



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **NASAA Ltd Certified Organic 'Wine of the Year' Australia 2017**

### **Australia's NASAA Organic Wine of the Year 2017 is Temple Bruer Preservative Free TB621 Mataro Shiraz Grenache 2016**

In conjunction with Winestate Magazine, NASAA (*The National Association for Sustainable Agriculture, Australia*), only certified Australian organic wines were judged for this prestigious award, using a professional tasting process and judging panel.

This fourth annual NASAA & Winestate organic wine judging was open only to wines grown and produced in Australia that are certified by a Department of Agriculture Accredited Certification Body such as 'NASAA Certified Organic', an organisation that is partnering with Winestate Publishing to promote Australia's organic wines to the world.

The judging process of reviewing 134 wines from four States and the ACT took place at Winestate's office in Adelaide where all entries were judged blind by a panel of three independent wine industry judges.

Organic wines means that the wines have been made from grapes that are grown without the use of any "artificial chemicals" such as systemic fungicides, herbicides and synthetic fertilisers.

The overall winner, Temple Bruer Wines, is based at Angas Plains, South Australia, in the Langhorne Creek Wine Region.

**The winning wine, TB621 Mataro Shiraz Grenache 2016, used grapes sourced from Temple Bruer's own properties in the Riverland at Loxton, Eden Valley and Langhorne Creek. The Mataro from Loxton; Shiraz from Eden Valley; Grenache from Langhorne Creek.**

Judges' description: "Chocolaty aromas laced with liquorice and has hints of plums. The powerful varietal fruit flavours are ripe and intense. Has good tannin structure and nice level of acidity".

Winery chief **David Bruer** said: "We're very pleased indeed. We work really hard to make preservative free wines that keep. It's particularly good that the Mataro came from our oldest vines at Loxton planted shortly after World War II by the soldier settlers".

Judging Panel comprised: Shane Harris, Winemaker, Geoff Hardy Wines; Marc Allgrove, Partner Evans & Ayers Wine Business Consulting and Steve Warrwick, Entwine Wine agency and Peter Simic of Winestate as chairman.

**Judges statement:** Winestate Publisher Peter Simic said: "Overall the panel and myself as chairman were very pleased at the number of entries submitted, showing that organic wines are now being seriously considered in the market place and are being supported by commercial wine makers".

"With the ongoing interest in organic products the results show there is an exciting market for this segment and Winestate is very pleased to be involved in reviewing and promoting a sector that has considerable export potential".

Results were announced at Adelaide's COS Restaurant Function Room. Full results are available.

## **Top Wines by Category / Regional Area winners from SA, NSW, WA, VIC, ACT,**

### Other White Varietals & Blends

Horner Wines Family Reserve, Hunter Valley, Viognier 2016,

### Sauvignon Blanc

*Equal Top in Category, 2 winners;*

Stormflower Single Vineyard, Wilyabrup Margaret River, Sauvignon Blanc 2016,  
Tamburlaine, Orange Reserve, Orange, Sauvignon Blanc, 2015,

### Riesling

Tamburlaine, Orange Reserve, Orange, Riesling, 2015, Tamburlaine Organic Wines,

### Chardonnay

*Equal Top in Category, 4 winners;*

Windowrie, The Natural Wine Co, Central Ranges, Chardonnay, 2016,  
Tamburlaine Hunter Valley Reserve, Hunter Valley, Chardonnay, 2016,  
Stormflower Single Vineyard, Wilyabrup Margaret River, Chardonnay, 2016,  
Tamburlaine, Orange Reserve, Orange, Chardonnay, 2015.

### Other Red Varietals & Blends

Lark Hill, Biodynamic Wines 'Scuro', Canberra District, Sangiovese Shiraz 2015.

### Merlot

Pure Vision, Organic, South Australia, Merlot, 2016.

### Cabernet Blend

*Equal Top in Category, 2 winners;*

Temple Bruer Preservative Free, SA, Cabernet Merlot, 2016,  
Tamburlaine Orange Reserve, Orange, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015.

### Shiraz Blend

Top in Category / Top in Show Winner;

Temple Bruer, Preservative Free TB621, South Australia, Shiraz Grenache Mataro 2016

### Shiraz - under \$50

Macaw Creek Mount Lofty Shiraz 2016, SA.

### Shiraz over \$50

Jacob's Creek Organic, McLaren Vale, Shiraz, 2014.

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