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## 6 Nations Wine Challenge

### 2014 Six Nations Wine Challenge RESULTS with surprises.

What happens when you put six of the world's most experienced wine judges into a high powered challenge to discover the best wines in 17 classes from 600 wines, all selected by them as the best wines their nations produce?

And the trophies are – Malbec to Australia. Sauvignon Blanc to South Africa. Riesling to Chile. Shiraz to Argentina. Bordeaux Blend to the USA. Chardonnay to New Zealand and so on!

**Wine of Show** was awarded jointly to **South Africa's Silverthorn Blanc de Blancs 2011** and **New Zealand's Dog Point Pinot Noir 2012**.

**New Zealand won Nation of Show** calculated via the overall aggregate scores.

The trophies were presented by Australia's Judge Huon Hooke and the gala dinner was attended by Australian and international winemakers, John Berry the US Ambassador and Consuls General from most of the participating nations and many dignitaries and special guests.

All guests were welcomed by Challenge President Judith Kennedy and Mr Bruce Gosper, Chief Executive Officer of Austrade.

### Download Results

[Wine of Show, Nation of Show, Red and White Wine of Show list](#)

[Trophy and 2nd places list](#)

[Double Gold and Gold medals list](#)

### What is the 6 Nations Wine Challenge all About and How Does it Work?

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The Challenge is owned and managed by the Association of Australian Boutique Winemakers Inc. The head office is in Sydney Australia and the judging takes place there in August each

year. Entry is by invitation and the judge representing each country makes his selections in anticipation of winning the various awards.

**The challenging countries are Argentina, Australia, Chile, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States of America.**

**The objective of the Challenge is to discover the New World Champions.** The Judging will decide the Nation of Show, Wine of Show, Red and White Wines of Show. A trophy will be awarded for the top scoring wine in each of the 17 classes. Double Gold and Gold medals will also be awarded. The results will be published on this web site, in hard copies distributed to all entrant companies and media releases will be distributed world-wide.

**This is the only wine show in the world** where the wines come in exclusively by invitation from the Judges.

*“Because the wines are all selected by each of the judges the standard of wine quality must surely be higher than any competition of this size in the world”.* Bob Campbell MW.

**There are seventeen classes:** Sparkling; Riesling; Chardonnay; Aromatic (non Riesling); Sauvignon Blanc; Other White Varieties; White Blends; Pinot Noir; Merlot/Carmenere; Malbec; Bordeaux Blends; Non Bordeaux Blends; Major Red Varieties; Other Red Varieties; Shiraz/Syrah; Cabernet Sauvignon and Dessert Wine.

Each Judge is set the task of selecting 100 wines across the 17 Classes with a maximum of 10 in any one class – the best in their country regardless of wine company size and wine volume available.

The selections are communicated to the Challenge office in Sydney and the invitations to participate are sent out to the winemakers. The sample bottles are consolidated in each country and shipped to Sydney in time to take a rest in cool storage prior to the judging. Two days before the judging the wines are transported to the judging rooms where the Stewards match the wines to the judging sheets and each wine is given a number within its class.

There are three judging days in Sydney. The wines are poured out of sight of the Judges and each judge judges all wines knowing the vintage, the variety or varieties in a blend and simply a number. The scores are calculated to determine; Trophy and Runner up (Double Gold) in each class plus Double Gold and Gold medals where agreed. All trophy wines are re-judged for the Wine of Show, White Wine of Show and Red Wine of Show. Nation of Show is then calculated.

The tasting event and presentation trophy dinner is set approximately one month later in Sydney. In 2014 the Trophy Dinner will be held on 8 October and the public tasting event (Thinkers & Drinkers) 9 October.

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## THE SIX JUDGES

The judges are [Fabricio Portelli](#) (Argentina) [Huon Hooke](#) (Australia), [Eduardo Brethauer](#) (Chile), [Bob Campbell](#) MW (New Zealand), [Michael Fridjhon](#) (South Africa) and [Dan Berger](#) (USA).

Each year the Chairman's role rotates. In the past Australia's James Halliday and the UK's Robert Joseph have acted as Chair to the Challenge and Bob Campbell MW Chaired in 2013. **Fabricio Portelli is the Chairman for 2014.**

2013 Chairman Master of Wine Bob Campbell led the five judges through the three days of judging held at Concord, New South Wales, Australia. Campbell, is a founding member of the panel and represents New Zealand. Huon Hooke represents Australia and is responsible for the selection of the 100 Australian entries into the Challenge. 2013 is Hooke's fifth year as a Judge. South African Michael Fridjhon is also a founding member of the judging panel. In 2011 the Challenge welcomed the expansion of the Challenge by inviting Eduardo Brethauer of Chile and Fabricio Portelli of Argentina. 2013 was their third year as judges. In 2013 Californian Dan Berger joined the team and the USA won five trophies.

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*Huon Hooke*



*Bob Campbell MW*



*Michael Fridjhon*



*Eduardo Brethauer*



*Fabricio Portelli*



*Dan Berger*