



# Award Winning Wines

**C**anberra District wines have an enviable reputation for quality, as attested to by the many wine show awards being won by the District's winemakers. Also, the wines are increasingly being recognised by wine writers and critics as amongst the finest in Australia. For the general public, there truly are some "Undiscovered Treasures" amongst them, hence the title of this book.

In order to provide the reader with some insights into the quality of wines and the wine types that are performing well at regional and national wine shows, tables were collated of gold and trophy winning wines from Canberra District over the decade 1992 -2001. These are the highest level of awards at regional or national wine shows and the data was collated from winemakers' records.

To win awards at this level indicates a very fine quality wine indeed. A gold medal in a wine show usually requires scoring 18.5 points and above, out of a potential 20, a very demanding requirement. To win a trophy, the wine needs to win a gold or silver medal and to be the best wine in its class or of the show. The analysis shown below has collated gold medals won at the Royal Agricultural Society shows, and competitions such as the

Australian Small Winemakers, the Boutique Wine Awards and the Winewise Small Vignerons Awards.



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