

Mr. Riggs

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RIGGS CROWNED McLAREN VALE SHIRAZ KING

Winemaker, Ben Riggs was today named McLaren Vale “**Bushing King**” after his wines dominated the Shiraz classes of the 2005 McLaren Vale Wine Show with Penny’s Hill Shiraz 2004 being named the Best Wine of the Show.

With Best in Class Trophies for both key Shiraz classes, and a total of 5 Gold Medals for his shiraz wines, Riggs can justifiably claim to have a special affinity with the icon McLaren Vale varietal.

Prior to it claiming the top prize, Penny’s Hill 2004 Shiraz won the Best Shiraz over \$25 RRP. In a class described by the judges as “what the region does best. A very strong class”, this wine was the Riggs-made highlight. His Mr Riggs Shiraz 2004 was a joint runner-up in this prestigious class.

The under \$25 class Best Shiraz was awarded to the regional Mr. Riggs “The Gaffer” 2004, in just its second vintage. Riggs also made the 2004 Battle of Bosworth Shiraz which also struck gold in this class.

The former winemaker at Wirra Wirra, Bushing King in 2000 and a Qantas Winemaker of the Year finalist in 2005, Riggs was also responsible for the 1998 Wirra Wirra RSW Shiraz, a Museum Class gold winner.

To an excited Riggs whose wife Annie, added a third son the the family just last week, winning the Best Shiraz accolade was a real thrill and vindicated his decision to depart Wirra Wirra in 2001 after 14 years as winemaker to venture out on his own in partnership with Penny’s Hill owner, Tony Parkinson.

For Parkinson, the win was a dream come true. Over ten vintages since the 1995 Penny’s Hill Shiraz, the “red dot” brand has steadily forged a reputation for excellence.

Parkinson praised the winemaking skills of Ben Riggs and his team, in particular Greg Jackson and Nic Bourke, and gave special mention to long term viticulturists, David Paxton and Toby Bekkers.

The Riggs-Parkinson partnership, now referred to as the Galvanized Wine Group, scored medals for all wines entered. (see below)

GALVANIZED WINE GROUP – McLAREN VALE WINE SHOW 2005 – RESULTS

TROPHIES:

CLASS 10 – Best Shiraz under \$25 RRP – Mr Riggs “The Gaffer” Shiraz 2004 (18.67 points)

CLASS 11 – Best Shiraz over \$25 RRP – Penny’s Hill McLaren Vale Shiraz 2004 (18.67 points)

GOLD MEDALS:

CLASS 10 – Mr Riggs “The Gaffer” Shiraz 2004 (18.67) - 3 Golds awarded, 67 wines shown.

CLASS 11 – Penny’s Hill Shiraz 2004 (18.67) - 4 Golds awarded, 58 wines shown

CLASS 11 – Mr Riggs Shiraz 2004 (18.50)

SILVER MEDALS:

CLASS 17 – Dry Red any style – Mr Riggs Shiraz Viognier 2004 (17.67)

CLASS 17 – Penny’s Hill “Red Dot” Shiraz 2004 (17.00)

BRONZE MEDALS:

CLASS 8 – Grenache – Penny’s Hill “Cadenzia” (15.83)

CLASS 13 – Penny’s Hill “Malpas Road” Merlot 2004 (16.00)

CLASS 13 – Penny’s Hill “Specialized” Shiraz/Cabernet/Merlot 2003 (15.50)

CLASS 14 – Fortified – Penny’s Hill “Vintage” Fortified Shiraz 2004 (15.67)

CLASS 15 – Dry White any style – Penny’s Hill “Red Dot” Chardonnay Viognier 2005 (15.83)

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