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Left Field Semillon 2010, 2013 and 2014,  
Clovely Estate

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Class	No.	Year	Winery	Winename	Points	Medal
<b>1</b>	<b>Verdelho, dry</b>					
1	1	2015	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Verdelho	45.5	
1	2	2016	Dusty Hill Wines	Dusty Hill Verdelho	46.0	
1	15	2016	Heritage Estate	Heritage Estate Verdelho	45.0	
1	3	2014	Hidden Creek	Hidden Creek Wild Ferment Verdelho	42.0	
1	12	2016	Mason Wines	Verdelho	48.5	bronze
1	4	2016	Moffatdale Ridge	Moffatdale Ridge 2016 Verdelho	51.0	Silver
1	5	2016	Mt Tamborine Vineyard & Winery	2016 Verdelho	48.0	bronze
1	14	2016	Normanby Wines	Normanby Wines Verdelho	44.0	
1	6	2015	O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard	Vince Reserve Verdelho	46.5	bronze
1	13	2016	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Verdelho	44.0	
1	7	2016	Robert Channon Wines	Verdelho 2016	46.5	bronze
1	8	2015	Robert Channon Wines	Verdelho 2015	49.5	bronze
1	9	2016	Sirromet Wines	Vineyard Selection Verdelho	55.5	Gold
1	10	2016	Summit Estate	Summit Estate Verdelho	44.0	
1	11	2015	Symphony Hill Wines	Symphony Hill Wines Reserve Verdelho	55.5	Gold

**Class Comments:** This was a strong class as the results show. Some very well made wines, well suited variety for QLD. Best wines showed bright fruit, honeydew flavours with mineral and flint notes. Keep up the good work!

## **2 Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, dry**

2	1	2010	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Semillon	51.0	Silver
2	2	2016	Dusty Hill Wines	Dusty Hill Semillon	47.0	bronze
2	3	2016	Girraween Estate	Estate Sauvignon Blanc	44.0	
2	4	2010	Golden Grove Estate	Golden Grove Semillon	44.0	
2	5	2016	Golden Grove Estate	Golden Grove Sauvignon Blanc	46.5	bronze
2	6	2016	Granite Ridge Wines	Crystals	48.0	bronze
2	9	2016	Kingsley Grove Estate	Semillon	41.5	
2	8	2016	Mason Wines	Sauvignon Blanc	46.5	bronze
2	7	2016	Moffatdale Ridge	Moffatdale Ridge 2016 Semillon	NP	
2	10	2013	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Semillon (CMW)	55.5	Gold

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**Class Comments:** Top wines, great varietal examples with powerful, great length in top wines. Main flavours of lemon butter, tropical fruit and herbal tones.

## 3 Chardonnay, dry

3	1	2015	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Gateway Chardonnay	51.0	Silver
3	3	2016	Girraween Estate	Estate Unwooded Chardonnay	45.5	
3	4	2014	Golden Grove Estate	Golden Grove Chardonnay	51.0	Silver
3	5	2015	Granite Ridge Wines	First Oak	45.0	
3	6	2016	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Chardonnay	41.0	
3	12	2015	Mason Wines	Cellar Collection Chardonnay	44.0	
3	13	2015	Ravenscroft Wines	Ravens Croft "Bad Boys" Chardonnay	43.0	
3	14	2015	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Chardonnay	44.5	
3	7	2015	Robert Channon Wines	Reserve Chardonnay 2015	40.0	
3	8	2015	Robert Channon Wines	Wild Ferment Chardonnay 2015	48.0	bronze
3	9	2014	Robert Channon Wines	Reserve Chardonnay 2014	39.0	
3	10	2014	Sirromet Wines	Le Sauvage Chardonnay	52.0	Silver
3	11	2014	Twisted Gum	Chardonnay	42.5	
3	15	2014	Whiskey Gully Wines	Beverley Chardonnay	44.5	

**Class Comments:** It's great to see so many diverse styles, from big oaky styles to leaner chablis styles. However, there are many wines that had overripe disjointed characters and the complexity of the wines were over tarnished by excessive oak use. The top 3 wines were strongly debated but held off (gold) due to too much oak. Top wine was awarded for its complexity, richness and its intense length of flavours. The chablis style wines lack brightness and focus. Overall a very pleasing class to judge. Wines have come up leaps and bounds from a few years ago

## 4 Dry White Varietal Wine other than Wines eligible for classes 1 to 3

4	1	2015	Ballandean Estate	Viognier	43.5	
4	2	2016	Ballandean Estate	Messing About Fiano (CAW) (CWS)	56.0	Gold
4	3	2016	Dusty Hill Wines	Gra Fion Viognier	45.5	
4	4	2016	Golden Grove Estate	Golden Grove Vermentino	46.5	bronze
4	18	2016	Heritage Estate	Heritage Estate Fiano	55.5	Gold
4	19	2016	Heritage Estate	Heritage Estate Pinot Gris	43.5	
4	5	2011	Hidden Creek	Hidden Creek Viognier	43.5	
4	6	2016	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Roussanne	45.5	
4	14	2016	Mason Wines	Cellar Collection Viognier	48.5	bronze
4	15	2016	Ravenscroft Wines	Ravens Croft Pinot Grigio	47.0	Bronze
4	16	2016	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Riesling	45.0	
4	17	2016	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Pinot Gris	43.5	
4	7	2016	Robert Channon Wines	Pinot Gris 2016	44.5	

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4	8	2016	Summit Estate	Summit Estate Viognier	43.5	
4	9	2016	Summit Estate	Summit Estate Fiano	48.0	bronze
4	10	2016	Summit Estate	Summit Estate Vermentino	51.0	Silver
4	11	2015	Symphony Hill Wines	Symphony Hill Wines Petit Manseng	51.0	Silver
4	12	2015	Symphony Hill Wines	Symphony Hill Wines Viognier	48.5	bronze
4	13	2015	The Overflow Estate 1895	The Overflow Estate 1895 Vermentino	44.0	

**Class Comments:** A great class of wines to judge with many well made wines and an amazing diversity of styles and varieties. Some sweet and broad wines in the mix. 2016 vintage really shines through and shows wines with great natural acidity and bright fruit lines. Wines showed energy and poise. Fiano variety was the hero of this class. Top wines awarded for the brightness of fruit, complexity and vitality.

## 5 Dry White Blends

5	1	2016	Ballandean Estate	SSB	45.5	
5	2	2016	Golden Grove Estate	Accommodation Creek SSB	48.0	Bronze
5	4	2016	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate SBS	43.0	
5	3	2015	Twisted Gum	Verdelho/Semillon	44.0	

**Class Comments:** Most wines demonstrated floral notes and medium palate, best wines showed balance. Some care needed, one wine with VA, acidic and sharp.

## 6 Merlot, dry (any vintage)

6	1	2014	Flamehill Vineyard	Traprock Merlot	46.5	bronze
6	2	2013	Granite Ridge Wines	Fergies Hill	51.5	Silver
6	3	2014	Granite Ridge Wines	Fergies Hill	45.5	
6	4	2014	Just Red Wines	Just Red Wines Merlot	43.5	
6	9	2014	Normanby Wines	Normanby Wines Merlot	41.0	
6	6	2014	O'Reillys Canungra Valley Vineyard	Mr Mick Merlot	41.5	
6	8	2013	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Merlot	54.0	Silver
6	7	2014	Ballandean Estate	Merlot	44.5	
6	1	2014	Sirromet Wines	Signature Collection Merlot	46.0	

**Class Comments:** Big spectrum of wines but many dilute wines lacking fruit and many wines with hard dry lean tannins. Top wine was definitive merlot with texture, fruit richness and plump velvet palate. Too much oak in many wines that has been used to mask hard dilute palate. Many wines just appeared to be made with lack of ..... attention.

## 7 Cabernet Sauvignon, dry (any vintage)

7	1	2014	Dusty Hill Wines	Dusty Hill Cabernet Sauvignon	45.5	
7	2	2014	Girraween Estate	Estate Cabernet Sauvignon	49.0	bronze
7	3	2013	Granite Ridge Wines	Top Block	48.5	bronze
7	4	2012	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Cabernet Sauvignon	49.5	bronze
7	7	2014	Mason Wines	Cellar Collection Cabernet	51.0	Silver
7	8	2015	Mason Wines	Cellar Collection Cabernet	45.5	

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7	5	2014	Sirromet Wines	Signature Collection Cabernet Sauvignon	45.0	
7	6	2014	Symphony Hill Wines	Symphony Hill Wines Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	47.0	bronze
7	9	2012	Whiskey Gully Wines	Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	47.5	Bronze
7	10	2013	Moffatdale Ridge	Moffatdale Ridge Naked Cabernet Sauvignon	47.0	bronze

Class Comments: More varietal character than shiraz, quite ripe and extracted fruits. Top wine displayed coffee and spice with juicy fruit and dusty dry finish.

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## 8 Shiraz or Shiraz Viognier, dry (any vintage)

8	1	2014	Ballandean Estate	Messing About Shiraz / Viognier	44.5	
8	2	2014	Ballandean Estate	Opera Block Shiraz	52.5	Silver
8	3	2012	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Reserve Shiraz	43.5	
8	4	2013	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate DP Shiraz	45.5	
8	5	2014	Clovely Estate	RD Shiraz-Passito	46.0	
8	6	2014	Dusty Hill Wines	Dusty Hill Shiraz	45.0	
8	7	2014	Dusty Hill Wines	Dusty Hill Forbidden Shiraz	46.5	Bronze
8	8	2015	Dusty Hill Wines	Gra Fion Shiraz Viognier	46.5	Bronze
8	9	2014	Flamehill Vineyard	Traprock Shiraz	49.0	bronze
8	10	2014	Golden Grove Estate	Golden Grove Shiraz	43.0	
8	11	2012	Hidden Creek	Hidden Creek Shiraz	46.5	Bronze
8	12	2012	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Shiraz	56.0	Gold
8	13	2015	Just Red Wines	Just Red Wines Shiraz Viognier	48.5	bronze
8	24	2014	Mason Wines	Cellar Collection Shiraz	45.5	
8	25	2015	Mason Wines	Cellar Collection Shiraz	47.0	bronze
8	14	2013	Mt Tamborine Vineyard & Winery	2013 Black Shiraz	44.5	
8	15	2014	O'Reillys Canungra Valley Vineyard	Shane Reserve Shiraz	46.5	Bronze
8	26	2014	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate The Lincoln	45.5	
8	16	2015	Robert Channon Wines	Shiraz 2015	43.5	
8	17	2016	Robert Channon Wines	Shiraz 2016	51.0	Silver
8	18	2014	Savina Lane	Millenium Shiraz	48.0	Bronze
8	19	2014	Sirromet Wines	Le Sauvage Shiraz Viognier	46.5	Bronze
8	20	2012	Symphony Hill Wines	Symphony Hill Wines Reserve Shiraz	49.0	Bronze
8	21	2014	Symphony Hill Wines	Symphony Hill Wines Reserve Shiraz	47.0	Bronze
8	22	2014	Symphony Hill Wines	Symphony Hill Wines Reserve Shiraz "The Rock"	46.5	Bronze
8	23	2014	Twisted Gum	Shiraz (CMR)	56.0	Gold



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8	27	2012	Whiskey Gully Wines	Black Rod Shiraz	45.0
8	28	2014	Whiskey Gully Wines	Division Bell	45.0

Many wines too forward but can see potential of the 2015 / 2016 wines

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## 9 Dry Red Varietal Wine other than Wines eligible for classes 6 to 8

9	1	2013	Ballandean Estate	Messing About Saperavi	56.0	Gold
9	2	2014	Ballandean Estate	Messing About Nebbiolo	43.0	
9	4	2015	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Gateway Tempranillo	45.0	
9	5	2015	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Nebbiolo	42.0	
9	6	2014	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Sangiovese	45.0	
9	7	2015	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Barbera	44.0	
9	8	2013	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Petit Verdot	47.0	bronze
9	9	2015	Dusty Hill Wines	Gra Fion Nebbiolo	46.5	bronze
9	10	2015	Dusty Hill Wines	Pesudovs Nebbiolo	49.0	bronze
9	11	2015	Dusty Hill Wines	Gra Fion Tempranillo	45.0	
9	12	2014	Golden Grove Estate	Golden Grove Durif	53.0	Silver
9	13	2014	Golden Grove Estate	Golden Grove Mouverdre	47.0	Bronze
9	14	2016	Golden Grove Estate	GG Joven Tempranillo	51.5	Silver
9	15	2013	Granite Ridge Wines	Petit Verdot	39.0	
9	16	2012	Hidden Creek	Hidden Creek Tempranillo	46.5	bronze
9	17	2012	Jester Hill Wines	Touchstone Petit Verdot	51.0	Silver
9	18	2015	Just Red Wines	Just Red Wines Tannat (CAR)	56.0	Gold
9	22	2014	Mason Wines	Cellar Collection Petit Verdot	46.5	bronze
9	23	2014	Normanby Wines	Normanby Wines Durif	44.5	
9	24	2015	Ravenscroft Wines	Ravens Croft Tempranillo	41.5	
9	19	2015	Robert Channon Wines	Pinot Noir 2015	44.0	
9	20	2014	Symphony Hill Wines	Symphony Hill Wines Reserve Petit Verdot	43.5	
9	21	2014	Symphony Hill Wines	Symphony Hill Wines Pinot Noir 100%	40.5	
9	25	2015	Tipperrary Estate	Tipperary Estate Tempranillo	39.0	

**Class Comments:** A fantastic class to judge, great diversity of styles and varieties is showing what Qld is doing well with. Top wines were awarded for purity of fruit, balance and poise. They were great examples of varieties and made true to style. It's always great to see varieties made in alternative style such as Jovens / fresh current vintage.

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## 10 Dry Red Blends

10	1	2014	Ballandean Estate	Generation 3	51.5	Silver
10	2	2013	Granite Ridge Wines	The Ridge	40.0	
10	8	2014	Granite Ridge Wines	Bilby Red	39.5	

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10	3	2015	Just Red Wines	Just Red Wines Cabernet Merlot	47.0	Bronze
10	9	2009	Kingsley Grove Estate	Cabernet Merlot	39.5	
10	4	2013	Mt Tamborine Vineyard & Winery	The Alchemist 2013 Shiraz Cabernet	43.5	
10	5	2015	O'Reillys Canungra Valley Vineyard	Bernard Reserve Chambourcin Merlot	44.0	
10	6	2015	Robert Channon Wines	Cabernet Shiraz 2015	44.0	
10	7	2014	Twisted Gum	Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon	47.5	Bronze
10	10	2012	Whiskey Gully Wines	Republique Red	53.0	Silver

**Class Comments:** Top wines awarded for freshness and vitality, richness and most of all balance. Unfortunately, too many poorly made and cared for wines. Many underripe wines showing greenness and hard angular tannins. Basic wine making faults such as BRETT and VA plagued this class. Balance is vital in achieving a medal in this class

## 11 Rose or Light Red, Early Release Red, Dry or slightly Off-Dry styles (<10g/L RS)

11	1	2016	Golden Grove Estate	Golden Grove Rose	43.0	
	2	2016	Robert Channon Wines	Rose 2016	43.0	
	3	2016	Sirromet Wines	Vineyard Selection Rose	44.0	
11	5	2016	The Granite Wine Co	TGWC Wild Rose	45.0	

**Class Comments:** Unfortunately, many poorly made wines with numerous faults, not much joy in this class. We need to see more effort put in this class

## 12 White – fruity, semi-sweet and medium sweet styles, including Moscato

12	1	2016	Dusty Hill Wines	Dusty Hill Off Dry Verdelho	45.0	
12	2	2016	Golden Grove Estate	Golden Grove Muscadean	49.0	Bronze
12	3	2016	Jester Hill Wines	Sommer's Gold Roussanne	43.5	
12	6	2016	Kingsley Grove Estate	Verdelho	42.5	
12	4	2016	Moffatdale Ridge	Moffatdale Ridge Late Harvest White	45.5	
12	7	2014	Normanby Wines	Normanby Wines Sweet Verdelho	46.5	Bronze
12	5	2016	Robert Channon Wines	Singing Lake Chardonnay Verdelho	43.5	

**Class Comments:** Solid class of good commercial wines, some wines lacked purity of fruit and balance

## 13 Rose or Red – fruity, semi-sweet and medium sweet styles, including Moscato

13	1	2016	Dusty Hill Wines	Dusty Hill Moscato	44.0	
13	2	2015	Moffatdale Ridge	Moffatdale Ridge Late Harvest Red	44.0	
13	4	2014	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Sniggles Rose	43.0	

**Class Comments:** Some interesting wines which were well made without faults. Unfortunately most wines lacking complexity and flavour richness to get to high medal level

## 14 Dessert Whites - dessert styles, rich and luscious, more than 60 g/L residual sugar

14	1	2014	Ballandean Estate	Late Harvest Sylvaner	51.0	Silver
14	2	2014	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate CC Semillon	51.5	Silver
14	3	2015	Dusty Hill Wines	Dusty Hill Botrytis Verdelho	47.0	Bronze

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14	4	2016	Mason Wines	Late Harvest VCV	47.5	Bronze
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**Class Comments:** Strong class some good examples of style

## 15 Fortified Wines – all styles

15	1	2013	Clovely Estate	Clovely Estate Fortified Grenache	47.0	Bronze
15	2	NV	Golden Grove Estate	Marnita Muscat	51.5	Silver
15	3	2006	Kingsley Grove Estate	Old Fox	45.5	

**Class Comments:** Many of the wines needed more time to gain rancio and more complexity. Be careful when choosing spirit and make sure that trials are done to match the spirit with the fortified wine.

## 16 Sparkling Wine– Red or White

16	1	2014	Banca Ridge	Banca Ridge Gateway Sparkling	51.0	Silver
16	2	2014	O'Reillys Canungra Valley Vineyard	Lona Sparkling Semillon	43.0	
16	4	2013	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Eloise	46.0	
16	3	2016	Summit Estate	Summit Estate Sparkling Marsanne	45.0	

**Class Comments:** Top wine awarded for its nervy acid, bright complex fruit. Showing more prosecco style wine, the unfortunate result of the rest of the class was some poor autolysis characters, broad and sweet characters. One wine with excessive acid aldehyde. Unfortunately, this class failed to excite and entice

## 17 Museum Class – Red (2009 or earlier) or White (2010 or earlier)

17	1	2007	Ridgemill Estate	Ridgemill Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot	55.5	Gold
17	2	2012	Tipperary Estate	Tipperary Estate Verdelho	45.5	

**Class Comments:** Top wine awarded for balance and complexity, holding its age beautifully

## 18 Provenance Class

18	2010, 2013, 2014	Clovely Estate	Leftfield Semillon	Class Winner
18	2005, 2009, 2012	Hidden Creek	Hidden Creek Chardonnay	
18	2006, 2008, 2009	Hidden Creek	Hidden Creek Viognier	
18	2006, 2010, 2012	Hidden Creek	Hidden Creek Tempranillo	
18	2002, 2008, 2012	Hidden Creek	Hidden Creek Shiraz	
18	2005, 2014, 2015	Robert Channon Wines	Robert Channon Chardonnay	

A great class and concept and will only get stronger as the years go by. The top entry showed terrific consistency.