

entry form

2008 INTERNATIONAL

# SWEET WINE

CHALLENGE

4 September 2008

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There is a growing international demand for sweet wines, and many countries produce particular styles of sweet wine based on climatic and varietal characteristics. The aim of the International Sweet Wine Challenge is to bring the various styles together to compare and contrast styles and to promote greater understanding and awareness of sweet wines.

We invite your participation in the Challenge. Entries will be judged under the masterful eye of Huon Hooke, renowned Australian journalist and wine judge, assisted by Ken Gargett and Lester Jesberg.

Last year's challenge saw a high standard of entries, with international entries especially highly rated with two-thirds earning medals.

Over 80 wines entered the challenge including a dozen overseas entries.

Lillypilly Estate in the Riverina won the International Sweet Wine of the Year with its 2002 Noble Blend. New Zealand wineries took out two trophies - Forrest Estate Winery for the best floral style, and Wither Hills for the Best Sweet Wine in the Museum Class.

This year's Challenge promises to be a keenly contested event.

Darren De Bortoli  
President  
Riverina Winemakers Association

### KEY DATES

Entries close 22 August 2008  
Judging 4 September 2008

### COST OF ENTRY

\$A45 per entry  
See entry form for payment details

### CLASSES

#### Vintage 2008, 2007

SW1. Medium sweet white  
SW2. Sweet white floral  
SW3. Sweet white – Semillon predominant\*  
SW4. Sweet white – other varieties/blends  
SW5. Ice wine

#### Vintage 2006 and earlier

SW6. Medium sweet white  
SW7. Sweet white floral  
SW8. Sweet white – Semillon predominant\*  
SW9. Sweet white – other varieties/blends  
SW10. Ice wine

\*must represent 85% of the blend

SW11. **Museum class** – Vintage 2004 or earlier  
– no minimum stock levels (entries only eligible for this trophy)

### RULES AND JUDGING FORMAT

(These rules should be read in conjunction to the rules of the Riverina Wine Show which can be obtained from [www.sweetwinechallenge.com.au](http://www.sweetwinechallenge.com.au))

To be eligible for the Challenge the wine must be commercially available in the country of origin, holding a minimum stock of 50 case lots (12 x 750 ml or equivalent) at the time of entry. Entries must be commercially dressed bearing the label for the market in which it is sold. The wine must conform with winemaking rules of the country of origin. Residual sugar levels should be stated on the entry form.

There is a separate Museum Class for wines that do not meet the eligibility criteria for the Challenge. A separate trophy is awarded. The aim of this class is to show unusual or rare styles. Wines will be judged by an independent panel headed by renowned Sydney-based wine journalist Huon Hooke. There will be a tutorial and tasting of sweet wines moderated by Huon Hooke on Friday morning 5 September.

Judging will be undertaken by three judges using standard 20pt scoring. As well as trophies, Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in accordance with Australian wine show standards. Trophy assessment over more than one class will use the Borda Count.

### DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS

3 x 375ml or 750ml bottles for judging and exhibitor tasting. Overseas entries will be discounted 50% of the entry fee to help meet freight cost.

Entries to be delivered to Westend Estate, Brayne Road, Griffith or posted to Riverina Wine Show, PO Box 2401 Griffith NSW 2680, Australia.

The Riverina Wine Show (incorporating the International Sweet Wine Challenge) has been endorsed by the Australian Wine & Brandy Corporation for inclusion in the list of wine shows authorised for the display awards in the European Union.

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# RIVERINA WINE SHOW 2008 & INTERNATIONAL SWEET WINE CHALLENGE

2 – 4 September 2008

## ENTRY FORM

Wine Show Entries Close Friday 25 July. International Sweet Wine Challenge Entries Close 22 August

TAX INVOICE

ENTRY FEE  
 \$A45 per exhibit  
 inc GST

No	CLASS	VINTAGE	BRAND OF FINISHED WINE	VARIETY/OTHER PARTICULARS	Residual Sugar (g/l) (sweet wine classes only)	Wooded? Y/N (white classes only)	Riverina Region? Y/N	Entry No. (office use ONLY)
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								
11								
12								
13								
14								
15								

TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTRIES x \$A45 \$

\* OVERSEAS ENTRIES ARE \$A22.50

Exhibitor: .....

Contact Name: .....

Address: .....

Main Location of stock (for audit purposes) .....

Telephone: ..... Fax: .....

Email: .....

I declare that the above particulars are correct and exhibits comply with wine show regulations and hereby hold the Committee free from any liability in connection with any errors that may be made in these entries or in the catalogue of exhibits.

Signed: ..... Date: / / 2008

### PAYMENT

Cheques payable to RIVERINA WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Credit card payments (tick box)

Visa  Mastercard

Card No: .....

Expiry: ..... / ..... Signature: .....

Cardholders Name: .....

Direct Debit Details:  
 RWA Wine Show Account,  
 Westpac Griffith,  
 BSB 032 750,  
 Account No 217600  
 ABN 77 399 760 292  
 PLEASE ADVISE  
 REMITTANCE DETAILS