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The Australian Wine
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Recognition for a talented taster

The Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) announced this week that Andrew Kenny, senior winemaker at Pikes Wines and Pike & Joyce in South Australia, was the dux of the 53rd Advanced Wine Assessment Course.

As dux, Andrew has accepted a place as an associate judge at the 2021 Royal Adelaide Wine Show, where judging is currently underway.

After the dux announcement, Andrew commented 'This is a great breakthrough for me towards the next step of wine show judging. The skills I learned will really help with communicating on both the tasting bench and in a wine show environment'

'During the AWAC, I learnt a lot about my own palate and where I can improve in my tasting, as well as vocabulary on wine styles I'm not usually surrounded by. It was a fun week of tasting and learning and the passion shared was really invigorating.'

The selection of the dux of each course is based on statistical scores, verbal skills and group interaction.

Con Simos, Group Manager – Industry Development and Support at the AWRI, who is responsible for the course, said 'The AWRI is pleased to continue its long-running partnership with the Royal Adelaide Wine Show. Andrew is a well-deserved dux recipient who will gain a great deal from this associate judging opportunity. During the AWAC he impressed the guest judges with his consistent scoring and considered discussions about the wines being tasted.'

The AWAC, presented by the AWRI, puts participants through a gruelling and intensive four-day program of wine sensory education and assessment. It aims to prepare potential new wine show judges and develop the sensory analysis capabilities and vocabulary of Australian wine professionals at an elite level. Twelve leading wine show judges, journalists and winemakers contribute to the delivery of the course, alongside AWRI staff.

The next AWAC will be held in early November 2021. Course details are available at:

http://www.awri.com.au/industry_support/courses-seminars-workshops/awac/

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