



# AIRLIQUIDE CONCOURS DES VINS DU VICTORIA THE FRENCH-VICTORIAN WINE SHOW

**ORGANISED BY THE FRENCH AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(FACCI)**

## **RULES**

1. All classes in Le Concours des Vins Du Victoria (CVV) are open to wines from the State of Victoria only.

2. All exhibitors shall conform to the respective Acts of the State & Commonwealth of Australia, which govern the production of Australian Wines and Brandy, including but not limited to: The Customs and Excise Act; Health Act; Spirit Act, and the Regulations relevant to such Acts.

### **3. Entries:**

- Entries open on the 28th of June 2024 and close on the 6th of September 2024 (at 5.00 pm).
- The entries for Concours des Vins du Victoria will compete over 4 Classes:
  - Aromatic Whites | Vintage: 2023. The following varieties can be entered in this class: Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc (and blends), Pinot Gris, Gewürztraminer, Muscat, Pinot Blanc, Viognier.
  - Chardonnay | Vintage: 2022 or 2023
  - Shiraz | Vintage: 2022 or 2023
  - Pinot Noir | Vintage: 2022 or 2023
- To enter the competition, each competing wine must comply with the criteria above-mentioned regarding variety and vintage.
- An entry fee of AU\$90.00 (excl. GST) is payable per entry.
- The exhibitors can choose to enter one (1) or up to all four (4) Classes.
- Exhibitors can enter only one (1) wine per class.
- The varietal composition, vintage, and region/s of each wine must be stated on the entry form
- A wine can only be entered once in the competition.
- Each entry shall consist of three (3) 750ml bottles.
- Exhibits must be from a batch of finished bottled products.
- The commercial name of each exhibit must be stated.
- Entry fees are not refundable.

4. The minimum quantity to qualify for entry to all classes is 30 dozen bottles (or equivalent) of stock.

In addition, it is a condition of entry that exhibitors will make available for purchase by FACCI up to 60 bottles of gold medal-winning wines for the Gala Dinner. FACCI will purchase the wines at 20% off LUC price.

**5. Exhibit Preparation:** Each exhibit must also bear the commercial label of the product, or a sticker wine with the full product name as appears on the entry form.

**6. Delivery:**

- Delivery deadline is Friday the 13th of September 2024 (at 5.00 pm).
- Exhibits must be delivered in cases properly marked with the exhibitor's name and contact details to:

**Attention: Paul Moing  
FINNAirSea Logistics Pty Ltd  
Unit 7B  
1 International Drive, Westmeadows VIC 3049**

*Clearly marked "Paul Moing"*

7. Entry fees will not be refunded in the event of wines not being received by the due date, withdrawn by the exhibitor, or disqualified.

8. FACCI accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to wines submitted for the competition.

9. All Exhibits shall become the property of FACCI.

**10. Auditing:**

- FACCI reserves the right to verify the origin and quantity held as per the requirements of these regulations, of any wine entered.
- Entry forms must state the location where entries can be audited including contact details.
- The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry and to question exhibitors on details of entries.
- An entry and exhibitor may be disqualified from the 2024 Concours des Vins du Victoria (and future shows) if it is found that:
  - An entry is not commercially bottled; and/or
  - The stock on hand claimed is found to be false; and/or
  - it does not meet all entry conditions

**11. Judging:**

The judging process will be divided into three stages:

- Step 1: Entering Le Concours des Vins du Victoria 2024 (from the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 to September 6<sup>th</sup> 2024)
- Step 2: The Judging Session (in September)
- Step 3: The Results' Announcement (early October)
- Step 4: The Gala Dinner (on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2024, tbc)

- Step 1: Entering Le Concours des Vins du Victoria 2024: Please refer to points 3 to 11.
- Step 2: The Judging Session:

In September, FACCI will organise the Judging Session, in which all the wines will be judged, and medals and trophies will be attributed.

Each member of the jury must complete and sign, at the time of their registration for the tasting, a declaration of honour indicating their direct or indirect connections with companies, professional organisations, or associations whose activities, products, or interests may relate to the wines presented at the competition. These documents will be collected by FACCI prior to the tasting.

- Wines will be judged per class (wine class will be known by judges), completely blind, presented in a series of numbered glasses, already poured away from the presence of judges.
  - The international 100-point system is used.
  - Awards: Medals will be awarded as follows
    - Gold Medal: 95-100 pts,
    - Silver Medal: 90 -94.9 pts,
    - Bronze Medal: 85 – 89.9 pts
  - The chair of judges shall have the final power to arbitrate awards.
- Step 3: The Results' Announcement
 

The awards will be announced to the participants early October.

    - All the gold medals-winning wineries will be given a certificate (handed out to them on the stage during the Gala Dinner).
    - The Wine of the Year: This trophy will be attributed during this session; the winner wine will be chosen by the jury among all competing wines (any class).
    - The wine of the year will be announced at the end of the Gala Dinner and will be given a prize by our partner Global Victoria.
  - Step 4: The Gala Dinner
    - The 2 top-scoring gold medal wines in each of the four classes will be served during the Gala Dinner organised on the 7th of November 2024.
    - The two best gold medals of each variety will compete for the Public Choice Trophy.
    - The Public Choice Trophy: The wines will be judged and voted by the public during the Gala Dinner and the award will be announced at the end of the event.

**12.** In the event that for reasons beyond the reasonable control of FACCI, it is necessary or advisable for Le Concours des Vins du Victoria to be cancelled either partly or fully, FACCI cannot accept any liability whatsoever for any direct or indirect loss of profit, damage or expense of any kind incurred as the result of such a cancellation.