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The Australian Treasury recently released papers regarding the economics of climate change mitigation – Australia's low pollution future. According to the report (which has been the subject of significant debate) there is a compelling case for Australia to take early action, arguing economies that act early face lower long term costs. The report states that Australia's economy would continue to grow while making the emission cuts required. It also acknowledges that the impacts will be different for each industry sector, but does not specify what those impacts might be. While accepting that market fluctuations such as the current global financial crisis will impact the economy in the short term, the report argues there is no material impact on the analysis of introducing an emissions trading scheme. On this basis, the Federal Government has justified continuing with its proposed legislation for an Emissions Trading Scheme. Accordingly, we should see an exposure draft before the end of 2008, and proposed legislation is scheduled to commence in mid 2010.

The Federal Government is expected to introduce its proposed changes to industrial relations legislation in late November. After months of consultation the text of the Bill will soon be available for Parliament to scrutinise, and for employers and employees to consider the impact of changes on systems, documentation, entitlements and costs. Throughout 2009, SAWIA will assist members to understand these important changes, the impact on wine businesses and the strategies needed to prepare for the new Industrial Relations system. Some changes are expected to start mid 2009, with the remainder to commence at the beginning of 2010.

The South Australian Government will also need to consider its response to the Federal Government changes, and determine whether it will maintain a separate State system or join the new national system. Opting for the national system would create for the first time "one Industrial Relations system" for employers and employees in South Australia.

With these significant changes likely to affect every individual wine business in South Australia, SAWIA will be assisting members to prepare for dealing with the new laws. Make sure it's your priority for 2009!

The 2008 South Australian Winegrape Utilisation and Pricing Survey has just been released, and is available to download from www.phylloxera.com.au in a variety of formats – complete report, state report and regional reports. The survey is produced by the Phylloxera and Grape Industry Board of SA with funding provided in part by the South Australian Wine Industry Association. The total wine grapes crushed during vintage 2008 is some 42% above the low 2007 vintage. It was the fourth highest crush recorded in South Australia. Shiraz is the dominant red variety while sauvignon blanc is now the third largest white variety. For those who would like a hard copy sent to them, for a small fee, contact SAWIA.



Brian Smedley

FEATURE ARTICLES

Free Climate Change Information Sessions - Wine Industry Sector Agreement



Commencing January 2009, the Wine Industry Sector Agreement will be holding free regional information sessions on climate change, including how the wine industry can participate in measuring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions. Further information can be found [here](#).

Dates, times and locations for the regional sessions will be included in the December newsletter and on the Sector Agreement webpage.

The *Wine Industry Sector Agreement - Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction* is a two year project to inform the wine industry of issues surrounding climate change, while encouraging and assisting industry to measure and report their carbon footprint. The South Australian Wine Industry Association and the Wine Grape Council of South Australia signed the Sector Agreement with the State Government in accordance with the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*.

For further information please contact the Project Manager, Jodie Pain, on 8222 9278 or jodie@winesa.asn.au.

Understanding your Award – Upcoming workshops...and audit alert!

Important workshops – Understanding your Award

NB: This article applies to all South Australian wine industry employers.

With vintage just around the corner, and the industry's heavy reliance on awards during that time for shift work operations and casual labour, SAWIA is conducting another round of workshops to assist employers understand and correctly apply the detailed workings of an industrial award. These workshops have taken on even greater importance with the news that the Federal Workplace Ombudsman has advised that up to 200 wineries and vineyard operators in Western Australia will be subject to a series of random audits commencing immediately (*refer below for details*)!

The focus of SAWIA's workshops will be the *Wine & Spirit Industry (SA) Award* and *Wine & Spirit Industry (SA) Award NAPSA* (Notional Agreement Preserving a State Award), and will include discussion of the impact of the award modernisation process that is underway. This is important because all awards and NAPSA's as we know them now will be replaced by a modern industry award from 1 January 2010.

The workshops will also provide an opportunity for you to tell us which parts of the existing award/NAPSA are most important for your business, so that SAWIA can best represent the wine industry in discussions with the Australian Industrial Relations Commission and others regarding the award modernisation process.

The workshops will be held in the Barossa, McLaren Vale and Coonawarra (each subject to sufficient registrations), during the week commencing 15 December 2008. To register or obtain more information, click [here](#) and return your completed registration as soon as possible. Members are encouraged to register quickly as a limited number of places are available.

For more information or advice, members can contact Sarah Hills (8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au) or Egon Schwidder (8222 9273 or egon@winesa.asn.au).

Workplace Ombudsman audits Western Australian wine industry

NB: The following article applies only to constitutional corporations covered by the Federal Industrial Relations System (Workplace Relations Act 1996).

The Federal Workplace Ombudsman has advised the Western Australian wine industry that wineries and vineyard operators in Western Australia will be subject to a series of random audits commencing immediately. The campaign will be run from the Workplace Ombudsman's Bunbury office, and is expected to be completed prior to the wine industry's peak harvest period early in 2009.

We understand that the Ombudsman will first undertake an education phase ahead of the engagement of hundreds of casual workers in February and March for the 2009 vintage. In the second stage of the campaign, up to a quarter of the 200 wineries and vineyard contractors in the South-West and Great Southern regions will be subject to random compliance audits. If breaches are found, employers may be subject to prosecution and monetary penalties.

Workplace Inspectors will audit compliance with employer and employee rights and obligations in relation to the issuing of pay slips and time and wages record-keeping. They may also audit the following:

- § Rates of pay (including casual rates and minimum rates)
- § Penalty & overtime rates (weekends, public holidays and after 6pm weekdays)
- § Loadings for shift work
- § Allowances
- § Meal breaks.

Employers should review and ensure that relevant employees are being paid in accordance with all applicable award / NAPSA (Notional Agreement Preserving a State Award) conditions. If SAWIA members have any questions or concerns about accuracy of their time and wage records, pay slips or record-keeping requirements, please contact SAWIA for advice. SAWIA also offers "pre-emptive" audits on a fee for service basis. Don't wait for the Workplace Inspector to call by to check your compliance with legal requirements!

For more information contact Sarah Hills (8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au) or Egon Schwidder (8222 9273 or egon@winesa.asn.au).

Award Modernisation - SAWIA representing members

NB: This article applies to all constitutional corporation employers in the South Australian wine industry.

All Federal awards (including NAPSA's) are being reviewed and replaced by the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC) as part of the Award Modernisation process. The process is divided into four stages, with Stages 2 and 3 primarily impacting on the wine industry.

The AIRC is commencing pre-drafting consultations for Stage 2 awards, which includes awards that are of an agricultural nature. This includes some wine grape growers in some states, but does not cover wine producers that have traditionally been bound by or utilised any horticulture, agriculture or pastoral industry award for employing persons in their business. The AIRC will make a determination about whether this particular group of wine grape growers will continue to be covered by a modern federal horticulture award, or be included in another modern industry award along with other wine grape growers, wine producers and wine distilleries (in Stage 3).

Stage 3 will primarily deal with what modern award the wine industry (including those employers who use the *Wine and Spirit Industry (South Australia) Award NAPSA*) will be covered by, and this stage will commence in early 2009. As at the current date, SAWIA has made a submission to the AIRC for a wine industry award.

SAWIA will be representing members in both Stages 2 and 3 before the AIRC, based on the results of responses to the recent industry survey, plus additional input provided by SAWIA's Employee Relations Committee and that of members. Members are welcome to provide additional feedback at any time, or can request further information by contacting Sarah Hills (8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au) or Egon Schwidder (8222 9273 or egon@winesa.asn.au).

Liquor Licensing Act

In March 2008 the association put forward proposals, on behalf of SAWIA members, to amend *Section 39 (The Producer's Licence)* of the *Liquor Licensing Act 1997*. These proposals dealt with a number of changes such as collective cellar doors, more than one premise being included under a producer's licence, the sale and supply of liquor other than the licensee's own product, sampling of liquor other than the licensee's own product and licences for local festivals and farmers' markets. There remains strong support from SAWIA's membership for these proposals.

SAWIA is pleased to report that the Office of the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner has advised that these proposals should be tabled "as is" in a Bill to amend the Act before the end of 2008.

Members seeking more information on this item can contact Brian Smedley on 8222 9274 or brian@winesa.asn.au.

Debtor management and collection



With insolvencies high, seriously overdue and problem accounts increasing and customers taking longer and longer to pay their bills, SAWIA members need to have a strong debtor management and collection process.

National Credit Insurance (SAWIA wine industry partner), provides credit insurance services for many SAWIA members. However, members may be unaware that NCI are also experts in the area of accounts receivable management and debt collection. According to NCI, the old adage of "*The squeaky wheel gets the oil*" is appropriate in this economic environment. The earlier and more often you chase your overdue money the better the chance of faster payment and improved cash flow.

SAWIA members are encouraged to review and strengthen debtor management and collection processes. NCI can also offer a range of services to support SAWIA members, including:

- § **Accounts receivables management** - An increasing number of small businesses are outsourcing the day to day chasing of overdue accounts, meaning you can concentrate on your business while NCI collects your money. Charges are fee based for a minimum six month term.
- § **Debt Collection** – NCI has a very high success rate by credit industry standards, and uses a process based on "empathetic collection" that seeks to recover funds while maintaining or rebuilding a relationship with your customer. It is also important to realise that, with a properly worded credit application form, most collection and legal fees are recoverable. A recent cost analysis has shown that the true debt collection commission rate for NCI clients can be as low as 2% after costs have been recovered from your customer.

For assistance with the wording of credit applications or more information about NCI services, SAWIA members are welcome to contact Dave Baker on 8228 4800 or david.baker@nci.com.au.

Australian Producer of the Year for the 3rd time

Please join us in congratulating SAWIA member Peter Lehmann Wines for being named *Australian Wine Producer of the Year* at the International Wine & Spirit Competition in London. This is the third time Peter Lehmann Wines has been awarded this trophy, having also won in 2003 and 2006, reflecting the tremendous results the winery has once again achieved.

For more information, click [here](#).

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS & OHSW

Responsible Officer Training – Last chance for 2008

NB: The following article applies to all body corporate employers in South Australia.

Members are reminded that this is your last opportunity for 2008 to attend a Responsible Officer Training session - 28 November in Adelaide.

In accordance with the *Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Act 1986*, every employer (that is a body corporate) must appoint a responsible officer who is held legally accountable for the health, safety and welfare obligations of the employer to employees, customers and visitors in the workplace. Under the Act the responsible officer must undertake the accredited training, within 3 months of appointment, to ensure a full understanding of the legal obligations with regard to Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare (OHSW).

To register for this important course, click [here](#) or contact Tanya Best on 8222 9277 or tanya@winesa.asn.au.

Alternatively, if you are interested in attending training in 2009, contact Sarah Hills (8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au) or Egon Schwidder (8222 9273 or egon@winesa.asn.au).

Safety is Good for Your Health – Important Coonawarra Seminar

NB: This article applies to all South Australian wine industry employers.

The annual *Occupational Health Safety & Welfare Seminar* is a must attend event for those people in the industry with OHSW responsibility, including owner operators, front-line managers, responsible officers, supervisors, employees and contractors. The seminar in the Barossa on 20 November 2008 received strong positive feedback, and the Coonawarra session is scheduled for Thursday 27 November 2008.

The full-day seminar focuses on topical OHSW issues relevant to the wine industry including:

- § Recent safety related prosecutions - and what we can learn from them
- § What to do when SafeWork SA calls
- § Drugs and alcohol in the workplace
- § Recent and proposed changes to OHSW legislation
- § Practical machine guarding to minimise injuries
- § Managing contractor safety in the workplace.

To register or obtain more information, click [here](#) or contact Egon Schwidder on 8222 9273 or egon@winesa.asn.au.

SAWIA submission on Draft Inquiry Report into Paid Parental Leave

NB: This article applies to all South Australian wine industry employers.

SAWIA has prepared and lodged a submission, on behalf of its members, regarding the Productivity Commission's *Draft Inquiry Report on Paid Parental Leave: Support for Parents with Newborn Children*.

The Commission's draft recommendations, released on 29 September 2008, propose that the Australian Government should introduce a statutory paid parental leave scheme that provides 18 weeks paid leave to the primary care giver and 2 weeks paid leave for the father (or same sex partner). Paid parental leave will also apply to adoptive parents, same sex couples, and surrogate mothers.

It is proposed that payments will be equal to the adult minimum wage (currently \$543.78 per week) and subject to normal taxation. Employees who qualify for paid parental leave will not have access to the baby bonus or family tax benefit B while on statutory paid leave. Lower rates of pay will apply for those on lower statutory minimum wage rates, such as juniors.

SAWIA's submission highlights a range of concerns with the draft proposal, including that:

- § Under the draft proposal, employers will have to "foot the bill" for superannuation payments (9% for eligible employees)
- § Employers will also be required to act as "paymaster" for the government and then be reimbursed at a later time, possibly by adjusting subsequent PAYG withholding payments.

The fine administrative details of the proposal have not yet been set out, and SAWIA will be monitoring this situation closely. Members can view a copy of SAWIA's submission on the Noticeboard of the Employee Relations page of SAWIA's [website](#).

Members with questions or wanting more information can contact Sarah Hills (8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au) or Egon Schwidder (8222 9273 or egon@winesa.asn.au).

Long Service Leave Act – Important changes regarding unpaid leave

NB: This article applies to all South Australian wine industry employers.

On 11 November the South Australian Governor assented to the *Long Service Leave (Unpaid Leave) Amendment Act*, which (once it becomes operative as law) amends the way in which unpaid leave is dealt with in the calculation of average weekly earnings. **Please note that these changes are not yet operational. SAWA will notify members once the effective date of operation has been advised.**

The Bill will amend Section 3(2) of the *Long Service Leave Act 1987 (SA)* as it relates to workers who are employed on commission, an hourly basis or whose ordinary hours of work per week vary and consequently their rate of pay varies (primarily casuals and irregular part-timer workers).

Currently, the Act requires the employer to determine an average of the number of hours worked per week for a period of three years prior to the date of taking the long service leave entitlement (irrespective of leave taken).

In future, any periods of unpaid leave during the three year period will be disregarded so as to look back to an additional period that matches the unpaid leave period. This means that the average calculation will cover a period of three years of paid time worked.

Detailed information will be distributed to members in the near future, as soon as the operative date is proclaimed. In the meantime, for more information members can contact Sarah Hills (8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au) or Egon Schwidder (8222 9273 or egon@winesa.asn.au).

SAWIA member's employee wins 2008 Safe Work Award

NB: This article applies to all South Australian wine industry employers.

SAWIA is delighted to announce that Viki Coad of Wingara Wine Group (Katnook Estate, Coonawarra) has been named Health and Safety Representative of the Year in SafeWork SA's 2008 Safe Work Awards.

Viki was elected as a health and safety representative 3 years ago, and since that time has led a demonstrable improvement in workplace safety culture. She has developed or adapted a range of tools to monitor, track and catalogue all hazard and incident reports.

Constellation Wines was also recognised with a nomination for Best Workplace Health and Safety Management System at the Awards.

Paul Caica (Industrial Relations Minister) presented the 2008 Safe Work Awards on 7 November 2008, highlighting that the award winners "...send a positive message and example to South Australians of the kind of innovation, dedication, and cooperation needed to keep our workplaces safe."

For more information, contact Sarah Hills (8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au) or Egon Schwidder (8222 9273 or egon@winesa.asn.au).

Planning for your Xmas parties & festivities

NB: This article applies to all South Australian wine industry employers.

Business owners and managers are reminded that supplying alcohol to employees as part of a festive celebration creates obligations on the employer - particularly where employees are obliged to attend.

SAWIA members are reminded of some useful tips:

- § Ensure that responsible behaviour and good judgment are understood and expected prior to the function
- § Appoint a "designated person" to oversee (and enforce if necessary) the company's expectations for the event
- § Provide information about recommended quantities of alcohol
- § Ensure low alcohol or non-alcoholic drinks are available
- § Have plenty of food served early during the party
- § Limit the amount of alcohol available and / or the time alcohol will be served
- § Drinks should be served rather than "help yourself"
- § Ensure supervisors and management model expected company behaviour
- § Don't encourage or force people to drink alcohol
- § Ensure there is a designated driver (who remains alcohol free) or arrange alternative transport home (e.g., taxi or bus)
- § Don't allow an employee, friend or colleague to drink and drive
- § If someone has had too much to drink, a designated person should take responsibility to get them home safely.

Remember that enjoyment of alcohol in moderation means that women should rethink their second drink and men their third, and that smoking is not allowed in enclosed workplaces or public places in South Australia.

Members requiring further information or advice should contact Sarah Hills (8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au) or Egon Schwidder (8222 9273 or egon@winesa.asn.au).

SUSTAINABILITY & WATER

Water updates

River Murray water update

Latest releases from Karlene Maywald (Minister for the River Murray) and government departments highlight that:

- § River Murray irrigation allocations increased from 11% to 15% on 1 November 2008, and to remain unchanged at 15% from 1 December in the latest announcement on 21 November
- § Latest irrigation allocation projections show a 75% chance of allocations increasing to 23% by end of May 2009, and a 50% chance of allocations increasing to 40% by that time
- § The 2008-09 water year is currently tracking as the 7th driest in 117 years
- § Only 205 GL flowed into the River Murray system during October 2008, well below the long-term average of 1,390 GL
- § A low chance of any significant improvement in inflows after a dry winter and spring
- § The Murray-Darling Basin outlook for November to January is a 45-50% chance of exceeding median rainfall, and a 60-65% chance of exceeding median maximum temperatures.

The latest *River Murray Water Resources Report* is available from the Resources section of the Drought page of SAWIA's [website](#). The latest *Irrigation Allocation Projections for 2008/09 Report* is available [here](#).

South Australian regional water update

Paul Harvey from the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation made a comprehensive presentation about water demand and supply issues on a region-by-region basis at the association's General Meeting on 21 November 2008. Paul's presentation highlighted the current water management status and key issues facing each of the regions.

A copy of the presentation is available from the Resources section of the Drought page of SAWIA's [website](#).

National Packaging Covenant Mentor Program reports for 2007/08

All participants in SAWIA's National Packaging Covenant Mentor Program have now reported results for 2007/08, and association staff have commenced preparation of the consolidated Annual Report and Action Plan on behalf of participants.

We are delighted to report on the inclusion this year of data from our first West Australian participant. Ferngrove Wines joined the program early in 2007 after the two state associations signed an agreement for SAWIA to assist members of the Wine Industry Association of Western Australia through the Mentor Program. The funding provided by the National Packaging Covenant and Zero Waste SA, in developing the tools necessary to service interstate participants, is gratefully acknowledged.

Preliminary review of the data and qualitative information provided by members suggests that the participants are increasing their recycling activities (often working with local government service providers), attempting to reduce their total packaging usage by removing dividers from cartons, and moving from cork/capsule combinations to screw-caps. In contrast, however, in some cases the move by several producers to comply with demands from trade purchasers for 6-pack cartons has seen cardboard usage increase.

Participants will soon receive their annual feedback report, which aims to assist each participant with benchmarking individual performance against their peers.

The association thanks all participants for their cooperation in submitting data. Any SAWIA members interested in participating for the first time in 2008/09 should contact Brian Smedley on 8222 9274 or brian@winesa.asn.au.

Water trade price report

According to national water broker *Waterfind*, after a month of fluctuating water prices the average price of temporary water across the Southern Murray-Darling Basin for the month of October was \$370 per megalitre. On average, the price of water during October was 29% less than the average price for the previous month, and 50% less than the peak price seen in October 2007.

The volume of water transferred during October 2008 was greater than September 2008 and almost double what was transferred in October 2007.

Download the *Waterfind October Water Market Report* [here](#).

Water & Vine – Managing the Challenge

The Grape Wine Research and Development Corporation is offering a series of free workshops under *Water & Vine – Managing the Challenge*, part of the Australian Government's Irrigation Industries Workshop Program, to help grape growers access good agronomic and financial information for assessing options and managing business.

Upcoming workshops are scheduled for Langhorne Creek (Post-harvest irrigation and water use efficiency - 4 December) and Barossa Valley (Post-harvest irrigation, salinity and vine physiology - 5 December). To register or obtain more information, click [here](#) or contact Mark Krstic of GWRDC on 0437 325 438 or mark@gwrdc.com.au.

SALES MARKETING & PROMOTION

Drinks Trade tasting – call for Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir

Drinks Trade, the magazine of the Liquor Merchants Association of Australia, is inviting product samples for review by a panel of experts in its new regular section called "Wine List". The magazine is direct mailed to over 18,000 licensed venues and outlets nationally.

The Feb/Mar 09 issue of *Drinks Trade* will include the results of a tasting of Australian Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir.

The panel will assess not just the wine but the price points to select a "best value" pick in each category. The commercial or consumer appeal of the wine will also be assessed. Rankings or scores will not be published. The panel is made up of representatives from the wholesale, retail, educator, marketing and service side of the wine industry.

To participate, samples must be submitted by 5 December. For more information on submitting your samples, visit the Noticeboard of the SAWIA Export page in the members' area of the association's [website](#).

Make your dog a star!



Wine Dogs is calling all entries for the next Wine Dogs Australia book. According to Craig McGill of Wine Dogs, "...if you have a dog or want to dress up as one – that's good enough for us! It's quick, fun and a great way to promote your winery... and if you don't, your dog will never forgive you."

The book is limited to 150 wineries – first in first served – so be quick to avoid disappointment.

If your dog is "special", just email Craig at entries@winedogs.com with your full winery/vineyard address, contact name and phone number. Craig can also be contacted on (02) 9555 4077.

Oh, and in case you are wondering, the picture is of Betsy from Magill Estate. Betsy is a 5 year old cocker spaniel that loves chicken wings, hates broccoli and was in big trouble recently for "chasing the chooks"!

Latest wine import data

The Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation has released the latest wine import data for September 2008, revealing that:

- § Total wine imports increased 60% to a record 60 million litres in the year ended September 2008
- § White wine accounted for 69% of the increase, up 16 million litres to 36 million litres
- § Bulk wine imports increased by almost 500% from 2 million to 9 million litres.

Full report information is available to purchase and download via [Winefacts](#) under the Australian Imports category.

OTHER

Australian viticulture data for 2008 now available

The Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation has advised that the 2008 Australian viticulture data is now available to industry for a fee via [Winefacts](#) under the grapegrowing category.

Key highlights include:

- § The size of the 2008 national harvest has officially been declared at 1.837 million tonnes
- § The total area of vines in Australia was 173,000 hectares, and the total bearing area was up 1% in 2008 to 166,000 hectares.

Data is available by variety and GI region, and key national statistics such as vineyard area, plantings and grape production are also included.

Any questions or comments should be directed to info@wineaustralia.com.

Great gift idea - Vouchers for NWETC wine courses



Gift vouchers for wine courses make a wonderful Christmas gift idea, and are proving very popular again this year. Vouchers can be purchased for a particular course, or for a monetary value that the recipient can then apply against the cost of a course.

If *Brilliant Wines of South Australia*, *Great Shiraz* (Cellar Series) or one of our other popular courses might be a great gift for someone you know, click [here](#) for more information.

To purchase a gift voucher contact Tanya Best on 8222 9277 or tanya@winesa.asn.au.

Snails on containers to USA



The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services' (AQIS) Horticulture Exports Program has been advised by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (United States Department of Agriculture) that the snail *Microxeromagna armillata* has been detected on the exterior of containers shipped from Australia.

AQIS reminds exporters that:

- § All containers must be inspected before product is loaded
- § Containers must be clean and free from all pests and contamination including soil, straw, seeds and animal residues.

All exports to the USA must be free of pests, which includes the packaging and containers into which the commodity is loaded. If live regulated pests are found during an inspection on arrival in the United States, the consignment will be treated to eradicate the pests before the importation can take place. If there is no appropriate treatment available to eradicate the pests found, the consignment will be re-exported or destroyed at the owner's expense.

For further information visit the AQIS [website](#).

Industry innovation cluster launched

The newly established Wine Innovation Cluster (WIC) has been officially launched as the home of five key organisations in wine and grape research, including the Australian Wine Research Institute, CSIRO, University of Adelaide, South Australian Research and Development Institute and Provisor.

WIC staff will be located in three buildings, all located in close proximity on the campus. The organisations expect that each of the partners' functions will be enhanced by a joining of diverse skills, achieving results for stakeholders that would not be possible working as stand-alone agencies. The WIC provides a platform to enhance collaboration not only with the WIC partners, but also with other organisations around Australia and overseas.

For further information visit www.wineinnovationcluster.com.

Dates for your diary

2008

- § 24-28 November, [East China Regional City Study Tour](#), China
- § 27 November, [Occupational Health & Safety Seminar 2008](#), Coonawarra
- § 27-29 November, [Interwine China 2008](#), Guangzhou (China)
- § 28 November, [Responsible Officer training](#), Adelaide
- § 2-4 December, [Vinitech](#), France
- § 2-4 December, [IFEIndia](#), India
- § 4-6 December, [China's Definitive Hospitality Industry Event](#), Shanghai
- § 4 Dec 2008, [Water & Vine – Managing the Challenge](#), Langhorne Creek
- § 5 Dec 2008, [Water & Vine – Managing the Challenge](#), Barossa
- § 11-13 December, [India International Wine Fair](#), Mumbai
- § 15 Dec 2008, [Understanding Your Award Workshop](#), Barossa
- § 15 Dec 2008, [Understanding Your Award Workshop](#), McLaren Vale
- § 15 Dec 2008, [Understanding Your Award Workshop](#), Limestone Coast

2009

- § 15-17 Jan, [IFOWS - India International Food & Wine Show](#), India
- § 25 January, Adelaide Hills Crush 09
- § 26-28 Jan, [Millésime Bio 2009](#), France
- § 27-30 Jan, [Unified Wine & Grape Symposium](#), USA
- § 3-6 March, [Foodex](#), Tokyo
- § 12-15 March, [Taste of Sydney](#)
- § 29-31 March, [Prowein](#), Dusseldorf Germany
- § 2-6 April, [VinItaly](#), Verona Italy
- § 11-19 April, [Barossa Vintage Festival](#)
- § 6-9 May, [HOFEX](#), Hong Kong
- § 12-14 May, [London International Wine and Spirit Fair](#), London
- § 13-16 May, [Seoul Food & Hotel 2009](#), Korea
- § 3-5 July 2009, [China Int'l Alcoholic Drinks Expo](#), Beijing
- § 20-23 August 2009, [Taste of Melbourne](#)

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- § 3-8 July 2010, [WineTech 2010](#), Adelaide

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