

Mornington Peninsula Dr Alan Antcliff Viticulture Award

The biennial **Mornington Peninsula Dr Alan Antcliff Viticulture Award** is hosted by Mornington Peninsula Wine and acknowledges and rewards the work of exceptional viticulturists and their commitment to environmental excellence in the Mornington Peninsula region.

Dedicated to the memory of Dr Alan Antcliff, AM., whose 40 year career as a principal research scientist in vine physiology, genetics and ampelography was pivotal to the development of the Australian wine industry, guiding the management of varieties with an unmatched legacy.

Founders of the wine industry on the Mornington Peninsula, Sarah and Bails Myer are the generous benefactors of the bi-annual award of \$5,000, to support the winner's pursuit in research and development of practices in viticulture.

The award will be judged by some of the industry's leading viticultural minds;

Mark Walpole
Mary Retallack
John Whiting

The assessment spans:

occupational health and safety
biosecurity
soil management and nutrition
weed and pest control
mid row management
agrochemical application
crop management and pruning
management of the surrounding environment
economic responsibility.

Who is it open to:

Single vineyards - Any vineyard within the Mornington GI and not necessarily a member of the MPVA. The award is not limited to members of the MPVA and invites businesses to nominate colleagues whose practices are exemplary. A business may nominate more than one vineyard using a separate nomination for each.

What are we looking for:

Each section of the application form is independent of the other and will carry equal weight in determining the shortlisted vineyards.

Applicants are to articulate the area in which they would like to extend their knowledge, which if they're successful are then asked to deliver a presentation to the region for the benefit of all of the wine making community at the next AGM to inspire further engagement.

Excellence within your own operation not necessarily linked to any specific management system. What you put on this form will provide information to the judges upon which they will decide a shortlist for actual vineyard visits to be conducted in budburst of 2020 and harvest of 2021.

Key Dates:

Friday 19 June 2020	Entries open
Friday 4 September 2020	Entries close
Budburst – Sep/Oct 2020	First on ground assessments
Harvest – Feb/Mar 2021	Second on ground assessments
MPVA AGM, August 2021	Presentation of award



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For any question about this application form please contact
MPVA on (03) 5989 2377 or admin@mpva.com.au

Entries should be forwarded on this form to the address below by 5pm September 4th 2020

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Entry Form - Part 1

Applicant details:

Company name (or owner): _____

Contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Vineyard details:

Address: _____

Total area ha: _____

Year of planting: _____

Varieties grown: (include clone and rootstocks if applicable) _____

Planting density: _____

Trellis description: _____

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Entry Form - Part 2

- Soils:** List management practises employed to improve structure and health.
e.g. earthworm monitoring, mulch application etc.
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- Mid Row:** Provide details of the mid row strategy.
e.g. cover crop species etc.
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- Nutrition:** Organic, other and details of application and detail how you make those decisions.
e.g. soil tests, petiole tests, at what intervals etc.
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- Weed Management:** Mechanical, Chemical, Other. Detail of the timing and method of application.
e.g. under-vine mowing every three weeks/herbicide every 3 months.
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- IPM:** Is there an IPM plan in place and what does it entail.
e.g. LBAM traps and counts.
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- Crop Estimates:** How do you estimate the crop.
e.g. bunch counts and historical records.
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- Pruning:** What factors are considered in making a pruning plan.
e.g. costs, historical yields, sales forecasts.
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- End Season Management:** What are the post-harvest strategies.
e.g. Nutrition, watering etc.
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- References:** Awards to wines made from this vineyard over the last three years, could include testimonials from purchasers.
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- Travel Bursary:** In which area would you like to extend your knowledge, where would you travel to and how would it benefit the region
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