



PRESS RELEASE

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AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT AT 2021 WINESTATE WINE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

IT'S OFFICIAL!!!! [Z WINE] BAROSSA VALLEY HAS WON

AUSTRALIAN WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR - [JANELLE ZERK]

GRENACHE OF THE YEAR - [2020 AUGUST]

TOP 5 SHIRAZ OF THE YEAR - [2019 JULIUS] &

RUNNER UP AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANY OF THE YEAR - [Z WINE]



The honour of 'AUSTRALIAN WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR' is awarded to the winemaker who produces the largest number of high ranking wines over the course of the year. This exceptional achievement has been awarded to Janelle of [Z WINE] through achieving many 5 STAR ratings and high rankings for the wines entered over the year in 2021.

Janelle Zerk, Winemaker commented; *"I work hard to preserve my historical roots and relevance in the Barossa and these awards allow us to show off our potential for future growth and success in the wine industry. The wines speak for themselves and are a result of a good understanding of quality and simply what tastes good for the wine judges AND the consumer."*

Previous 'Australian Winemaker of the Year' award winners include; Peter Hall - McGuigan Wines, Chris Scott - Church Road, Shane Harris - Geoff Hardy & Shavaughn Wells - Saltram Wine Estate. Janelle is only the third female to receive this prestigious award over the past 4 decades.

The 'GRENACHE OF THE YEAR' award received for the 2020 [AUGUST] GRENACHE has been exciting as Z WINE continues to endorse and nurture this variety from vine to glass. To be recognised of this with such distinction is fantastic! The Judges commented; *"Very varietal fruit driven nose; al cherries and strawberries with a fragrant floral lift. Nicely rounded mid-weight varietal palate with chalky tannins."*

The 2020 vintage was released from one of the best vintages for Grenache in years. It is ultra fragrant with wild strawberry and hints of violet and musk stick. The palate is packed with cherry, white pepper and earthiness. Very drinkable and absolutely suitable for every occasion!

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"The top Grenache and Shiraz wines are standouts, but the whole Z WINE range has shone a light on us to win this amazing award! Grenache is particularly popular at the moment and it's good to be a driver of such an exciting varietal." said Janelle Zerk, Winemaker.

WINESTATE MAGAZINE set the benchmark for industry publications in 1978 and remains the leading independent Wine Magazine in Australia. WINESTATE publisher Peter Simic commented "As a finalist from over 7,000 wines judged this year, where less than 5% of wines entered reached the finalist stage, and with the toughest peer reviewed blind judging in Australia or NZ, a Winestate Medal is truly deserved!"



Receiving the '**TOP 5 SHIRAZ OF THE YEAR**' for the 2019 [JULIUS] Basket Pressed Barossa Valley Shiraz is impressive! Judges commented: *"Sweet oak and raisined-like fruit aromas with perfumed notes. The full-bodied palate is rich with flavour"*

The 2019 [JULIUS] Shiraz displays great depth of raspberry and chocolate, but balanced and brooding with savoury notes. A perfect example of Shiraz as well as great ageing potential and being enjoyed with food. This was a small blend, allowing the best oak to be chosen and matured in for approximately 20 months. Previous winners of this award include Mr Riggs— Scarce Earth and our own 2016 [POOLE] Old Vine Shiraz in 2020!

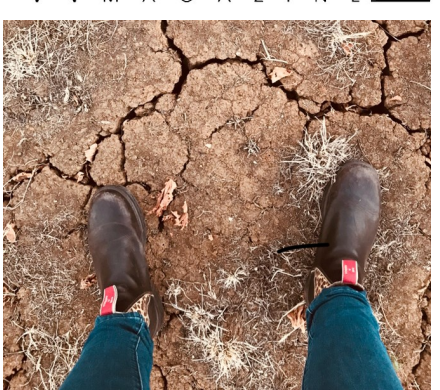


Managing Director - Kristen Zerk commented; *"It really is an honour to receive not just one but 4 major accolades in the 2021 WINESTATE Wine of the Year Awards! I'm SO proud and look forward to celebratingeachsingle achievement!"*

As the excitement of the WINESTATE awards continue [Z WINE] also received '**RUNNER UP AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANY OF THE YEAR**'. What an achievement! Previous winners include Wolf Blass, Australian Vintage and Haselgrove Wines.



[Z WINE] Barossa Valley showcases beautiful boutique Barossa Valley Wines and the recognition by WNESTATE of the wines, the winemaker and the company is genuinely valued, recognised and respected.



Do yourself a favour - support local and taste an award winning bottle of [Z WINE] today!

You can order online www.zwine.com.au | call (08) 8563 3637 e | sales@zwine.com.au or visit our Cellar Door at 109 - 111 Murray Street Tanunda SA 5351.

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