



*To examine wine
quality and style
in the context
of a tropical
location*

Cairns Show *Wine Awards* 19th - 22nd June 2024 *Stewards Handbook*

*Presented
by JVB*

About the Awards

Welcome to the Inaugural Cairns Show Wine Awards, organised by the Cairns Agricultural, Pastoral, and Mining Association. Since its establishment in 1992, these awards have consistently stood out as a highlight, and we are thrilled to commemorate our 31st Wine Awards Anniversary this year.

The Cairns Show Wine Awards, presented by JVIB, has secured its place on the Australian Wine Industry Calendar every June. These awards not only celebrate wine excellence but also emphasize the significance of wine styles, suitable pairings with food, and overall wine quality. This focus is particularly crucial in Far North Australia, given its robust tourism and hospitality industry.

Stewarding for the Wine Awards presents a fantastic opportunity to gain insight into the Wine Judging industry and to connect with like-minded individuals.

Our Stewards are encouraged to shadow our Judges and learn the art of wine tasting. This hands-on experience enables Stewards to observe and receive education in wine appreciation and can potentially lead to the opportunity to become an Associate Judge.

We are delighted to welcome back Master of Wine Mr. Andrew Corrigan as our Chair of Show this year. Andrew will be joined by Panel and Senior Judges who bring a wealth of knowledge to the Awards and are eager to share it.

The role of Steward is integral to the success of the Wine Awards Judging, and your participation is greatly valued.

While the role may present challenges at times, we hope you depart with fond memories of a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your participation and support in making this event a resounding success.

Mr. Ian Allen
President, Cairns Show Association

Our Focus

The focus of the Cairns Show Wine Awards is to:

- Judge and make awards to exceptional wines.
- Examine wine styles in the context of food matching in a tropical location.
- Spread awareness by communicating these results to the local hospitality industry and public.



Program of Events

Judging

Cairns Showgrounds, De Jarlais Function Centre (upstairs)

Wednesday 19th June

Thursday 20th June

Friday 21st June

Public Tasting

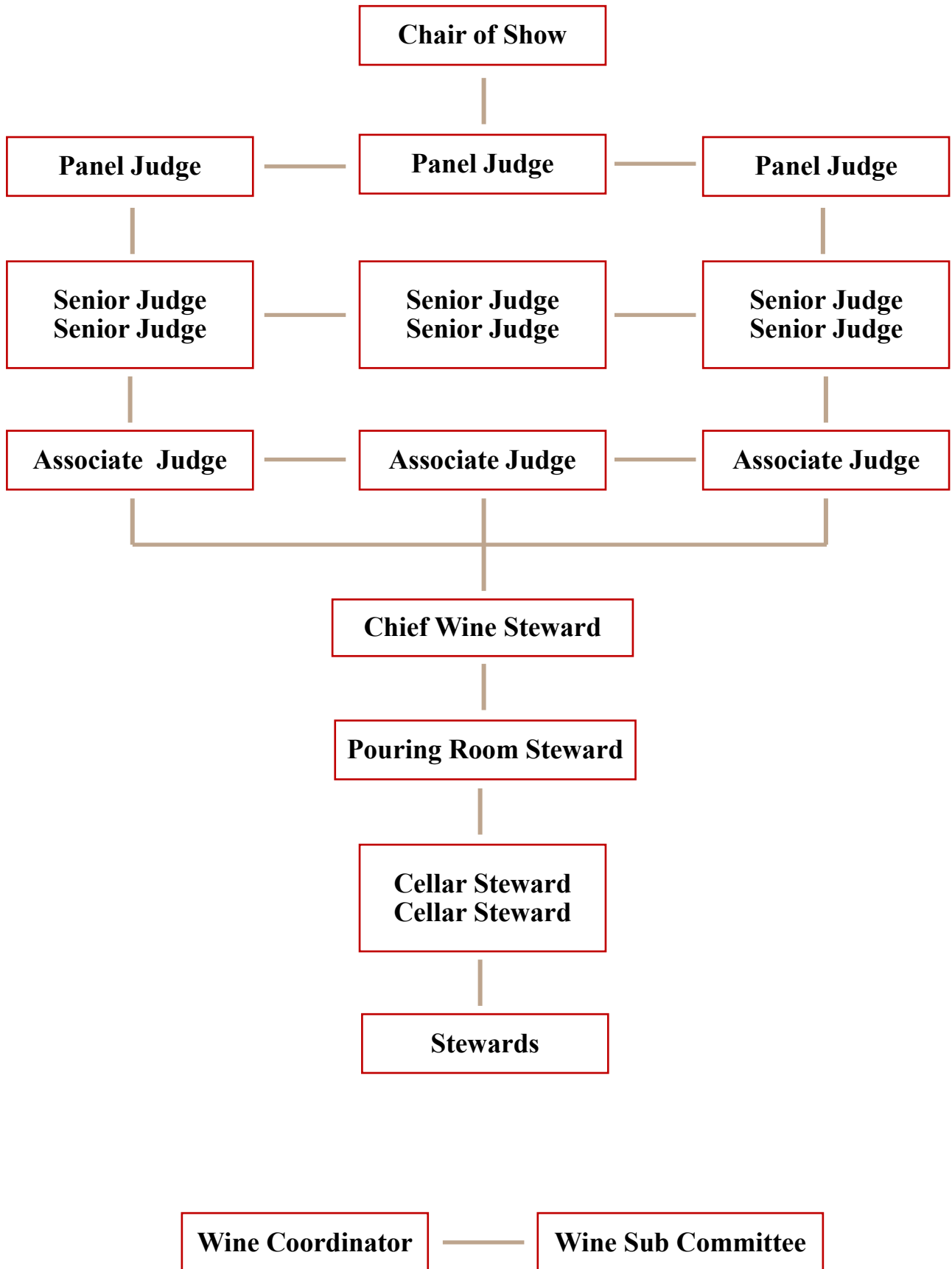
Cairns Showgrounds, De Jarlais Function Centre (upstairs)

Saturday 22nd June

Official Welcome and Announcement of Awards: 2:00pm

Public Tasting: 3pm - 6pm

Officials Structure



Our Judges



Chair of Show: Mr. Andrew Corrigan MW

Andrew Corrigan is one of only 416 Masters of Wine in the world, and is part owner of Hidden Creek Winery and Catalyst. He has consulted on several award winning wine lists, and is known as an excellent wine educator. Andrew presents regularly in Australia as well as at international seminars for Masters of Wine.



Panel Judge: Mr. Hamish Seabrook

Hamish Seabrook has a degree in Oenology and is an Australian Winemaker, and Director of Seabrook Wines.

In 2004, Hamish was awarded Dux of the prestigious Len Evans Tutorial. He has been associated with the Cairns Show Wine Awards since 2013, and in 2023 served as the Chair of Show during Andrew's leave of absence.



Panel Judge: Ms. Brooke Blair

Brooke Blair has a degree in Oenology and is an Australian Winemaker at Peter Lehmann Wines.

Prior to being a Winemaker, Brooke worked at Hollick Wines in Coonawarra, Australia, before relocating to Canada. In Canada, she spent 11 years working at the Jackson Triggs Okanagan Estate in British Columbia.

Panel Judge:

We are in the process of confirming our third Panel Judge for the 2024 Cairns Show Wine Awards.

Senior Judges:

Mr. BJ Foley, Ms. Lorraine Evans, Ms. Hayley Wano, Mr. Chris Ford, Mr. Mark Snow. We are in the process of confirming our final Senior Judge for the 2024 Cairns Show Wine Awards.

General Information

Event Location & Instructions:

- A. Location: Cairns Showgrounds, De Jarlais Function Centre (upstairs).
- B. Entry: Pedestrian entrance via Main Gates, Corner of Severin St & Mulgrave Rd. Vehicle entrance via Severin St Gate 4, parking available in front of the Function Centre.

Stewarding:

- A. Age Restriction: All Officials, including Judges and Stewards, must be 18 years of age and over. Furthermore, all public participants of the Public Tasting Day must be 18 years of age and over.
- B. Stewards Induction: It is a condition of Stewarding that all Stewards attend the Induction and Briefing held 6pm Tuesday 18th June.
- C. Roster: The Wine Coordinator will send a copy of the Roster to all Stewards once confirmed.
- D. Judging: Arrive at the Function Centre no later than 8am for morning session and 1pm for afternoon session and report to the Chief Wine Steward. Judging is conducted Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th, and Friday 21st (dependent on entry numbers).
- E. Public Tasting: Arrive at the Function Centre no later than 2pm Saturday 22nd June.
- F. Refreshments: Morning, afternoon tea and a light lunch will be provided during the Judging period. The Chief Wine Steward or Pouring Room Steward will direct Stewards to take breaks at appropriate times.



Chief Wine Steward: Mr. Mark Faber

Mark Faber boasts a rich background in the alcohol industry. Starting at a fine wine store during his Psychology degree, he later gained WSET Level 3 certification in London before delving into e-commerce wine companies for a decade. His involvement in wine stewardship includes prestigious events like the 6 Nations of Wine and NSW Sparkling Wine Awards.

Mark's commitment to continuous learning is evident through his enrollment in the Masters of Wine Programme and completion of the WSET Diploma. Having previously served as a Steward at the Cairns Show Wine Awards, Mark is honored to succeed Mr. Phil Dempster as Chief Steward, pledging to maintain the established standards.

Steward Guidelines

All Stewards are required to adhere to the following Steward Guidelines outline below and within the Public Tasting information available on page 9.

Responsibilities:

First and foremost, as Stewards, you are volunteering to facilitate the smooth operation of the Cairns Show Wine Awards.

You may have the opportunity to participate in a Judging Panel at the discretion of the Chief Wine Steward. This offers you a chance to observe and learn from the judges, enhancing your own knowledge of wine. When participating in Steward Judging, it's important to note that no wines are to be consumed - all samples must be spit out.

All wines entered into the Cairns Wine Show remain the property of the Cairns Show Association. Stewards are strictly prohibited from helping themselves to wine from any table.

It's essential to maintain professionalism in the pouring room during judging, which means drinking or tasting wines is not allowed. Anyone found consuming wine will be promptly asked to leave the premises.

Attire:

- A. You should wear comfortable, enclosed and quiet footwear at all times.
- B. Aprons and name tags will be provided and must be worn at all times. Aprons should be removed before going to the bathroom for sanitary and safety issues.
- C. Strong smelling products that may produce 'foreign' odours (perfume, deodorant, cologne, aftershave) must not be worn on the floor.
- D. Smokers are asked to refrain from smoking for the duration of the event.

Environment:

- A. Mobile phones must be switched off or put on silent mode.
- B. A quiet judging environment is essential, so noise levels must be kept to a minimum.
- C. All conversations must be quietly conducted. Stewards must not engage conversation with Judges during the Judging process. On no occasion should a winery or brand name be referred to.
- D. Under no circumstances should a bottle of wine be shown to any member of the Judging panel.

Steward Duties - Judging

Pouring:

- A. Setup Pouring room at the direction of the Pouring Room Steward.
- B. Generally 4 glasses are allocated to each pour, and 5 when a Steward is able to participate as an Association Judge.
- C. Wines are sorted for each Panel according to their allocating judging number - the right wine at the right judging number. Double check if you are unsure.
- D. Empty glasses are placed at the judging position in the pouring room and then on the judging tables, to indicate a wine withdrawn, disqualified, etc.
- E. Bottles are opened and the prescribed amount (45ml) is poured into each glass.
- F. After pouring and before taking out to the Judging Panel, Stewards must ensure all glasses are clean placing special emphasis on the base of the wine glass.
- G. Please ensure that all glasses delivered to the first table of each Panel is clean and clear of any advertising.
- H. Glasses are placed at their corresponding judging number for their Panel.
- I. **It is imperative that wines are placed in their correct position. If you forget or believe you have made a mistake - STOP IMMEDIATELY! Advise the Chief Wine Steward or Pouring Room Steward.**

Re-Pour:

- A. If a Judge requests a "re-pour", a Re-Pour slip is completed and handed to the Chief Wine Steward who will arrange the Re-Pour. A "re-pour" is made if a Judge is concerned about the quality of the original pour.
- B. The second bottle of wine is opened to complete the Re-Pour task.
- C. The original pour is moved to the back of its place on the Judging Panel and the Re-Pour replaces this glass. **Do not remove the original glass of wine.**
- D. When a Panel has finished Judging a class, the Chief steward will direct the removal of all glasses from that Panel only. **Do not remove the glasses unless instructed to do so.**
- E. All glasses are taken to the washing up area, where an appointed Steward will coordinate glass washing and return to the Pouring Room.
- F. Bread, olives and water must be refreshed between Judging.
- G. Spittoons must be emptied, rinsed and returned to tables.
- H. Stewards setup glasses and wines in the Pouring Room in readiness for the next class to be Judged.
- I. After the day's Judging is finished, Judging tables are setup for the following day. Remove Rubbish and re-cover tables where necessary, in readiness for the next day.

Steward Duties - Public Tasting

Information:

- A. Saturday afternoon is the Public Tasting Day. The Public Tasting will open for the Public from 3pm until 6pm.
- B. Stewards need to arrive by 2pm and are responsible for setting up the Public Tasting.
- C. The Cairns Show Association will give each Steward a t-shirt which must be worn during the Public Tasting Day. Stewards must wear black pants, shorts or a skirt and enclosed shoes.

Guidelines:

- A. Only opened bottles of wine are to be used for the Public Tasting.
- B. Setup bottles in classes as directed by the Chief Wine Steward. Loosen corks or stelv n caps but leave them in/on the bottles at all times. Ensure that the labels face outwards.
- C. Serve small portions only and try to distribute the better quality wine fairly.
- D. **Members of the public are not allowed to serve themselves.**
- E. Answer wine questions to the best of your ability.
- F. Trophy winners and most Gold and Silver Medal winning wines on the whole will be exhausted and generally not available for tasting.
- G. Stewards are not permitted to “sample” behind the service area.
- H. Cairns Show Association volunteers must observe the Responsible Service of Alcohol rules and not serve anyone obviously “under the influence”. Speak to the Chief Steward if you have any concerns.
- I. 5 minutes prior to the end of the Public Tasting all bottles are to be re-corked/sealed, removed from the tables and returned to their crates.
- J. No wine is to be poured to anyone, once “time” has been called.
- K. The Chief Steward will appoint several Stewards to take all bottles back to the Pouring Room after the Public Tasting has finished. All other stewards will remain on the floor until **ALL** visitors have left the room.
- L. Stewards may choose up to two cartons of **opened** wine from the Pouring Room after the Public Tasting has finished and only after all members of the public have left.
- M. **No wines are to be taken by anyone until after the Public Tasting has finished.**

Purchasing Wines

Procedures:

- A. Stewards may purchase 1 Carton of assorted wine entered into the 2024 Cairns Show Wine Awards, given that they: do 2 shifts in the morning and/or afternoon during the Judging Period, as well as work during the Public Tasting.
- B. Stewards may purchase 2 Cartons of assorted wine entered into the 2024 Cairns Show Wine Awards, given that they: do 4 shifts in the morning and/or afternoon during the Judging Period.
- C. The Pouring Room Steward will take orders during the Judging Period.
- D. Cartons are \$72 including GST and must be paid for and collected from the Cairns Show Association, Show Office, on the Tuesday 25th June 2024.
- E. If you require further information please speak with the Pouring Room Steward during the Judging Period or with the Wine Coordinator following the Public Tasting.

Acknowledgment of Steward Procedures

Please review and acknowledge the roles, responsibilities, conditions, and guidelines outlined in the 2024 Stewards Handbook.

To be considered as a Steward, please complete and sign below to confirm your understanding and acceptance of the terms and conditions provided in the Handbook.

I, _____, accept the roles, responsibilities, conditions, and guidelines outlined in the 2024 Steward Handbook and hereby express my interest in serving as a Steward at the 2024 Cairns Show Wine Awards.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Note: Signing this acknowledgment does not guarantee your selection as a Steward. Please return a signed copy of this page and page 11 (Your Contact Details) to the Wine Coordinator. Upon receipt, the Wine Coordinator, in coordination with the Chief Wine Steward, will review your application and may request additional information, such as a resume outlining your experience, skills, or qualifications. A confirmation email will be sent to your inbox upon acceptance.

Your Contact Details

Full Name: _____

PH: _____ **M:** _____

Email: _____

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