

BAROSSA WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR

Anyone is welcome to nominate someone for Barossa Winemaker of the Year who they feel embodies the following criteria.

Definition of a Barossa Winemaker

* A currently practicing winemaker
* A commercial producer of wine in the Barossa
* A winemaker who primarily utilises Barossa grapes

Selection Criteria

Includes any combination of the following:

* Has made a positive contribution to the Barossa wine industry
* Adheres to quality standards to produce Barossa wines of excellence
* Has been recognised at domestic and/or international wine shows/exhibitions, has received winemaking awards or other recognition
* Produces wine that exhibits and respects the regionality of Barossa grapes
* Generously shares their knowledge on an informal or formal basis with others in the region
* Actively contributes to the Barossa community

Annual Selection Process

* Selection panel may be drawn from:
  + Barons of Barossa
  + Barossa Grape & Wine Association
  + Independent suitably qualified people nominated at the Barons of Barossa discretion
* Nominated winemaker to be made aware of his/her responsibilities prior to acceptance

Award Presentation

* Presentation at Declaration of Vintage (3rd Sunday in February)
* Presented to the individual winemaker, not to his/her company

Responsibilities of the Barossa Winemaker of the Year

* To participate in the promotion of the Barossa and The Barossa Cellar (as possible) when requested by the Barons of Barossa or Barossa Grape & Wine Association Executive (this may include attendance at special tastings, assist with/host visiting media, trade and VIPs)
* To host or assist with the annual Barons First Taste of Vintage
* To attend the following year’s Declaration of Vintage and participate in the recognition of that year’s recipient