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2019 WINE COMMUNICATOR AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Wine Communicators of Australia (WCA) has today announced the finalists in the 10 categories of the 2019 Wine Communicator Awards, including a new award category: Best Wine Student.

Sixteen experienced and respected wine industry professionals have judged the entries in the award categories, with three panels each assessing two or three categories each. The New Wine Writer of the Year Award is judged independently by *Gourmet Traveller WINE* judging panel.

The overall Wine Communicator of the Year Award will then be chosen from the category winners by the WCA Board and announced at the awards night at Two Hands Cellar Door in Sydney on Wednesday 13th November 2019.

WCA Chairman Toni Carlino says, *"The WCA Awards continue to grow from strength to strength, each year we continue to gain more and more entries over each category. Yet again the caliber of the 2019 nominations were of an incredibly high standard, making the judges job a difficult process. It is encouraging to see that the Australia wine community has such a high standard of talent."*

The finalists for each category are:

Best Wine Public Relations Campaign (Individual or Team) – Award Partner, Handpicked Wines

- Barossa Grape & Wine Association
- Pernod Ricard Winemakers
- Taylors Wines

Best Published Feature Articles or Wine Columns – Award Partner, Treasury Wine Estates

- Daniel Honan
- Katie Spain
- Nick Ryan

Best Digital Wine Communicator – Award Partner, Liquid Ideas

- Christophe Priddle – The Grape Underground
- Jane Thomson – The Fabulous Ladies' Wine Society
- Trish Barry – Mastermind Consulting

Best Wine Website or Wine App – Award Partner, Purple Giraffe

- Barossa Grape & Wine Association
- Gourmet Traveller WINE – Digital Edition
- Hardys Wines

Best Wine Student – Award Partner, The University of Adelaide

- Alexander Iasiello
- Emily A. Palmer
- Liang Chen



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Best Wine Educator – Award Partner, The University of Adelaide

- Armando Maria Corsi
- Jenny Polack
- Markus Patz

Best Wine Book (Trade, Technical or Consumer) – Award Partner, Calabria Family Wines

- Langton's Classification of Australian Wine VII – 30th Anniversary Edition
- The Highly Improbable Audacious Adventures of Wirra Wirra 1894 to 2019

Best Wine Publication (Trade or Technical) – Award Partner, Pernod Ricard Winemakers

- The Australian & New Zealand Grapegrower & Winemaker
- The Wine Paper
- Wine & Viticulture Journal

Best Wine Publication (Consumer) – Award Partner, Pernod Ricard Winemakers

- Gourmet Traveller WINE
- Halliday Wine Companion
- Pinot Palooza

Best New Wine Writer – Award Partner, Gourmet Traveller WINE

- The Four Seasons, Stuart Smith
- Unsung Sunbury, Angharad Davies
- In Her Rhone World, Stephanie Eyles

More details of the awards can be found here: <https://winecommunicators.com.au/awards/2019-wine-communicator-awards/>

Tickets for the awards night are still available and can be purchased for \$80.00 members or \$105.00 non-members from the WCA website here: <https://winecommunicators.com.au/event/wine-communicator-of-the-year-awards-ceremony/>

For further information or enquiries on the awards or judging process, please contact Lynda Schenk, WCA Executive Officer on 0400 811 002 or exec@winecommunicators.com.au

ABOUT WCA

Wine Communicators of Australia was established as a national not-for-profit company in December 2010 growing out of the well-respected Wine Press Clubs of NSW, Victoria and South Australia. It aims to be Australia's pre-eminent organisation connecting business professionals working with wine and currently has more than 500 members.

WCA's annual program includes networking events, webinars and its prestigious lunches in association with three major capital city wine shows – Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. It also runs the annual Wine Communicator Awards and Legend of the Vine Awards.



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ABOUT THE WINE COMMUNICATOR AWARDS

The annual WCA Wine Communicator Awards recognise outstanding contribution to, and excellence in, wine communication in all its forms. In each category, a short list of finalists is reviewed and selected by the panel of expert judges. A winner is then chosen in consultation with WCA Board. The overall Wine Communicator of the Year is then chosen from the category winners