Clarification regarding Class 13 shiraz from the Limestone Coast Wine Show chief of judges

At the exhibitors' tasting on Friday morning October 30, an error in the list of scores for half of Class 13 shiraz was picked up in the results booklet. Class 13 was a split class and the mistake occurred when the written scores were transposed into the computer system.

The error was rectified immediately with the correct results uploaded onto the Limestone Coast Wine website within the hour. An erratum sheet detailing correct scores and medals will be included in the handbook being mailed out to all exhibitors. Most importantly, each exhibitor affected was contacted either by phone or in person at the tasting. While it meant another couple of golds were handed out plus some other upgrades, unfortunately it also meant a few medals were downgraded and I am really sorry we had to notify one exhibitor, originally awarded a gold, to explain what had happened as the correct score added up to a silver medal.

I can assure all the medal winners and entrants the glitch was merely a paper one - it did not affect the judging of gold medals in this class nor the judge off to determine top gold. Once we had judged the top gold, my score sheets and David Morris' score sheets were submitted and it appears one sheet was inadvertently mixed up.

It is embarrassing but it's just a slip-up.

Again apologies for any embarrassment or confusion caused. We have now put into place a double-check system to ensure this does not occur again.

And please don't let this be a distraction. The 2015 Limestone Coast Wine Show was the strongest to date with the most gold medals ever awarded. Congratulations to all exhibitors on such a great outcome. I am already working on a few more trophies!

Kind regards,

Jane Faulkner Chief of judges