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TOP SOMMELIERS TO SELECT YOUNG WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR

Sixteen of the country's top sommeliers have been selected to judge this year's Sommeliers' Choice Award as part of The Wine Society's Young Winemaker of the Year Awards.

The judging will take place throughout the next two months at road shows around the country where each sommelier will blind taste the finalists' top two wines to decide the winner.

Sommeliers taking part in this year's judging are:

- Alon Sharman from Restaurant Arras, Sydney
- Andrew Philpot from The Press Club, Melbourne
- Anthony Jones from The Deanery, Melbourne
- Clyde Bevan from Friends at Hyatt, Perth
- Craig Phillips from The Manse, Adelaide
- Duncan Vent from Chianti Classico, Adelaide
- Emma Sputore from Must Winebar, Highgate
- Greg Richardson from the Australian Sommeliers Association
- Guy Vaillant from the Australian Sommeliers Association
- Henry Livingstone from Bistro Vue, Melbourne
- Jeffrey Power from Cru Bar & Cellar, Brisbane
- Lok Thornton from The Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld
- Lynette Haszard from Bistro Moncur, Sydney
- Michael Harrison from XO Supper Club, Adelaide
- Sally Harper from Bathers' Pavilion, Sydney
- Tasso Rovolis from Benchmark Wine Bar, Canberra

The top two wines from each finalist will also be judged by a panel of industry icons to decide The Wine Society Young Winemaker of the Year and by the Society's members to find the Members' Choice Award.

The winners for each category will be announced at the black tie gala awards dinner at the Westin Hotel in Sydney on 1 November.

For more information visit www.winesociety.com.au

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Notes to editor: The Wine Society Young Winemaker of the Year Award is open to all Australian and New Zealand winemakers under 30 who are primarily responsible for the creation of the wine. The aim of the award is to recognise the importance and best efforts of young people in the wine industry and distinguish themselves as the winemakers of the future.

The Wine Society was established in 1946 when Dr. Gilbert Phillips and a group of wine loving friends shared a collective vision and passion to purchase and distribute Australian table wine. Today that vision continues and The Wine Society boasts almost 60,000 members across Australia.

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