



Leo Buring



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**2013 Winewise Championship Winners – Wynns, Leo Buring and
Annie's Lane Quelltaler**

Wynns, Leo Buring and Annie's Lane Quelltaler have come out on top at the 2013 Winewise Magazine Championships in the following categories:

Best Riesling 2012 Leo Buring Clare Valley Riesling

Best Classic Australian Blend 2010 Wynns V&A Lane Coonawarra Cabernet Shiraz

Best Other Red Blend 2010 Wynns Cabernet Shiraz Merlot

Best Sparkling Red Annie's Lane Quelltaler Watervale Sparkling Shiraz

The eligible wines are judged in small groups of no more than seven, and ranked in order of preference by the judging panel consisting of two of the regular Winewise panel (experienced show judges) – Lester Jesberg and Deb Pearce - and some of the most respected senior judges from within the wine industry including Ian McKenzie, Tim James and Tim Knapstein. Peter Nixon (Dan Murphy's), Jane Faulkner (Melbourne Age) and Chris Shanahan (CanberraTimes).

In the 2013 Winewise Championship, the top wines of the 2012 Winewise Small Vigneron Awards were judged against the gold medal winning wines from the following shows:

National Wine Show
Adelaide Hills Wine Show
Australian Alternative Varieties Wine Show
Barossa Wine Show
Canberra Regional Wine Show
Clare Valley Wine Show
Geelong Wine Show
Gippsland Wine Show
Hunter Valley Wine Show
International Riesling Challenge
International Sweet White Challenge
Limestone Coast Wine Show
Margaret River Wine Show
McLaren Vale Wine Show
Mudgee Wine Show
National Cool Climate Wine Show
New England Wine Show (Incl. Granite Belt, Qld.)
Orange Region Wine Show
Tasmanian Wine Show
Victorian Wines Show
Wine Show of Western Australia
Yarra Valley Wine Show

Sue Hodder, Wynns Senior Winemaker is thrilled with the recent success.

“Both Wynns Cabernet Shiraz Merlot (CSM) and V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz are from the outstanding 2010 vintage, which enjoyed even and early ripening enabling moderate yields, and positioning it again as another benchmark Coonawarra season.

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“The CSM is a fine example of three classic varietals synonymous with Coonawarra and our select vineyard V&A Lane Cabernet Shiraz honours Wynns’ prized vineyards along V&A Lane right in the heart of the terra rossa strip.

“The Cabernet vineyards from V&A Lane have been important contributors to Wynns’ top wines for many years, and have great pedigree. This area is also gaining a reputation for great Shiraz, and a marriage of the two varieties is a part of Wynns’ history, going back to its earliest blends. Overall the distinctive fruit from these vineyards has a signature density and richness as the defining characteristic of this location along the Coonawarra strip.” Sue said.

The 2012 Leo Buring Clare Valley Riesling displays pure citrus fruit with underlying minerality, making it a perfect fresh compliment to clean vibrant dishes.

“The 2012 growing season was just about perfect in Clare, resulting in even and early flavour development, culminating in very natural, intense and balanced fruit ripeness. These conditions ensured a beautiful 2012 Riesling.” Said Peter Munro, Leo Buring Winemaker.

The Annie’s Lane NV Quelltaler Watervale Sparkling Shiraz is picked from a unique region within the Clare Valley.

Alex MacKenzie, Annie’s Lane winemaker says “This wine is a combination of vintages that has an average age greater than five years. This wine is drinking superbly now and will reward with further cellar age making it perfect for celebratory occasions.”

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