



MARGARET RIVER

## 2009 Macquarie Group Sydney Royal Wine Show

More than 2300 wines were entered in the 2009 Macquarie Group Sydney Royal Wine Show. The entries represent nearly every wine region in Australia, from the Margaret River in Western Australia to Coal River Valley in Tasmania. 35 trophies and numerous Gold, Silver and Bronze medals have been awarded covering varietal and fortified wines and brandy.

Newly appointed Chairman of Judges, Iain Riggs, who took over from James Halliday says the 2009 Macquarie Group Sydney Royal Wine Show is eagerly awaited by industry. "I'm elated to see that over 100 first time exhibitors will be vying for Sydney Royal recognition at this year's Show, this represents an increase of 20% in entries for 2009. It is also interesting to note the significant increase in varietals this year, particularly Shiraz, which is now Australia's leading red grape and planted across a wide range of exciting regions," said Mr Riggs.

2009 will see a change in the judging schedule, moving from judging style (medium bodied dry red, fragrant dry white) to judging by varietals (Shiraz, Chardonnay, Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc). "This brings the show in line with the phasing out of all European generic 'style' names. The Show strives to attract the highest calibre judges, smaller class numbers, Reidel glassware and conditions to ensure the best results," said Mr Riggs.

Sydney Royal represents a stellar history and tradition of champions from the early competitions in the 1800s to the modern day. While the competition structure and award criteria have been refined and improved, in 2009 a medal win still embodies impartial judging standards, outstanding quality assessment and world class analysis. The Macquarie Group Sydney Royal Wine Show is not only committed to awarding the best of the best, but also ensuring the level of quality is maintained in the years to come particularly through education initiatives.



### TROPHY & GOLD

**Clairault Estate Chardonnay 2006**  
Best Wine Exhibited by a Small Producer  
in named vineyard classes 65 to 72



SILVER

Clairault  
Estate  
Chardonnay  
2007



SILVER

Clairault  
Sauvignon  
Blanc  
2008



BRONZE

Clairault  
Semillon  
Sauvignon  
Blanc  
2008



BRONZE

Clairault  
Shiraz  
2005



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