

# GLANDORE

## *Cellar Door of the Year*

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When my kids were little, they attended a primary school and they had a school chant they would yell whenever the principal or teacher was trying get their attention, pull them in to line or realign their focus.

It remains: B.T.B.T.Y.C.B.

Be The Best That You Can Be.

In 2020 we were proudly honoured to receive a coveted industry award in the Hunter Valley



for Cellar Door of the Year. Due to COVID restrictions at the time, gone was the big awards night with 500 of our peers, drinking from the ever-flowing cup of Hunter wines, growing good heartedly boisterous as the night went on. Women dressed in gowns; men formally attired in black tie. Silver service

and many courses passing before the guests as they lauded the new Awardees.

For us, and the other nominees, there were just three tables in a deserted restaurant with about 20 odd people gathered on them to see who would win. Well, it was us! We were so pleased. We had worked incredibly hard for the past five years with several nominations in the past, always the bridesmaid but never the bride.

Nonetheless, the trophy was ours and we partied like it was 1999. We sat around a fire back at the Cellar Door, ordered in some pizza's and drank some of the finest wines we could find from own personal cellars. In the morning we woke up, a little worse for wear and went back to work but there weren't many people to share the moment with. You were all in lockdown. But we were happy.



In 2021 we were in the running again but unfortunately for us, a bridesmaid once more. Another fantastic producer took the prize, but we prided ourselves on receiving the top score in one of the 3 categories judged – we scored 100% in the Category of Cellar Door Visit (the other two were for online performance and a telephone call). Not a bad category to win.

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## *For the Love of Wine*

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However, if we are truly honest with ourselves for a moment, we felt a bit jibbed. Not due to anyone's fault but because of bloody COVID! Seems quite futile when I write it now, considering what has happened to people around the world but it taught us something very valuable. Whether you are praised for your achievements or just quietly smile to yourself knowing you nailed it, you should always just Be The Best That You Can Be.



Having said all that. We'll be back in 2022 and we will come out swinging.