

Huon Hooke

Wine Professional, Independent Wine Writer & Keynote Speaker

Huon Hooke is one of Australia's most respected independent wine writers with over forty years' experience. He is in demand as a wine educator and speaker, and a wine judge both locally and internationally. Huon has judged in most Australian and many overseas wine competitions, including chairing the Australia & New Zealand Boutique Wine Show for 27 years and judging the Tasmanian Wine Show for 29 years.



A journalist first and wine professional second, Huon is an excellent communicator who is able to talk to audiences about the wine industry in Australia and overseas, about wine making and wine appreciation.

More about Huon Hooke:

Huon Hooke has tertiary qualifications in journalism and wine production, and he has worked in wineries and wine retailing. He began writing on wine in 1983, for Fairfax newspapers.

In 2011, Huon launched the web and iPhone-based app, huonhooke.com. Out of this has evolved The Real Review (therealreview.com), an online wine magazine with a team of seven contributors. The Real Review is now Australia and New Zealand's most widely read online wine magazine.

Huon was a founding contributor to Gourmet Traveller Wine (also a tasting panel member and columnist), and has also written extensively for Fairfax newspapers' Good Food section and Good Weekend magazine, Decanter, and various other publications.

Huon is the Australian co-chair at the Decanter World Wine Awards, and represents Australia in the Global Fine Wine Challenge (formerly the Six Nations Wine Challenge).

Huon has also contributed to the Oxford Wine Companion and the World Atlas of Wine. In 2007, he was named the Australian Wine Communicator of the Year.

Today he is the chief wine writer and reviewer for The Real Review (TRR) and conducts a busy program of dinners, masterclasses and tastings for TRR throughout the year.

Client testimonials

“ Huon gave a rounded wine presentation covering many topical issues re wine. It was not just a straight forward wine tasting talk - which was appreciated by the audience. He was very flexible in his approach.

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“ Huon was great and from all the feedback received everybody found him very informative and knowledgeable.

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