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SA WINERY WINS TITLE OF WORLD'S BEST WINE Wild Witch Shiraz honoured as 2019 Wine of the Year

South Australian produced Wild Witch Shiraz has been judged the best wine in the world at the prestigious London Wine Competition announced last night.

Produced by Barossa Valley winery Kellermeister Wines, Wild Witch Shiraz's 2015 vintage outshone an elite field of top quality international wines to take out 'Wine of the Year' honours, while also being ranked as the competition's best Australian wine and best shiraz.

Kellermeister winemaker and owner Mark Pearce said he is "over the moon" with Wild Witch Shiraz's global success, which comes seven years after Wild Witch was crowned as the best shiraz in the world at the International Wine Challenge in London.

"Such a strong showing on the international stage is great for our state, our beautiful Barossa region and for Kellermeister. We're thrilled," said Mr Pearce.

"For Wild Witch Shiraz to be judged Wine of the Year at such a prestigious international event is a massive achievement for Kellermeister."

Kellermeister Wines, a small family-owned winery established at Lyndoch in the Barossa Valley in 1976, continues to punch well above its weight as a world-class shiraz producer. Its London Wine Competition honour adds to a string of recent accolades, including two gold medals at last year's Syrah du Monde international wine competition in France where it was ranked Australia's best shiraz producer.

Sid Patel, CEO of the London Wine Competition where Australian wines secured 31% of medals this year, including 11 gold, said the event continues to raise the bar for wine quality, value and packaging.

"I am delighted with the level of quality which has gone up another two notches from last year," he said. "The high standard of judges has helped us achieve even more notable awards than in 2018."

Judges at this year's competition comprised 11 Masters of Wine, a Master Sommelier, key retail buyers and senior sommeliers from London's fine dining scene.

Kellermeister's Wild Witch Shiraz retails for \$85 per bottle. For more information about Kellermeister Wines, visit www.kellermeister.com.au.