

QANTAS AWARDS



Top red: Mandoon Estate chief winemaker Ryan Sudano. Picture: Bill Hatto

Gold again for valley's fine winery

■ Ray Jordan

Small Swan Valley producer Mandoon Estate has continued its remarkable success at recent Australian wine shows, winning the trophy for best wine at this year's Qantas Wine Show with its Mandoon Research Station cabernet sauvignon 2012.

The trophy which was announced last night at the Hyatt Regency Perth was one of five trophies won by Mandoon, including that for the most successful exhibitor crushing less than 250 tonnes — the third consecutive year it has won this award.

This is the seventh most successful exhibitor award for Mandoon this year.

And it was recently awarded four trophies at the Rutherglen Show against 3000 other wines.

In addition, it also won four trophies at the Perth Royal Wine Show in September.

Mandoon also scored with its Frankland River Reserve Shiraz 2011.

It was judged the Consumer's Choice Best Red Wine.

Great Southern producer Willoughby Park won the Consumer Choice Best Wine Award for its Iron Rock chardonnay 2012.

The Qantas Wine Show is the only wine show to judge exclusively West Australian wines from across all WA wine regions.

This year it was chaired by Iain Riggs of Hunter Valley winery Brokenwood Estate.

Riggs said the show was a classic demonstration of the strength of WA wines across the board.

"The cabernet and cabernet blend classes were exceptional and it was also extremely pleasing to see the high standard of riesling and chardonnay," he said.

"Perhaps the only downside was the shiraz, which seemed to show some rather clumsy oak handling."

TROPHY WINNERS

- **Qantas Airways Trophy Best Wine of Show Classes:** Mandoon Estate, Research Station Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- **Best Red Wine of Show:** Mandoon Estate, Research Station Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- **Best White Wine of Show:** Flying Fish Cove, 'Wildberry' Reserve Chardonnay 2012
- **Most Successful Exhibitor Overall:** Evans & Tate
- **Most Successful Exhibitor Processing under 250 tonnes:** Mandoon Estate
- **Highest Aggregate for Top 3 Pointed Wines:** Forest Hill Vineyard, Deep Woods Estate
- **JS Gladstones Trophy Best and Most Distinctive Character:** Harewood Estate Wines Porongurup Riesling 2014
- **Best Sauvignon Blanc:** Miles from Nowhere, Sauvignon Blanc 2014
- **Best 2014 Riesling:** Harewood Estate Wines, Porongurup Riesling 2014
- **Best White Blend:** Grace Farm Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2014
- **Best Chardonnay:** Flying Fish Cove Wildberry Reserve Chardonnay 2012
- **Best Older Red Wine:** Voyager Estate, Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2010

- **Best Cabernet Sauvignon:** Mandoon Estate, Research Station Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- **Best Shiraz Classes:** Houghton Wine Company, Thomas Yule Frankland River Shiraz 2012
- **Best Pinot Noir:** Silkwood Wines, Premium Pinot Noir 2013
- **Best Red Blend:** Voyager Estate, Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot 2010
- **Best Aged Riesling:** Forest Hill Vineyard, Block 1 Riesling 2008
- **Best Wine from a Single Vineyard:** Mandoon Estate, Research Station Cabernet Sauvignon 2012
- **Best Fortified or Sweet Wine:** Gralyn Estate, Artizan Rare Muscat NV

