



ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

Australian Fruit Wine Show 2018

19 January 2018

Hobart, Tasmania

Interstate entrants:

**Note the Victorian Address for entries available
until 18 December**

If sending entry after this date use the Tasmanian Address



Australian Fruit Wine Show



australianfruitwine@gmail.com

Rotary Club of Howrah

PO Box 227, Rosny, Tasmania 7018

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The Australian Fruit Wine Show caters for all classes of fruit wine makers and is now in its 19th year; as such it is the longest running dedicated fruit wine show in Australia.

The Australian Fruit Wine Show 2018 will be held on Friday, 19 January 2018 in Hobart, Tasmania.

The Australian Fruit Wine Show is open to enthusiasts (unlicensed) and commercial wine makers. All entries are judged in specific classes, regardless of their origin.

The cost of entry to the show for commercial entrants, is \$35 for the first entry, \$25 for the second entry and \$15 for each additional entry. For enthusiasts, the cost is \$10 for one entry, then \$5 for each subsequent entry. There has been no increase in entry fees from last year.

Information regarding conditions of entry, classes, payment and delivery follow later in this notification. Please take time to read this information to avoid confusion or misdirection. If in doubt, please contact us for clarification.

Dr Gordon Brown, co-proprietor of Scientific Horticulture, Tasmania, will be our Chief Fruit Wine Judge, ably assisted by an experienced judging panel.

The closing date for receipt of entries will be **Friday 5 January 2018**. We will be happy to receive your entries at any time prior to that date. Be assured that they will be stored in a cool, dark environment until the first day of the show. Allowances will be made, of course, for unavoidable transit delays.

For entries outside Tasmania arrangements have been made to transport your entries from a Victorian address thus saving some freighting costs. To use this service entries must be at the address by 18 December otherwise send to the Tasmanian Address.

Enthusiast entrants to the show will receive a tasting ticket to the Tasmanian Fruit Wine and Cider Festival at Bellerive Boardwalk on Australia Day, Friday 26 January 2018.

If you are unable to meet the stated deadline, please contact the **Chief Steward, Peter Green, on 0408 331 165** before 5 January 2018. He may also be contacted regarding classing of your entries.

Entries should be posted or delivered to **Australian Fruit Wine Show 2018**

Local:

Australian Fruit Wine Show 2018, Mr David Mitchell, 50 Alexandra Esplanade, Bellerive TASMANIA, 7018. M: 0418 998 950. **If delivering to this address ring to arrange delivery.**

Interstate:

Australian Fruit Wine Show 2018, c/o NIELSEN and JOHNSTON, 6 Ravenscourt Road, Tottenham, VIC 3012. Ref: Tracey Johnston. An Address label for your entries has been included.

Conditions of Entry

1. All classes are open to competition from enthusiasts (non-licensed) or commercial (licensed) wine makers.
2. Individual enthusiasts are required to enter under their own name. Commercial entries must be submitted under a registered company name and that of the wine maker.
3. All entries become the property of **the Rotary Club of Howrah Inc.**
4. An entry form and the required fee must accompany each group of entries submitted by a single entrant.
5. The minimum required quantity or equivalent of each entry is to be two 750mL bottles of wines, meads, four 330mL bottles of ciders and two 375mL bottles of distilled products, liqueurs and fortified wines. For **enthusiasts**, the minimum required quantity is two by 375 mL bottles for both wines and distilled product.
6. Each entry must bear a label showing:
 - Entry number (office use only)
 - Class of Entry
 - Year
 - Fruit
 - Final Specific Gravity (FSG)
 - Name of Entrant

Please Note

- Four copies of the label are attached. Please feel free to copy it if you need more labels.
 - Please attach the label to the back of the bottle. You should not obscure the label as they can help in sorting products received.
7. The Registrar and/or the judging panel may disqualify any entry which does not comply with the Conditions of Entry.
 8. No wine is to be entered more than once in any one year.
 9. By submitting entries to the Show, entrants agree that the decisions of the Registrar and/or the judging panel are final and that further dispute will not be undertaken.

10. The Rotary Club of Howrah Inc. will not accept responsibility for the loss of or damage to any entry, entry form or fee prior to receipt at the designated delivery points.

11. Cheques or money orders should be made payable to **The Rotary Club of Howrah Inc.**

Payment may also be made by Bank Transfer.

The BSB is **067-103**

Account number **2800 8432**

Reference: **Show2018 plus<your Name>**

12. Rotary Club of Howrah Inc. reserves the right to alter the conditions of entry at any time without notice.

13. It is important to Email a copy of your entry to australianfruitwine@gmail.com to help with our administration.

Important Dates:

Early Nov 2017: Entry forms available

Until 18 December 2017: Interstate entries to Victorian Address otherwise

Until 5 Jan 2018: Entry forms and Entries due to Tasmanian address.

Until 12 Jan 2018: Entry will attract a late fee of twice the normal entry fees.

After 12 Jan 2018: No entries accepted

Show: 19 Jan 2018: Judging of entries 2018.

Festival: 26 Jan 2018: Festival and Presentation of awards at Bellerive Boardwalk.

Separation of SWEET and DRY Wines

Final Specific Gravity is FSG

- Sweet wine FSG: 1.015 or higher
- Dry wine FSG: 1.014 or lower

Schedule of Classes

Dry Wine Classes

- 1 Dry Pome Fruit
- 2 Dry Stone Fruit
- 3 Dry Berry Fruit
- 4 Dry Citrus Fruit
- 5 Dry Flower, Leaf, Herb, Vegetable & Grain
- 6 Dry Other Wine

Sweet Wine Classes

- 7 Sweet Pome Fruit
- 8 Sweet Stone Fruit
9. Sweet Berry Fruit
- 10 Sweet Citrus Fruit
- 11 Sweet Flower, Leaf, Herb, Veg & Grain
- 12 Sweet Other Wine

Mead Classes

- 13 Dry Mead
- 14 Sweet Mead
- 15 Sparkling Mead

Fortified Classes

- 16 Fortified Fruit Wine
- 17 Fruit Liqueur

Sparkling

- 18 Method Traditional Sweet or Dry
- 19 Other Sparkling, hybrid and experimental of any style and sweetness.

Other

- 20 Any other wine style not included above.

Note: Ciders should be entered in the *Tasmanian Cider Awards* run concurrently with this show.

Copies of the entry form to the *Tasmanian Cider Awards* can be found at

<http://howrahrotary.org.au/fruitwinecidershaw/>

Extra copies of this entry form can be found on the same web-page

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ADVISORY NOTES TO COMPETITORS

The following notes are based on our experiences from past wine shows. We strongly recommend that you read them because we wish to gain the best possible results for you, for your wines.

Presentation

Your wines will be assessed by a panel of judges who will consider the appearance (3 points), bouquet (7 points) and flavour (10 points). Accordingly, we ask that you use clean standard wine/cider bottles, either 750mL, 375mL or 330mL, which should ensure best condition for judging. Commercial liqueurs should be presented in their normal bottles.

Plastic soft-drink or cordial containers are **not** a good alternative to standard bottles and **will not be accepted**.

After judging, your entries will be passed to **the Tasmanian Fruit Wine and Cider Trail Festival**, which is a fund-raising activity for the Rotary Club of Howrah.

Bottles and Labels

Each of your entries should be labelled and clearly marked with the information required in the Conditions of Entry. Labels will be obscured during judging.

Sealing and Enclosures

Bottles should be firmly sealed to prevent leakage. If part of the contents is lost, it is more than likely that the remainder has lost quality.

If corks are pushed down fully, no other sealant such as melted wax is required.

If re-using "Stelvin" screw caps, make sure they seat fully and that no leakage is apparent. A better option is to use Nova-Twist tops. Do not use corks in screw top bottles in lieu of the screw cap because the glass is thinner and may well shatter.

Sparkling wines must be in bottles that are specifically designed for high gas pressures. Crown seals, wired champagne corks or wired plastic closures are required.

Coloured aluminium foil caps look good and may be used but remember that they are removed prior to judging.

Young Wines

You should ensure that all fermentation has finished and that the wine has stabilized and is fit to travel.

Fruit Classifications

Please check with the Chief Steward, email: australianfruitwine@gmail.com if you are not certain which class to enter your product.

Packaging

We would prefer to receive your wine entries in standard wine cartons or other sturdy boxes which will protect your bottles and provide ease of handling and transport. Use of soft plastic Express Post bags only if the entries have been packed in a box already.

The Rotary Club of Howrah wish to thank ***the local member for Pembroke*** for their help in printing of this document.

Information sheet: Please attach one of the segments to each bottle

Entry number (office use only)	
• Class	
• Name of entry	
• Year of Manufacture	
• Fruit & Final Specific Gravity (FSG)	
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2018 Australian Fruit Wine Show Entry Form

Name/Company Name:	Contact Person
Postal Address	Phone Number
	Email Address

OFFICE USE	CLASS	FSG <small>Final Specific Gravity</small>	YEAR	NAME OF PRODUCT	FRUIT(S) (e.g. Passionfruit)	Notes for Judges (Optional)	ENTRY FEE
						TOTAL ENTRY FEE	

For each entry, Professionals please send 2 x 750mL bottles or the equivalent. Enthusiasts require to send 2 x 375mL or equivalent.

Please include a copy of your entry form with your entries and email this form to australianfruitwine@gmail.com as well.

Attach labels provided to each bottle. Photocopy if extras are needed.

Payment can be made via internet banking, or by Cheque. **Cheques:** Made out to "Rotary Club of Howrah"

Internet Banking: Commonwealth Bank: BSB 067 103 Account: 2800 8432 Rotary Club of Howrah

Use "2018 Show" as the Code and please include your COMPANY'S NAME or YOUR NAME as a Reference.

Please post your entries to arrive by appropriate addresses by the dates outlined elsewhere in this form. to:

LOCAL: Until 5 January 2018 Australian Fruit Wine Show 2018, Mr. David Mitchell, 50 Alexandra Esplanade, Bellerive TAS 7018. Mob. 0418 998 950
Please ring to arrange local delivery to this address

Or to

INTERSTATE until 18 Dec 2017: Australian Fruit Wine Show 2017, c/o NIELSEN and JOHNSTON, 6 Ravenscourt Road, Tottenham, VIC,3012. Ref: Tracey Johnston