



Australian Wine Trade Flood Relief Raffle

Breakdown of the list of exclusive prizes

The 1100 pledges are distributed across 200 prizes, with first prize valued at an incredible \$33,000. Second place is no consolation prize, itself clocking in at \$20,000. Third prize is \$13,000, fourth is \$9,000, fifth, \$8,000 and even 200th prize is quite a score, valued at \$500.

Travel

First prize leads out with a \$5000 Barossa escape for four. When Orlando Wines phoned to pledge their grand prize, they prefaced it with the promise, "We'll make sure we really look after the winners in the Barossa!" En route from Adelaide airport (yes, airfares are included!), stop in at one of Australia's finest regional restaurants at The Lane Vineyard in the Adelaide Hills. Lunch for six is included in the prize.

Rare and hard to find wines

Wild Duck Creek Duck Muck Shiraz is one of Victoria's most highly sought-after cult wines. With a miniscule production of around 200 dozen each vintage, this wine is almost impossible to get your hands on, even if you can afford its price tag of \$330 a bottle. Three timber four-packs are up for grabs, along with six packs of the flagship wines of three other difficult to find Victorian cults, Mount Mary, Bindi and Punch.

Cullen's Diana Madeline is one of Margaret River's best cabernets. Double magnums will go to each of the first six prize winners. You'll need to be in it if you want one of these, because they're not yet available anywhere else.

Giaconda is widely regarded among Australia's finest chardonnays. It's hard enough to find a standard bottle, let alone a magnum. Not only will a magnum of Giaconda's 2005 chardonnay go to one lucky winner, other winners will receive magnums of its 2005 pinot noir, shiraz and cabernet.

Mac Forbes has donated a magnum of his Coldstream Pinot Noir, which we have never seen before, anywhere, ever. Katnook Estate in Coonawarra has put forward two magnums of its 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon, which not available commercially, while Geoff Merrill has offered a magnum of Botham Merrill Willis Shiraz, signed by Sir Ian Botham.

The Barossa takes the prize for the longest list of wines that money can't buy. Two double magnums of John Duval Entity and Plexus are not commercially available. Peter Lehmann's double magnums of Stonewell Shiraz, Mentor Cabernet and Futures Shiraz represent very special limited bottlings. You won't buy a dozen Greenock Creek Seven Acre Shiraz unless you can land on the cellar door on the right day of the year. And you won't be offered six packs of Rockford Black Shiraz or Basket Press Shiraz any day of the year unless you're a member of the club (and the waiting list lasts forever).

Imported wines

France joins the party with eighteen bottles of Champagne, along with a magnum from one of Champagne's most quality-focused grower producers, Larmandier Bernier. There's a magnum and a six pack of Meursault (white Burgundy) from Chateau de Citeaux and a six pack that Lester Jesberg describes as "good red Burgundy" (and he would know – he personally selects and imports it).



Italy has put forward one of its finest Barberas in Vietti Old Vine Scarrone as well as a six pack of Barbaresco. New Zealand has answered our call to help with cases of pinot and sauvignon and a magnum of its finest merlot blend, Craggy Range Sophia.

Mature wines

Scattered throughout the prize list are a collection of remarkable old treasures of Australian wine. Seppeltsfield 100 Year Old Para Vintage Tawny represents the only unbroken collection of wines spanning more than 130 vintages in the world. First prize includes four bottles commemorating the major Queensland floods, from the 1893, 1916, 1974 and 2011 vintages. When was the last time you did a vertical tasting spanning 118 years?

A magnum of 1980 Bin 707, one of Australia's most collectable and age-worthy cabernets, will be shipped directly from the cellar of Penfolds to the second place winner. The first place winner will receive a magnum of 1996 Penfolds Grange, one of the finest vintages of Australia's most famous wine. In a magnum, it's worth a fortune.

Orlando has dug deep in its cellar to find two bottles of 1963 Vintage Tawny Port, as well as magnums of 1998 Lawson's Padthaway Shiraz, 1998 Jacaranda Ridge Coonawarra Cabernet and a double magnum of St Hugo Coonawarra Cabernet 2002 (all of the large format bottles are in wooden display boxes).

Other mature magnums destined to mark the celebrations of twelve happy winners include six magnums of Blue Pyrenees Midnight Cuvée 1998, three magnums of Leeuwin Estate Art Series Cabernet 2001 and a three magnum trilogy of 1999 Bannockburn Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Shiraz.

Regional representation

Some of the best estates in each of Australia's most notable wine regions have generously supported this raffle with their flagship wines. In addition to the producers already listed, Margaret River is represented by Moss Wood (one dozen of its flag ship cabernet), Cape Mentelle (one six pack of its top cabernet), Leeuwin Estate (multiple magnums and a dozen Art Series Chardonnay, reputedly the finest white in the West).

The Hunter Valley has put forward its best in Lake's Folly (one dozen of its flag ship, Cabernets), Brokenwood (Graveyard Shiraz magnum), Tyrrells (one six pack of Vat 1 and other semillons from the epic 2005 vintage) and McWilliams (one six pack of 2005 Lovedale Semillon).

In South Australia, Coonawarra is lending its support thanks to Majella and Balnaves (a six pack of the flagship from each) while the charge from the Barossa continues thanks to Torbreck (six pack and magnum of super-premium RunRig), Irvine (two magnums and two six packs of flagship Grand Merlot), Turkey Flat (one double magnum of its flagship shiraz) and Spinifex (six dozens). In the Clare Valley, the highlight is Grosset and in Victoria's Mornington Peninsula, Stonier.

Flagship wines

The list of producers supporting with their flagship wines is monumental. Highlights include Audrey Wilkinson (The Lake Reserve Shiraz), Bremerton (Old Adam Shiraz), Castagna (mixed cru wines), Chateau Tanunda (The Everest Old Bushvine Shiraz), Clonakilla (Shiraz Viognier), DeBortoli (Yarra Valley Reserves), Elderton (Command Shiraz), Glaetzer (Amon-Ra), Hardy's (Thomas Hardy and Eileen Hardy), Jasper Hill (Georgia's Paddock), Langmeil (Freedom Shiraz), McWilliams (1877 Cabernet Sauvignon Shiraz), Meerea Park (Alexander Munro Shiraz), Mike Press (MP1), Ocean Eight (mixed dozen), Savaterre (Chardonnay and Pinot



Noir), Taylors (St Andrews Shiraz), William Downie (Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir), Wirra Wirra (RSW Shiraz) and Yabby Lake (mixed dozens).

Large format bottles

If you ever wondered how many friends it would take to drain a six litre Methuselah of wine, here is your chance to find out, thanks to three gigantic bottles from the Barossa: Kalleske Eduard Shiraz 2008, Kies Dedication Shiraz 2006 and Langmeil Valley Floor Barossa Shiraz 2006.

If big bots are your thing, there are more three litre double magnums to be shared among the prize winners, including five Yarra Burn Sparkling 2004, one St Hallett Blackwell Shiraz in a wooden box and one James Haselgrove The Old Faithful Shiraz.

In all, there are seventy magnums to go around. In addition to those listed above, there's All Saints Durif, Barossa Valley Estate Ebenezer Shiraz, Clonakilla Shiraz, Clyde Park Shiraz, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, Gatt Shiraz (six magnums), Gatt Riesling (ditto), Radford Shiraz, Radford Riesling, Shadowfax One Eye Shiraz, Shaw + Smith Chardonnay (three signed magnums), Shaw + Smith Shiraz (ditto), Turkey Flat Rosé, Ulithorne Frux Frugis, Winburndale Cabernet and Shiraz and Yalumba The Menzies Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon.

And more

Finally, Voyager Estate deserves special mention for donating \$1000 in wine – the winner gets to choose the bottles. VisitVineyards.com has also donated single and double wine travel Memberships to everyone who purchases online tickets in bundles of five or more, so buyers will be able to enjoy exclusive wine experiences for a full year.

With 6500 bottles landing on 200 doorsteps next month, it's just as well Kennards Self Storage has donated wine units in its facilities for the first six winners. There are also books, wine knives and other wine-related items – enough to keep wine lovers happy for a very long time.

Tickets are a mere \$30. For more information and a list of where tickets can be purchased via retailers (all States except TAS) see: www.winefloodrelief.com.au

For online and phone sales (including Tasmanian sales), see: www.VisitVineyards.com/wineraffle

Tickets are on sale from February 4 with the raffle drawn on 11 March. There are 40,000 tickets available, and no limit on the number of tickets which can be purchased.

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