

FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR TAKES HOME CHAMPION ESSPRESSO

As the Sydney Royal Coffee Show marked its twelfth birthday, a Queensland roaster celebrated its inaugural win taking by home the top gong of Show.

The Sunshine State's Bellissimo Coffee was awarded **Champion Espresso** for their Bellissimo Emporio blend.

RAS Fine Food Committee Chair Lyndey Milan says the Coffee competition has come of age and it is gratifying to see the standard of Australian grown coffee rising each year.

"In the twelve years since the competition was launched only a small number of Gold Medals have been awarded, however in the ensuing years the collective number of Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals has grown consistently," said Ms Milan.

"In 2010 the highest number of medals has been awarded – two Gold, 23 Silver and 62 Bronze."

Coffee lovers should search out NSW based River Roast after they were awarded Gold for their Paterson Blend. It's River Roasts' second year in the competition, they scooped the pool last year for the same blend. They also took home one Silver and one Bronze Medal.

Another notable winner was The Coffee Roaster, based in Sydney's Strawberry Hills. They took home one Silver and four bronze Medals for a range of espresso, plunger and cappuccino style beans.

2008 Champion Espresso winner Vella Nero continues to perform well, this year the Sydney based company picked up three Bronze medals in the espresso, plunger and commercial classes.

Siboni's Coffee from Sydney's Pymble was awarded two Silver medals in the espresso and cappuccino classes.

The judging panel sipped their through 223 entries at this year's Show, on par with entries from last year.

"The large increase in entries over recent years saw a second Cappuccino panel added to the judging schedule this year, to cope with the demands of tasting so many exhibits," said Ms Milan.

"After all, this is the way most Australians enjoy their coffee."

The entries were judged in six classes including Espresso, Cappuccino, Plunger Coffee (small commercial), Plunger Coffee (large commercial), Plunger Coffee (100% Single Origin Coffee, small commercial) and Plunger Coffee (100% Single Origin Coffee, large commercial).

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Twenty judges assessed each entry on criteria including visual (green and roasted beans), aroma, body and taste in terms of freshness, acidity, sweetness, bitterness, flavour, aftertaste and balance.

“Australian producers and roasters have been improving year on year and we are seeing much more attention paid to the quality of blends and the standard of roasting”, said Ms Milan.

A list of Champion, Gold and Silver medal winners is attached. For a full list of medal winners please visit www.sydneyroyalshows.com.au

The RAS wishes to thank Vittoria for their support in the donation of coffee machines and baristas.

The Sydney Royal Coffee Competition forms part of the summer **Sydney Royal Fine Food Show**. Other competitions include beer, aquaculture, pasta and bread, cake and pie.

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SYDNEY ROYAL COFFEE COMPETITION

CHAMPION & GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Champion Espresso		
BELLISSION	BELLISSIMO EMPORIO BLEND	MCGREGOR QLD
Gold Medal winner		
BELLISSIMO	BELLISSIMO EMPORIO BLEND	MCGREGOR QLD
RIVER RAOST	PATTERSON BLEND	GREENHILLS NSW
Silver Medal winners		
GLOBAL COFFEE SOLUTIONS	VOLERE ESPRESSO	FAIRY MEADOW NSW
PINE TEA & COFFEE PTY LTD	BELLA ITALIA TUSCANY	BAULKHAM HILLS NSW
SIBONI'S COFFEE	ROMEO	PYMBLE NSW
KARMEE COFFEE	KARMEE CLASSIC	ARTARMON NSW
COFFEE LOVERS COFFEE COMPANY	COFFEE LOVERS COFFEE - ORGANIC	ASHMORE QLD
GLORIA JEAN'S COFFEES	EL SALVADOR	CASTLE HILL NSW
AUSTRALIAN BEVERAGE CORPORATION PTY LTD	ALEGRIA	NORTH WOLLONGONG NSW
FAIR TRADE WINDS	LITTLE BLACK BELO	BELLINGEN NSW
DIMATTINA COFFEE PTY LTD	PRIMA TAZZA	RESERVOIR VIC
PREMIUM COFFEE ROASTERS	SUPREME ROAST	WAGGA WAGGA NSW
ANTILLES COFFEE	ANTILLES COFFEE	TAMWORTH NSW
WITHAM'S COFFEE PTY LTD	SUPER MOCHA	ARTARMON NSW
RUBRA COFFEE	CHANTICO	PERTH WA
THE COFFEE ROASTER PTY LTD	CAFE ZOE	STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW
SNOWY MOUNTAINS COFFEE	BLUEBIRD BLEND	COOMA NSW
SIBONI'S COFFEE	ROMEO	PYMBLE NSW
RIVER ROAST	HAWKESBURY BLEND	GREENHILLS NSW
PINE TEA & COFFEE PTY LTD	BELLA ITALIA CLAYTON'S HOUSE BLEND	BAULKHAM HILLS NSW
VOODOO COFFEE COMPANY PTY LTD	VOODOO ESPRESSO	MARRICKVILLE NSW
SOPRANO COFFEE	MOCHA SUPREMO	BROOKVALE NSW
SPROCKET ROASTERS	ORBIT 257	NEWCASTLE NSW
MAHALIA COFFEE PTY LTD	FAIR TRADE ORGANIC INDONESIAN SUMATRA GAYO	ROBE SA
HILLS OF BYRON	PLUNGER COFFEE	DUNOON NSW

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