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Nuy Winery Crowned as SA's Best Young Chardonnay

Winner
SA Young Wine 2020
JG GRAUE TROPHY
SA Champion Chardonnay
NUY WINERY
Chardonnay (wooded)

This annual show for wines of the current vintage year – presented by the SA National Wine Show Association (SANWSA) in collaboration with Agri-Expo – took place later than usual this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The competition's 19 SA Champion trophies in total, including the Pietman Hugo Trophy for the best points achieved with five entries, have just been announced in the broad media.

The customary gala dinner, where the trophies are handed over, has not been held this year as a result of the Covid-19 realities. Altogether 40 wines achieved Class Winner status and 74 received Gold Medals.

The quality of the 2020 white wines met with the expectations of particularly good quality. Among the Chenin Blanc wines, the unwooded entries generally performed better than the wooded ones, which probably needed more time to come to their full right.

It was a particularly good year for the various Sauvignon Blanc styles, which showed well throughout this category. This, thanks to a very cool January and February. The judges were impressed by the many beautiful greener, as well as tropical styles.

2020 has been very favourable for Chardonnay too and the panel experienced top unwooded wines with good balance, mouthfeel and length, while the excelling wooded ones were characterised by balance, more natural acidity and limy-citrus characteristics.

The chairperson of the Young Wine Show, Christo Pienaar, said that the quality of the young wines judged had been excellent and a good reflection of the 2020 vintage year. "I was impressed that the winners of SA Champion wines were from all over the country's wine producing areas, as well as diverse types of wineries. I wish to thank all those who participated for their ongoing support."

The SA Young Wine Show dates back to 1833 when the first such competition was held by the Cape of Good Hope Agricultural Society (today Agri-Expo) in Rondebosch.

Hearty Congratulations to Nuy Winery and to the winemaking team!

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