

LANGHORNE CREEK Viticulturist of the Year

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Selection Criteria and Conditions

The Langhorne Creek Viticulturist of the Year Award aims to recognise the wine grape growing expertise of the region, that contribute to the award-winning wines we celebrate. This acknowledgment is awarded at the Langhorne Creek Wine Show Luncheon each year to an individual nominated for Excellence in Viticulture.

This award may, but does not only, apply to the nominee's immediate past 12 months contribution or achievements. The award is open to all eligible Langhorne Creek viticulturists as per the definition below. No age barrier.

Definition of a Langhorne Creek Viticulturist

- One who is resident of and produces grapes in Langhorne Creek and is a contributor to the Langhorne Creek Wine Industry Fund, **and/or**
- One who is involved in establishing, maintaining and managing vineyards in Langhorne Creek as a, or for a, contributor to the Langhorne Creek Wine Industry Fund.

Basis for Selection

Has demonstrated any combination of the following:

- Contributes fruit to a Langhorne Creek branded wine product;
- Grows to specification;
- Noteworthy vineyard performance and fruit quality, including in relation to wines scored at Langhorne Creek Wine Shows;
- Produces and/or establishes technical quality standards;
- Has produced grapes which have resulted in outstanding wines at domestic and international level;
- Has achieved local, national or international viticultural recognition;
- Has made a positive contribution to Langhorne Creek winegrape growing and wine Industry;
- Is involved in Viticultural R&D, or exercises innovative or best practice thinking and practice;
- Strives for sustainable viticulture;
- Has a property management plan and shows examples of best practice.

Selection Panel

To consist of at least 5 members that may be drawn from:

- Grapegrower Committee of Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine.
- Winemaker Committee of Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine.
- Langhorne Creek region Grower Liaison Officers (GLOs).
- Independent suitably qualified people nominated at the discretion of the Executive Committee of Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine.

Nominations to be considered, and a winner selected by the selection panel at least two weeks prior to the annual Langhorne Creek Wine Show Luncheon.

Presentation of the Award

This award will be presented to the individual Viticulturist, not to his/her Company.

The award is announced and presented at the annual Langhorne Creek Wine Show Luncheon.

The winner receives a trophy plus a certificate to claim \$1,000 in expenses towards a professional development activity, valid for 12 months.

Responsibilities of the Recipient

The recipient may be asked by Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine to act as a spokesperson for the region for the twelve-month period if opportunity arises, before handing over the 'crown'.