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PINOT NOIR  
CHALLENGE  
2017

**AUSTRALIAN PINOT NOIR CHALLENGE (APNC):**

**14 & 15 AUGUST 2017**

## **SCHEDULE**

### **Important Dates**

- Entries open on Monday 13 May 2017
- Entries close Wednesday 12 July 2017
- Exhibits must be delivered during the period Monday 24 July – 5 August 2017
- Judging will take place on Monday 14 & 15 August 2017
- Trophy announcement will be on Saturday 20 August 2017

### **Entry Criteria**

1. The APNC is open to Australian wines only.
2. Wines must declare the following on the commercial label:
  - a. One, and only one, Australian geographic region or sub-region as defined by the Australian Geographic Indications.
  - b. Pinot Noir, and only Pinot Noir
  - c. Vintage year

The rules governing these declarations can be found here: [Compliance Guide](#)

3. If the wine is produced from grapes which originate outside a gazetted geographic regional, please contact Administration on (03) 5989 2377.
4. All vintages are eligible.
5. Wines must be commercially bottled, and entries must be clearly labelled as per criteria defined in clause 2.
6. All exhibits must conform to their respective State Acts and Commonwealth Acts which govern the manufacture of Australian wine including (but not limited to) the Label Integrity Program under the Wine Australia Corporation Act and Food Standards Code.
7. Only still table wines may be entered.
8. There is no restriction on the number of entries per winery.
9. Exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor at the time of entry.
10. Each wine must have a minimum volume of 50 dozen at time of entry.
11. The organiser reserves the right to market and promote any wine entered in the APNC.
12. All exhibits become the property of the organiser who may make exhibits available for other judging or promotional tastings.
13. Entry fee \$110 (Inc. GST) for each wine entered.
14. Entry fees will not be refunded if an exhibit is not received by the due date, withdrawn by the exhibitor after entry form lodgement, or the exhibit is disqualified by the Chief Steward.
15. No entry will be accepted until receipt of the full entry fee.
16. Wines may be refused entry, or may be disqualified at the complete discretion of the Chief Steward and/or the Wine Show Committee.
17. Each exhibit must consist of 3 x 750ml bottles for judging purposes.
18. Any promotional opportunities will be forwarded to exhibitors for their consideration.
19. Wines will be judged in blind regional brackets.

Whilst it is not required that the commercial label is affixed to the exhibit, it is strongly suggested that all wines have a label as they may be used for promotional photography and video.

## **Delivery of Exhibits**

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All exhibits must be delivered during the period Monday 24 July – 5 August 2017 to:

Address:

Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association

Suite 3/137 Shoreham Road

Red Hill South 3937

Outer packaging must include the following details.

- Australian Pinot Noir Challenge
- Region of wine sent from (Please list)

## **Exhibit Labels**

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- Exhibit labels and delivery labels will be forwarded to exhibitors approximately 2 weeks prior to delivery due date.
- Exhibit labels must be fixed over the back label on all exhibits prior to delivery.

## **Judging**

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- Judging will take place by panels of three judges.
- Scores will be published on a 100 point scale.
- Wines receiving less than 85 points will be listed in the catalogue without scores.
- The single most highly pointed wine from each region (scoring 95 points or above) will be eligible for the Trophy.

## **Audit**

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- A random audit will be conducted with respect to any entry in line with ASVO guidelines.
- If an audit reveals that an exhibit was not submitted in accordance with the APNC Regulations any award(s) that the exhibit may have earned will be forfeited and the responsible exhibitor may be denied entry to future events.

## **Awards**

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### **Australian Pinot Noir Challenge Trophy**

The trophy for Australia's best regional Pinot Noir.

### **Best of Region**

- The highest scoring wine from each region (only wines scoring  $\geq 95$  points will be eligible).
- All wines will receive a score out of 100 which can be used for marketing purposes.
- Exhibitors shall comply with the Winemakers Federation of Australia (WFA) Code of Practice for the display of awards. A copy of the code can be found here: Awards Code of Practice.

## **Disputes**

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- No correspondence with respect to any decisions will be entered into.

## **Privacy Statement**

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Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association collects information from a number of sources, in the public domain, to contact wine enterprises who then may be invited to enter the APNC. The MPVA collects further information from wine enterprises as they submit an entry. All collected information from entries is only used to further existing relationships with entrants. The MPVA does not pass on, or disclose, any information about wine enterprises to any other organization or person.

## **Enquiries**

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The Australian Pinot Noir Challenge is operated by the Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association Inc.

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