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Shingleback is back in the running for this year's most sought after wine awards

The Royal Melbourne Wine Show has for the first time made public the nominations for the Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy and the Premier's Gold Trophy prior to the official awards dinner, to be held on August 9.

The Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy winner from last year is in the running again for this year's most prestigious wine prize with two entries from the winery making it to the list of finalists.

Shingleback Wine, from Willunga Basin in the McLaren Vale district, has two serious contenders vying to continue the success of last year's winning wine, the D Block Reserve McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon 2005.

The Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy is the most eagerly sought wine award in Australia. It is awarded annually to the producer of the best one-year-old dry red wine in the Royal Melbourne Wine Show.

The 15 nominations announced today at Jimmy Watson's Wine Bar, have been selected from nearly 800 entries. Of the 15 nominations announced for the Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy, eight hail from South Australia . which has produced the past two winners (2005 and 2006).

Four of the nominated wines are from New South Wales, Western Australia has contributed two and one finalist is from Victoria. A Victorian wine has not been awarded the Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy since 1997, which was the 1996 Gulf Station Vineyards DeBortoli Wines Shiraz.

Having announced the nominations at the event, Jimmy Watson's son, Allan Watson, explained that as the proprietor of the Wine Bar in Lygon Street, Jimmy would take clients to the Melbourne Showgrounds for tastings at the Wine Show and then sell them bottles . Gold, Silver, Bronze and also ansq. to enhance their cellars.

When Jimmy died in 1962, it was decided by those present at his funeral that an award should be created to honour this extraordinary man's contribution to the wine industry,+ said Allan Watson.

Jimmy would select young wines and ask the vigneron to hold the wine in casks for six months to age, then send the wines to him to bottle, which he would then recommend to his clients to purchase and cellar, so the obvious category for the Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy was, the wine of the previous vintage of judging, approximately 18 months old ò red of course.+

Nominations were also announced for the Premier's Gold Trophy, which is awarded to the best Victorian wine in show. The trophy is awarded on rotation between red, white and fortified wines. Red wine is the feature of this year.

The four Victorian wines nominated for the Premier's Gold Trophy . which this year celebrates its 10th year . include:

- St Hubert's Pinot Noir, St Hubert's, 2006, Coldstream
- Mclvor Estate Shiraz, Mclvor Estate, 2005, Heathcote
- Blue Pyrenees Mistress Shiraz Viognier, Blue Pyrenees Estate, 2004, Avoca
- Sheer Drop Sparkling Shiraz, Sheer Drop Wines, NV, Faraday

The winners will be announced at the Royal Melbourne Wine Show presentation dinner to be held on 9 August at the Sofitel Melbourne. Tickets must be pre-booked and can be purchased via The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria's events department on phone 03 9281 7428 for \$220.

Tables of 10 are available, with pre-function drinks, a delicious three-course meal matched to a selection of premium 2006 Royal Melbourne Wine Show wines and entry to the official after-party.

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Jimmy Watson's Memorial Trophy Nominations

Brand And Name	Exhibitor	Vintage	State
Krondorf Icon Cabernet Sauvignon	Krondorf	2006	SA
Evans and Tate The Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon	Evans and Tate	2006	WA
Scarpantoni Estate Wines Brothers Block Cabernet Sauvignon	Scarpantoni Estate Wines	2006	SA
Shingleback D Block Reserve McLaren Vale Shiraz	Shingleback Wine	2006	SA
Flying Fish Shiraz	Flying Fish Cove	2006	WA
Nashwauk Wrecked Shiraz	Nashwauk Wines	2006	SA
Shingleback Show Reserve McLaren Vale Shiraz	Shingleback Wine	2006	SA
Casella Estate Shiraz	Casella Wines	2006	NSW
Longview Yakka Shiraz	Longview Vineyard	2006	SA
St Hubert's Pinot Noir	St Hubert's	2006	VIC
Tricky Gate Merlot	Flints of Coonawarra	2006	SA
Pepper Tree Grand Reserve Cabernet Shiraz	Pepper Tree Wines	2006	NSW
Kaesler Avignon	Kaesler Wines	2006	SA
Westend Estate Shiraz Petit Verdot	Westend Estate Pty Ltd	2006	NSW
Lillydale Shiraz Viognier	McWilliams Wines Pty Ltd	2006	NSW

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