



Handpicked Handmade launches at Gallery Klei



On Friday 4th March Handpicked Wines and Gallery Klei launched Australia's first ceramic decanter competition as part of Spectrum Now festival.

The competition, called Handpicked Handmade, launched to a packed out room of trade and media in Sydney CBD. The exhibition was made up of ceramic artwork from 20 finalists, selected from entries across Australia. Finalists travelled from Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra to attend the event.

Canberra artist Kelly Austin received the \$1000 first prize for her contemporary and functional Slate decanter. Sydney's Sassy Park received the runner up prize of \$500 for her decanter which was made as a tribute to David Bowie and addressed the act of antiquity of pouring of libations.

Renowned ceramicist Merran Esson, along with gallery director Jinyoung Lee, Handpicked director William Dong and James Kilmartin from Gourmet Traveller Wine judged the winning entry against a set of criteria that included functionality, originality and aesthetics.

The exhibition is running until March 18th and Handpicked will be hosting ticketed wine tasting events within the gallery during this time. A People's Choice award is running through Instagram using the hashtag #handpickedhandmade.

Handpicked Wines is the official wine partner of Spectrum Now Festival, which launched March 3rd 2016. Handpicked is a dynamic and non-traditional wine business headquartered in Sydney with vineyards throughout Australia's fine wine regions. Handpicked is committed to supporting creative industries within Australia.

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For more information on the exhibition visit:
<http://handpickedwines.com.au/handpickedhandmade/>

Spectrum Now: <http://spectrumnow.com.au/>

Gallery KLEI: www.galleryklei.com.au

Exhibition Location: Suite 9, 1-7 Albion Pl, Sydney, 2000

