





The National Wine Show celebrates the finer details of an award winning wine

19 June 2022 (Canberra) – A Victorian shiraz described as a drop that could come from no other place on earth has taken home the nation's top wine award at the National Wine Show of Australia. With more than 965 wines competing across 42 classes, it's proof of the industry's resilience.

"Throughout droughts, floods, bushfires and trade sanctions over the last few years the Australian wine industry has adapted and innovated in clever ways to produce some of the world's best and most exciting wines," said Chief Executive Officer of CropLife Australia, the national peak industry organisation for the plant science sector, Mr Matthew Cossey.

As a sponsor of the National Wine Show of Australia, CropLife Australia and its members are proud to support and celebrate Australian viticulture that contributes \$45.5 billion to the Australian economy.

The show has been a highlight on the Australian wine industry calendar since it began in 1975. With only the highest-awarded wines making it to the judging table.

"It's fantastic to see winemakers from all across the country, particularly smaller producers from regional areas represented in these awards. The number of alternate varieties that made qualification this year reflects more growers exploring different grape varieties that do well in warmer drier climates.

"With around 25,000 producers in Australia, the plant science industry is proud to support an industry renowned for consistently delivering the highest quality grapes from prestigious regions with rich histories.

"The interplay between science, agriculture, climate and skill is what makes Australian viticulture so dynamic and impressive. Plant science innovations such as modern fungicides are providing critical control of diseases like powdery mildew which threaten Australia's entire viticulture production," Mr. Cossey concluded.

The Champion Wine of Show 2023: Yarra Yering 2021 Underhill Shiraz
The White Wine of Show 2023: Deep Woods Estate 2021 Reserve Chardonnay
The Red Wine of Show 2023: Yarra Yering 2021 Underhill Shiraz

CropLife Australia and our members congratulate all finalists and trophy winners who can be found <u>here</u>.

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About CropLife Australia

CropLife Australia is the national peak industry organisation representing the plant science sector in Australia. CropLife's members are the world-leading innovators, developers, manufacturers and formulators of crop protection and crop biotechnology products. The plant science industry, worth more than \$20 billion a year to Australian agricultural production, provides products to protect crops against pests, weeds and diseases, as well as developing crop biotechnologies key to the nation's agricultural productivity, profitability and sustainability. CropLife is part of the plant science industry's 91 country international federation.

