



## 2017 Judges

### Philip Rich, Chairman of Judges



Melbourne born and bred, Philip Rich has more than 20 years' experience as a passionate educator, wine show judge and wine writer. Philip was the founder and a partner in Prince Wine Store (1996 – 2015) and Bellota Wine Bar (2013-2015). Philip has judged at numerous wine shows in Australia and New Zealand and is currently chair of The Yarra Valley Wine Show and James Halliday Chardonnay Challenge and was founding chair of the MPVA (Mornington Peninsula) Wine Show. Philip is Director of Wine for The Lucas Group in Melbourne, responsible for developing a wine culture within the renowned group, as well as working on new restaurant concepts.

### Jim Chatto, Judge & Winemaker



With more than 20 years of winemaking experience, Jim Chatto is McWilliam's Chief Winemaker based at Mount Pleasant in the Hunter Valley, and owner and winemaker of his own label Chatto Wines in Tasmania, with his wife Daisy - where they craft pinot noir from their Isle vineyard in Huon Valley at Glaziers Bay. A Len Evans Tutorial graduate and senior wine show judge with over 18 years of experience across both regional and capital city shows, Jim is currently the Chairman of Judges for the National Wine Show of Australia.

### Melanie Chester, Judge & Winemaker



Melanie Chester is Chief Winemaker at Sutton Grange Winery in Bendigo, a role she took up in 2015 after several years at Seppelt. Awarded Gourmet Traveller Wine Young Winemaker of the Year (2015) and a scholar of the prestigious Len Evans Tutorial in 2014, Melanie is a respected wine judge across major capital and regional wine shows including the National Wine Show of Australia and Royal Melbourne Wine Awards.

### 2017 Associates Judges:

Shae Ryan Burgos (Randall The Wine Merchant) & Lyndon Kubis (The Alps)