



WINE GUILD VICTORIA INCORPORATED

MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP 2023

THE PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE: Yarra Yering Dry Red Wine No.1 2021

A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot. From Yarra Yering Website: "Black berry fruits and a rustic iodine feel complement some bay leaf adding a background herbal lift. Mixed brown spices and a hint of oak; flavour and tannin. Beautiful fruit, refreshing acidity and fine tannins form a solid foundation for a long future. Complex but not intimidating, always exciting to watch evolve.

Classified by Langtons as outstanding and rated 100 by Tyson Stelzer. Gold medal at the Melbourne Royal Wine Awards and rated 97 at the Decanter World Wine Awards.

Value: Approximately \$150.00.

SECOND PRIZE: Penfolds Bin 389 2020

Bin 389 is a blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon and 49% Shiraz. It is often referred to as 'Baby Grange', partly because its components are matured in the same barrels as the previous vintage of Grange. With a judicious balance of fruit and oak, year after year, Bin 389 provides its trademark creamy mid-palate, considerable length and complex structure, with nuances of freshly sliced fennel, pan-wilted radicchio leaf and pickled turnips, adding to flavours of red licorice and cherries.

Rated 96 by Campbell Maddison and 97 by Andrew Caillard MW.

Value: Approximately \$110.00.

THIRD PRIZE: Bollinger Special Cuveé NV

From one of the few remaining family-owned and run Champagne houses, Bollinger is unquestionably one of the finest of all French champagnes. Bollinger NV is distinctive for its full-bodied toasty characteristics, derived from a delicate blending of 60% Pinot Noir, 25% Chardonnay and 15% Pinot Meunier. The blend is a consistent expression of style, and quality of its bouquet, intensity, balance and finesse, which delivers a harmonious symphony of flavours that delights the senses.

Value: Approximately \$98.00.

FOURTH PRIZE: House of Arras Grand Vintage 2014

A wine of outstanding quality, this Tasmanian gem is a blend of 67% Chardonnay and 33% Pinot Noir. From the House of Arras website: "A wine of uncompromising quality, enriched by the great complexity of character that follows seven years of tirage. Grand Vintage accentuates the delicacy and balance of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the pristine cold climate vineyards of Tasmania." "A seamless and powerful palate with a distinct minerality and complex characters of toasted sourdough, field mushroom, lemon curd and Granny Smith Apple."

Rated 96 and Gold Medal at the Decanter World Wine Awards.

Value: Approximately \$95.00.

Last to finish: It's a mystery!

Note: First placegetter has the option to take the wine of their choice. Similarly, second and third can choose from the remaining bottles.