



AUSTRALIAN
PINOT NOIR
CHALLENGE

2024 Schedule



9-10 SEPTEMBER 2024

Important Dates

Entries open on Monday 22 July 2024

Entries close Friday 16 August 2024

Exhibits must be delivered during the period Tuesday 20 August to Friday 30 August 2024

Judging will take place on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 September 2024

Trophy announcement at the presentation dinner on Thursday 3 October 2024 at Cutler & Co

Entry Criteria

- The APNC is open to Australian wines only.
Wines must declare the following on the commercial label:
 - a. Australian geographic region or sub-region as defined by the [Australian Geographic Indications](#).
 - b. Pinot Noir
 - c. Vintage year
- The rules governing these declarations can be found here: [Compliance Guide](#).
- If the wine is produced from grapes which originate outside a gazetted regional zone, please contact us on (03) 5989 2377.
- All vintages are eligible.
- Wines must be commercially bottled, and entries must be clearly labelled as per criteria defined above.
- All exhibits must conform to their respective State Acts and Commonwealth Acts which govern the manufacture of Australian wine including (but not limited to) the Label Integrity Program under the Wine Australia Corporation Act and Food Standards Code.
- Only still red table wines may be entered.
- There is no restriction on the number of entries per winery.
- Exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor at the time of entry.
- Each wine must have a minimum volume of **50 dozen** at time of entry.
- The organiser reserves the right to market and promote any wine entered in the APNC.
- It is a condition of entry that the MP Wine reserves the right to purchase award winning wines, up to 12 bottles, for promotional purposes at a nominal purchase price of \$150 per case including all taxes.
- All exhibits become the property of the organiser who may make exhibits available for other judging or promotional tastings.
- **Entry fee \$125 (+ gst) for each wine entered.**
- Entry fees will not be refunded if an exhibit is not received by the due date, withdrawn by the exhibitor after entry form lodgement, or the exhibit is disqualified by the Chief Steward.
- No entry will be accepted until receipt of the full entry fee.
- Wines may be refused entry or may be disqualified at the complete discretion of the Chief Steward and/or the Wine Show Committee.
- Each exhibit must consist of 3 x 750ml bottles for judging purposes.
- Any promotional opportunities will be forwarded to exhibitors for their consideration.
- Wines will be judged in blind regional brackets.
- Entries must be made via <https://wineshow.awri.com.au/2024-australian-pinot-noir-challenge>. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Whilst it is not required that the commercial label is affixed to the exhibit, it is strongly suggested that all wines have a label as they may be used for promotional photography and video.

Classes

Class 1:	Tasmania 2023
Class 2:	Tasmania 2022 & Older
Class 3:	South Australia – Adelaide Hills 2023
Class 4:	South Australia – Adelaide Hills 2022 & Older
Class 5:	South Australia – Any other region 2023
Class 6:	South Australia – Any other region 2022 & Older
Class 7:	New South Wales – Any region 2023
Class 8:	New South Wales – Any region 2022 & Older
Class 9:	Victoria - Mornington Peninsula 2023
Class 10:	Victoria - Mornington Peninsula 2022 & Older
Class 11:	Victoria - Yarra Valley 2023
Class 12:	Victoria - Yarra Valley 2022 & Older
Class 13:	Victoria - Geelong 2023
Class 14:	Victoria - Geelong 2022 & Older
Class 15:	Victoria – Any other region 2023
Class 16:	Victoria – Any other region 2022 & Older
Class 17:	Western Australia – Any region 2023
Class 18:	Western Australia – Any region 2022 & Older
Class 19:	Any other Region not listed above 2023*
Class 20:	Any other Region not listed above 2022 & Older*

*Wines that come from a GI not listed will be accepted in Class 19 and 20.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Classes 5 to 8 and 15 to 20 are for entry purposes only. When submitting your entries please ensure you select your GI as regions will be judged separately and entries scoring 95 points and above will be eligible to win a Regional trophy.

Delivery of Exhibits

Exhibits must be delivered during the period **Tuesday 20 August to Friday 6 September 2024** to:

Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association
Suite 1/137 Shoreham Road (or PO Box 282)
Red Hill South VIC 3937

Outer packaging must include the following details.

- Australian Pinot Noir Challenge written on box
- Region/Class of wine sent from (Please list)
- Exhibitor Name

Exhibit Labels

Exhibit labels and delivery labels will be forwarded to exhibitors via email on Monday 19 August. Exhibit labels must be fixed over the back label on all exhibits prior to delivery.

Awards

Australian Pinot Noir Challenge Trophy

The trophy for Australia's best regional Pinot Noir will be awarded to the top scored wine from the judging of all the Best of Region Trophy winners.

Best of Region

A Regional trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring wine from each region. Top gold wine (scoring 95 points or above) in any region may be eligible for a trophy.

Top 50 Tasting Event

If your wine is in the Top 50 scored wines, you will be invited to participate in a consumer tasting event on Saturday 5 October, held at Canvas House in South Melbourne. There is an additional fee of \$300 per wine to participate at this event. Invitations and information will be communicated to you post judging if eligible.

Scoring

Scores will be on a 100 point scale.

All scores will be published on the Australian Pinot Challenge website and sent to exhibitors via email with judges' comments for each wine entered post event. Wines receiving less than 85 points will be published without scores

Judging
Chair of Judges
Tom Carson

Judges
Samantha Connew, Anna Pooley, Loic le Calvez, Gabrielle Poy, Tim Perrin and Ben Portet

Associates
Brendan Hawker and Imogen Dillon

Audit
A random audit will be conducted with respect to any entry in line with ASVO guidelines. If an audit reveals that an exhibit was not submitted in accordance with the APNC Regulations any award(s) that the exhibit may have earned will be forfeited and the responsible exhibitor may be denied entry to future events.

Disputes
No correspondence with respect to any decisions will be entered into.

Privacy Statement
Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association collects information from a number of sources, in the public domain, to contact wine enterprises who then may be invited to enter the APNC. The MPVA collects further information from wine enterprises as they submit an entry. All collected information from entries is only used to further existing relationships with entrants. The MPVA does not pass on, or disclose, any information about wine enterprises to any other organization or person.

Enquiries
The Australian Pinot Noir Challenge is operated by the Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association.

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