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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Wine Australia Chairman to step down

Mr Brian Walsh today announced that he will be stepping down as Chairman of Wine Australia on 30 September 2019.

Brian Walsh was appointed Chairman of Wine Australia following the merger of the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation (GWRDC) and the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation (AWBC) in 2014.

'As Chairman of Wine Australia, Brian has overseen the merger and provided strong leadership over the past five years. His extensive wine industry experience and consultative nature have been vital ingredients in the directions taken by, and the success of, Wine Australia across compliance, marketing and R&D. I have worked closely and collaboratively with Brian over the past three years and would like to acknowledge his enormous contribution' said Sandy Clark, Chairman of Australian Grape and Wine Incorporated.

The Minister for Agriculture, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie joined with Wine Australia to congratulate Mr Walsh on a job well done. Minister McKenzie is expected to announce Mr Walsh's replacement shortly.

'I wish Brian all the best for the future and I am looking forward to working with his successor' said Mr Clark.

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