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The crème de la femmes shortlisted for the Women in Wine Awards 2019

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Raise a glass to these women in wine.

Whether they're outside tending the vines or inside creating wines, women make an incredible contribution to the Australian wine industry – even if they don't always get the credit for it.

Now in its fifth year running, the Australian Women in Wine Awards have been put in place to recognise and reward the exceptional work done by women.

Jane Thomson, AWIWA founder and chair said: “The depth and breadth of talent we had enter the awards this year made it exceptionally difficult for our judges. And it just goes to show that after five years of operation, we are continuing to attract the very best female talent in the Australian wine community! Theirs are exceptional stories that deserve to be told and celebrated.”

Natalie Cleghorn, who has been working with Yalumba’s Coonawarra Menzies Vineyard since 2011, is one of three finalists in the running for Winemaker of the Year.

“I am in awe of the calibre of female winemakers in Australia and to be recognised amongst those women who have not only inspired me but mentored and supported me through every step in my own winemaking journey is truly humbling,” Natalie said.

Alongside her, Brooke Howell, the Barossa Vineyard Manager at Yalumba, has been shortlisted for Viticulturist of the Year.

“I am very grateful for the opportunity to be recognised as a leader in my field as part of these awards alongside a high calibre of finalists,” Brooke said.

The winners of each award category will be announced at the 2019 Australian Women In Wine Awards ceremony in New York on September 17.

Finalists for the Women in Wine Awards 2019

Winemaker of the Year
Nat Cleghorn, *Yalumba*
Vanya Cullen, *Cullen Wines*
Jo Marsh, *Billy Button Wines*

Researcher / Innovator of the Year
Joanna Gambetta, *Charles Sturt University*
Inca Lee, *Vinehealth Australia*
Mango Parker, *The Australian Wine Research Institute*

Champion of Diversity & Equality

Trish Barry, *Mastermind Consulting*

Carolyn Coon & Kristy Keyte, *Treasury Wine Estates*

John Davis, *Pepper Tree Wines*

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Marketer of the Year

Elizabeth Calabria-Staltare, *Calabria Family Wines*

Imogen Hayes, *Handpicked Wines*

Rebecca Love, *Howard Park Wines*

Cellar Door Person of the Year

Lauren Hutton, *Bethany Wines*

Ulrika Larsson, *Clairault Streicker*

Jodhi Thoms, *Elderton Wines*

Viticulturist of the Year

Sheridan Alm, *Starrs Reach Vineyard*

Brooke Howell, *Yalumba Family Winemakers*

Amanda Mader, *Vine Scout*

Owner / Operator of the Year

Laura Carter, *Unico Zelo*

Belinda Chambers, *Lake Moodemere Estate*

Sarah McDougall, *Lake George Winery*