



Media Alert



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Judging underway to uncork nation's best

The Royal Queensland Wine Show (RQWS) is underway at the Brisbane Showgrounds this week, with more than 1,800 Australian wines being tasted by a panel of expert judges in a bid to uncork the nation's finest drop.

This is the first year renowned winemaker David Bicknell will be at the helm of the prestigious competition, taking over from PJ Charteris as Chief Judge.

The CEO and Chief Winemaker at award-winning Oakridge wines in the Yarra Valley will be joined by a 25 strong judging panel as they sniff, swirl and taste their way through 1,801 entries from some of Australia's top wine regions.

The team of highly experienced judges will be the first to critically review the 2016 vintage in Australia, setting the benchmark for the industry and letting wine lovers know which bottles to uncork.

The RQWS has a long history in Queensland, dating back to the very first Royal Queensland Show in 1876 and continues to showcase the nation's diverse growing regions, the passionate winemakers and their outstanding wines.

Wine savvy members of the public will have the rare opportunity to sample these award-winning drops at the 'Grape Grazing by Night – Celebrating Australian Wine' event, which is now in its second year.

Last year's successful event saw more than 500 wine lovers taste their way through the nation's finest red, white and sparkling. Tickets for the July 8 event are available at www.rqfws.com.au

WHAT: Royal Queensland Wine Show Judging

WHEN: Monday, June 27 – Thursday, June 30 – **PLEASE NOTE** - Winners will not be announced until the awards presentation on Friday 8 July at 9.30am

WHERE: The Exhibition Building, Brisbane Showgrounds - 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills

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