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BAROSSA WINE SHOW

Dear Exhibitor,

The 2012 Vintage is a now a memory, a pleasant one I might add. Minds now turn to the job of finishing wines, and the all important task of entering wine shows.

Entries for the 36th Barossa Wine Show are now being received.

Please find attached the Entry Catalogue. There are very few changes to this year's schedule.

Over the last few weeks we have received several requests to review the definition of a Small Winemaker. While changes won't occur this year we will assess, review and seek comment ahead of the 2013 Wine Show. Currently a "Small Winemaker" is defined as annually, crushing below 500 tonnes. Requests have been made of us to reduce this ceiling.

Over the last two years we have changed four of the red wine classes. These were the introduction of a Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon blended class, the inclusion of Merlot into the red varietal class, the introduction of a Shiraz dominant blended class, and tweaking the GSM class, making it a GM class.

No further class changes have been made.

During the course of this year's show we will also be looking at the number of bottles we require for each exhibit type. Currently we require 6 x 750ml bottles for Table Wine Classes and 4 for Fortified classes. With the increasing number of single vineyard entries, and the trophy judging hierarchy, we believe this number of bottles is required. If it proves otherwise we will reduce the number required in 2013.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you the best for the 2012 Barossa Wine Show.

Regards,

Steve Clarkson
Chair, Barossa Wine Show Committee