



Australian National Amateur Wine and Beer Show 2021

Newsletter - July

Covid19 may have interrupted Australia's preeminent competition for amateurs in 2020, but nothing is stopping us now. Be in it to win it!

2021 marks the 41th year of the Australian National Amateur Wine and Beer Show (ANAWBS) and the volunteers of the two host clubs, the Adelaide Ferment (awbca.org.au) and the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club (bwbc.org.au) are busy organising the show.

Did you know the show started in the McLaren Vale in 1980 and has been held at the Australian Wine Research Institute in Adelaide for many years now?

This is a great achievement of all you amateur winemakers and beer brewers of Australia and well worth celebrating. Your passion, commitment to excellence, maturity has always shown through the entries and has been noted by the judges.



Did you know that more than 160 different grape varieties are grown in Australia? But the top reds are Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinot Noir. Australia has no native grapes, all were introduced, thank you James Busby. The name "Shiraz" has been used primarily in Australia in modern times instead of Syrah. And due to the enormous exports of quality Australian Shiraz many other countries are now referring to Syrah as Shiraz.

Last year might have provided home brewers/ fermenters with unforeseen opportunities to devote more time and research into their loved activities. In fact, home brewing and fermenting activities have increased in 2020, with better access to equipment, ingredients and information.

Did you know a recent BeerCartel survey found that the majority of Australian craft breweries are founded by home brewers, with future breweries expected to be started by those within the home brewing ranks? In 2020 New England IPAs (NEIPAs) and sour beers were the two styles that have seen the biggest gains in overall consumption, growing by 7- 8%. Pale Ales/XPAs and India Pale Ales/Double IPAs remain Australia's most consumed craft beers.

But only 2% women are involved in home brewing. So ladies, we want you!



In 2019 we received nearly 500 entries – that is a lot to judge and provide written feedback on for the judges who provide pro bono time over the course of 6 days. Wines are judged using standard guidelines for industry wine competitions and beers are judged using the BJCP international style guide lines, with many beer judges accredited by BCJP.

Did you know the ratio of entries for beer and wine is 1:3 ?

There are **24 wine classes**, from Reds and Whites to Sparkling.

Also in this category are Cider, Fruit Wines, Mead and Fortified Wines.

This year's competition has **16 beer classes** covering most popular varieties as an open competition to kit, modified kit and full mash brewers.

The popular full grain **Mash Paddle Competition** in 2021 is Witbier – BJCP 2015 Style 24A. Detailed info: anawbs.org.au/classes/

There are amazing amateur winemakers and beer brewers in Australia and ANAWBS welcomes entries from everyone who is pursuing excellence in their endeavours. Newcomers and first time entries are welcome. Show Australia you are out there! ANAWBS is looking forward to receiving outstanding entries this year.

As an encouragement for Interstate competitors we have made the **delivery free** to Adelaide from Interstate drop off points! Drop off points and delivery instructions are on the website. Or contact anawbs@anawbs.org.au

Trophies and Medals

There are certificates and medals for each class and major trophies for top medal winners, special trophies for Best Beer, best Mash Paddle and Best Wine in Show, as well as Best Brewer and Winemaker of the year.



Entries Close

Adelaide: Friday 21st September 2021 at drop off points.

Interstate: Thursday 2nd September 2021 at drop off points.

Presentation Day

Sunday 3th October 2021 1pm, Charles Hawker Conference Centre, Waite Campus, University of Adelaide, Urrbrae SA

Further Information & Entry Forms : www.anawbs.org.au

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