45.5	
7	7	2013	Sirromet Wines	Signature Collection Cabernet Sauvignon	44.5	
7	8	2013	Girraween Estate	Estate Cabernet Sauvignon	46.5	Bronze
7	9	2013	Symphony Hill Wines	Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	43.5	
7	10	2013	Twisted Gum	Cabernet Sauvignon	41.0	
7	11	2014	Pyramids Road Wines	Pyramids Road Cabernet Sauvignon	48.0	Bronze
7	12	2014	Dusty Hill	Dusty Hill Cabernet Sauvignon	45.5	
7	12	2014	Oceanview Estate	Rack Dried Cabernet	44.5	

**Class Comments:** A diverse class of wines ranging from dramatically under ripe to balanced stylish wines. Unfortunately all wines lacked the layers of complexity, poise and balance to go to the next level of gold medals. Top wines awarded for depth and class and great fruit handling. Producers should be congratulated for producing some great wines. I look forward to seeing the future of Cabernet in Queensland as the wines and winemaking improve.

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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Winename	Points	Medal
<b>8</b>	<b>Shiraz or Shiraz Viognier, dry (any vintage)</b>					
8	1	2009	Granite Ridge Wines	Granite Rock Shiraz	53.0	Silver
8	2	2012	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Polyphemus	56.0	Gold
8	3	2012	Girraween Estate	Reserve Shiraz	44.5	
8	4	2012	Whiskey Gully	Black Rod Shiraz	55.5	Gold
8	5	2012	Symphony Hill Wines	Reserve Shiraz "The Rock"	45.0	
8	6	2012	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Reserve	51.5	Silver
8	7	2013	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Shiraz	48.5	Bronze
8	8	2012	Golden Grove	2012 Vintage Grand Reserve Shiraz	49.0	Bronze
8	9	2013	Dusty Hill	Dusty Hill Shiraz	41.0	
8	10	2013	Sirromet Wines	Le Sauvage "The Wild" Shiraz Viognier	43.0	
8	11	2013	Symphony Hill Wines	Reserve Shiraz	43.5	
8	12	2013	Riversands	Western Rivers Run	45.5	
8	13	2013	Ballandean Estate	Opera Block Shiraz	51.0	Silver
8	14	2012	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Shiraz	42.0	
8	15	2013	Granite Ridge Wines	Granite Rock Shiraz	45.0	
8	16	2013	Sirromet Wines	Signature Collection Shiraz Viognier	45.5	
8	17	2013	Mason Wines	Cellar Collection Shiraz	47.5	Bronze
8	19	2013	Girraween Estate	Estate Shiraz	49.0	Bronze
8	20	2013	Symphony Hill Wines	Shiraz Viognier	43.5	
8	21	2013	Just Red Wines	Nikki's Vineyard Syrah	45.5	
8	22	2013	Twisted Gum	Shiraz	40.0	
8	23	2013	Mt Tamborine Vineyard & Winery	Black Shiraz	48.0	Bronze
8	24	2013	Golden Grove	2013 Shiraz	45.0	
8	25	2014	Just Red Wines	Shiraz Viognier	51.0	Silver
8	26	2014	Tipperary Estate	Shiraz Viognier	46.5	Bronze
8	27	2014	Millawa Ranch	Painted House Shiraz	48.0	Bronze
8	28	2014	Summit Estate	Summit Estate Shiraz	44.0	
8	29	2014	Sirromet Wines	Vineyard Selection Shiraz	45.5	
8	30	2014	Mason Wines	Cellar Collection Shiraz	48.0	Bronze
8	31	2014	Pyramids Road Wines	Pyramids Road Shiraz	49.0	Bronze
8	32	2014	Moffatdale Ridge	2014 Reserve Shiraz	39.0	
8	33	2015	Oceanview Estate	Unwound Shiraz	48.0	Bronze
8	34	2014	Just Red Wines	Daily Red Shiraz	46.5	Bronze

**Class Comments:** Quite a disappointing class. Many underfruited wines lacking vitality and freshness. Many simple winemaking faults. Quite obvious that the wines of 2012 were much stronger than 2013 and 2104 respectively. Top wines were rich, plush and well-made, with good oak handling and fruit pedigree. Producers need to watch tannin handling in lighter weighted wines.



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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Winename	Points	Medal
<b>9</b>	<b>Dry Red Varietal Wine other than Wines eligible for classes 6 to 8</b>					
9	1	2014	Robert Channon Wines	Pinot Noir 2014	42.5	
9	2	2014	Summit Estate	Summit Estate Pinot Noir	45.0	
9	3	2014	Sirromet Wines	Le Sauvage "The Wild" Pinot Noir	43.5	
9	5	2014	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Leftfield	46.5	Bronze
9	6	2012	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Petit Verdot	55.5	Gold
9	7	2013	Granite Ridge Wines	Petit Verdot	45.5	
9	8	2013	Robert Channon Wines	Petit Verdot 2013	45.0	
9	9	2013	Mason Wines	Cellar collection Petit Verdot	42.5	
9	10	2014	Ravens Croft Wines	Ravens Croft Petit Verdot	45.0	
9	11	2014	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Petit Verdot	44.0	
9	12	2014	Golden Grove	2014 Barbera	49.0	Bronze
9	13	2014	Pyramids Road Wines	Pyramids Road Mourvedre	48.0	Bronze
9	14	2013	Golden Grove	2013 Malbec	56.0	Gold
9	15	2014	Summit Estate	Summit Estate Malbec	48.5	Bronze
9	16	2013	Ballandean Estate	Messing About Saperavi	54.5	Silver
9	17	2014	Dusty Hill	Gra Fion Tempranillo	47.0	Bronze
9	18	2012	Hidden Creek	Hidden Creek Tempranillo	55.5	Gold
9	19	2013	Granite Ridge Wines	Tempranillo	39.0	
9	20	2014	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Tempranillo	49.0	Bronze
9	21	2014	O'Reillys Canungra Valley Vineyard	Tom Tempranillo	42.5	
9	22	2014	Golden Grove	2014 Joven Tempranillo	45.0	
9	23	2015	Ravens Croft Wines	Ravens Croft Tempranillo		Not Presented
9	24	2014	Ravens Croft Wines	Ravens Croft Pinotage	41.5	
9	25	2014	Golden Grove	2014 Nero D'Avola	51.5	Silver
9	26	2014	Just Red Wines	Tannat	43.0	
9	27	2012	Golden Grove	Vintage Grand Reserve Durif	48.5	Bronze
9	28	2013	Ballandean Estate	Messing About Durif	45.0	
9	29	2013	Golden Grove	2013 Durif	46.5	Bronze
9	30	2014	Golden Grove	2014 Durif	45.5	

**Class Comments:** A strong class showing the strength of the alternative varieties. Good strong gold medals across different varieties and very few faults.

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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Winename	Points	Medal
<b>10</b>	<b>Dry Red Blends</b>					
10	1	NV	Robert Channon Wines	Pinot Shiraz	44.0	
10	2	2014	Summit Estate	Summit Estate Alto Blend	45.5	
10	3	2012	Ballandean Estate	Shiraz/Cabernet	48.5	Bronze
10	4	2013	Girraween Estate	Estate Shiraz Cabernet	46.5	Bronze
10	5	2013	Twisted Gum	Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon	38.0	
10	6	2013	Mt Tamborine Vineyard & Winery	The Alchemist Shiraz Cabernet	41.0	
10	7	2014	Pyramids Road Wines	Pyramids Road Bernies Blend	47.5	Bronze
10	8	2014	O'Reillys Canungra Valley Vineyard	Bernard Chamborcin Merlot	41.5	
10	9	2013	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Tempranillo Mouvedre Grenache	44.5	
10	10	2012	Sirromet Wines	Private Collection "LM" Reserve Assemblage	45.5	
10	11	2012	Ravens Croft Wines	Ravens Croft "The Waagee"	43.5	
10	12	2012	Whiskey Gully	Republique Red	47.5	Bronze
10	13	2012	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Cabernet Merlot	39.5	

**Class Comments:** An interesting class but some wines were lacking freshness. A few wines were showing basic problems. Blended wines should not be an afterthought.

### 11 Rose or Light Red, Early Release Red, Dry or slightly Off-Dry styles (<10g/L RS)

11	1	2015	Sirromet Wines	Tuscan Terrace Vino Superior Rose	42.5	
11	2	2015	Tipperary Estate	White Shiraz	40.0	

**Class Comments:** A disappointing class.

### 12 White – fruity, semi-sweet and medium sweet styles, including Moscato

12	1	2015	Ballandean Estate	White Pearl	48.0	Bronze
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**Class Comments:** A well made wine of commercial appeal.

### 13 Rose or Red – fruity, semi-sweet and medium sweet styles, including Moscato

13	1	nv	Tipperary Estate	Tipperary Tipples	41.0	
13	2	2015	Twisted Gum	Pink Moscato	46.5	Bronze

**Class Comments:** This class contained one good wine to drink.

### 14 Dessert Whites - dessert styles, rich and luscious, more than 60 g/L residual sugar

14	1	2014	Ballandean Estate	Late Harvest Sylvaner	49.0	Bronze
14	2	2014	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Leftfield Cordon Cut	47.0	Bronze
14	3	2013	Jester Hill Wines	Late Harvest Chardonnay	43.0	

**Class Comments:** Two wines in this class showed fresh complex characters, and fine balance between acidity and sweetness. They were held off higher medals due to lack of fruit intensity and further complexity.

### 15 Fortified Wines – all styles

15	1	NV	Dusty Hill	Dusty Hill Fortified Verdelho	44.5	
15	2	NV	Ballandean Estate	White Liqueur Muscat	45.5	
15	3	NV	Dusty Hill	Dusty Hill Liqueur Muscat	46.5	Bronze
15	4	2003	Oceanview Estate	Gran Tawny	51.0	Silver

**Class Comments:** The top wine of this class was a great representation of this style of wine. The class contained too many wines with bilgy oak characters.

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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Winename	Points	Medal
<b>16</b>	<b>Sparkling Wine– Red or White</b>					
16	1	2013	O'Reillys Canungra Valley Vineyard	Lona Sparkling Semillon	46.5	Bronze
16	2	2012	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Chardonnay Pinot Noir	40.5	
16	3	2006	Sirromet Wines	Signature Collection Pinot Noir Chardonnay	45.0	
16	4	2009	Sirromet Wines	Signature Collection Pinot Noir Chardonnay	43.0	
16	5	2012	Robert Channon Wines	Sparkling Chardonnay	48.0	Bronze
16	6	2011	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Chardonnay	51.0	Silver
16	7	2009	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Blanc of Blanc	43.5	
16	8	2012	Sirromet Wines	Signature Collection Sparkling Red	44.0	

**Class Comments:** This class contained some good wines, showing fruit balance and complexity.

<b>17</b>	<b>Museum Class – Red (2009 or earlier) or White (2010 or earlier)</b>					
17	1	2010	Sirromet Wines	Le Sauvage "The Wild " Chardonnay	51.0	Silver

**Class Comments:** A good older chardonnay well made.

<b>18</b>	<b>Provenance Class</b>					
18	2010, 2013, 2014		Clovely Estate	Leftfield Semillon		Class Winner
18	2008, 2009, 2012		Robert Channon Wines	Sparkling Chardonnay		
18	2009, 2010, 2012		Twisted Gum	Shiraz		

**Class Comments:** What a class to judge! Amazing wines. It was like choosing your favourite child. The sparkling wines showed great consistency except for the 2009 vintage where it appeared the maker changed styles for a vintage. All in all the sparklings were criticised for a touch too high dosage but all believed this bracket a great start. The Semillon bracket demonstrated the greatest degree of consistency between vintages and the wines were the most consistently well made. It was a joy to see the colour stay consistent from 2010 to 2014. The wines showed energy and vitality. The red was probably the most disappointing of the three brackets. The 2009 vintage was the standout, with a depth of flavour and intensity. The 2010 was quite faulty and let the whole bracket down. The 2012 was consistent with the 2009 vintage.