



The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania



2012 Tasmanian Vineyard of the Year Schedule

The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania (RAST) conducts annually a competition for the State's vineyards – the Richard Langdon Trophy for the Tasmanian Vineyard of the Year.

Entries are now invited for the Roberts 2012 Tasmanian Vineyard of the Year Competition.

The objective of the Richard Langdon Trophy is to promote a high level of viticultural management in Tasmania leading to the production of quality fruit from sustainable management systems.

The Award is an extension of RAST's policy of promoting competition among finished products.

The perpetual trophy, donated by Mrs. Caroline Matterson in memory of her late husband Richard Langdon, is a fine bronze by noted Tasmanian sculptor Stephen Walker. A framed certificate featuring the trophy will be presented to the winning vineyard.

**Roberts 2012 Tasmanian Vineyard
of the Year Committee:**

**Mr David Skinner, RAST
Mr Frank Walker, Chief Judge
Mr Paul Townsend, Industry Rep
Mr David Sanderson, Wine Tas
Mr Scott Gadd, RAST CEO**

The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania
**Roberts 2012 Tasmanian Vineyard of
the Year**

The Vineyard of the Year competition is conducted under the authority of
The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania

President: Wesley Hazell
Chief Executive Officer: Scott Gadd

CLOSING DATE OF ENTRIES

Only entry forms received by 20 January 2012
or those postmarked by this date will be accepted.

Postal Address

P.O. Box 94
Glenorchy TAS 7010

Forms may also be submitted by
Email to admin@hobartshowground or fax to **(03) 6273 0524**.

AWARD PRESENTATION & FIELD DAY

On site at the successful vineyard Thursday 24 May 2012.



Cape Bernier Vineyard – Winner 2010

The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania

Roberts 2012 Tasmanian Vineyard of the Year Competition

Objective

The award will highlight key aspects of vineyard management leading to the production of quality fruit from sustainable management systems. The theme adopted for 2012 is 'Planning for the Future'.

Award Management

The program is managed by a Committee appointed by the Board of the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania and given the responsibility to achieve the required objectives of the Award. Assistance is provided by Wine Tasmania (WT) and the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA).

Entry Procedures

Entries are invited from all vineyard owners/managers that are producing grapes for the current vintage. Entrants must have the potential to produce at least 10 tonnes of fruit within the year of entry. Vineyards are encouraged to demonstrate sustainable economic production. Previous winners are excluded from entering for 3 years. Winners are invited to be part of the judging panel for the subsequent year.

Entry Fee

The entry fee is \$85.00

Judging Program

The judging panel will review all entries to ensure each one meets the entry criteria. Judging will comprise of visits to vineyards and interviews with entrants. First round judging will be on site during February 2012. Final round judging will occur on site during April 2012.

Some 30 areas of vineyard management will be assessed by the judging panel, including a section that will emphasise what planning for the future is taking place. The criteria and an information kit will be sent immediately upon receipt of entry.

The competition provides vineyard management with an assessment of their operations. Apart from discussions with the judges, each entrant is provided with a brief summary of the judges comments.

The smaller vineyards and larger corporate operations are both treated equally under the judging process.

Award Field Day

The award will be held on Thursday 24 May 2012 at a field day held on the winning entrant's vineyard.

Information

For information regarding the Vineyard of the Year competition, please contact Mr Scott Gadd, CEO on Phone: (03) 6272 6812 Fax (03) 6273 0524 or E-mail: sgadd@hobartshowground.com.au

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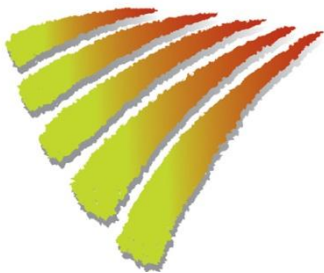


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PERSONAL INFORMATION & PRIVACY

The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania collects personal information from exhibitors in competitions conducted by the Society. Verification of the accuracy of this data may be obtained through contact with the RAST Section Secretary. This information is used only for the purpose related to the conduct of the events run by the Society and is not divulged to third parties. However, entrants' names and contact details may be released to duly authorised parties. The names of exhibitors may be included in catalogues published by the Society and successful exhibitor's names released for general publication. If you do not provide the information requested on the competition entry form we may not be able to accept your entry.