

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

15 November 2016

### **Winemakers' Federation of Australia announces changes to its leadership team**

WFA announced today that Mr Sandy Clark, former Chairman of Brown Brothers Group and Mitchelton Wines, has been appointed by the Winemakers' Federation of Australia (WFA) as its new President. Mr Clark will succeed Mr Tony D'Aloisio AM, whose second and final permitted term as President concludes at the close of today's AGM.

Mr D'Aloisio congratulated Mr Clark on behalf of the Board and said 'I am delighted that such a qualified and experienced individual as Mr Clark is taking over as President. He brings an extraordinary wealth of business acumen spanning various sectors. I wish him well.'

In accepting the role, Mr Clark said 'I am delighted to be WFA's next President, and I am looking forward to working with the Board and the WFA Executive team and representatives of the industry more generally on the key issues and challenges confronting Australian winemakers and the wider Industry.'

Mr D'Aloisio also confirmed that Mr Tony Battaglene has been appointed CEO of the WFA. Mr Battaglene has been acting in the Chief Executive role after Paul Evans' resignation in April 2016. 'Over the past few months acting in the role, Mr Battaglene has demonstrated to the Board's selection committee and the Board that he is the best person for the position to lead WFA' Mr D'Aloisio said.

WFA also welcomed today the following new members to the Board whose appointments take effect at the conclusion of today's AGM:

#### **Large Winemaker Board Representatives:**

Georgia Lennon, Accolade Wines and Helen Strachan, Pernod Ricard Winemakers Pty Ltd

#### **Medium Winemaker Board Representatives:**

Alister Purbrick, Tahbilk Pty Ltd, Bill Moularadellis, Kingston Estate Wines Pty Ltd and Darren De Bortoli, De Bortoli Wines

#### **Small Winemaker Board Representative:**

James March, Heathvale Wines Pty Ltd (Permanent Alternate)

Mr D'Aloisio thanked retiring members and congratulated the new members of the Board and added that combined with the existing directors, they provided WFA with an experienced and diverse Board representing all the members of WFA.

The WFA is a federated Board of three Committees representing the large, medium and small members. On behalf of the Board, Mr D'Aloisio also congratulated the new members appointed today on each committee.



## WFA LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR COMING YEAR

15 November 2016

### ADDITIONAL DETAILS

#### INCOMING PRESIDENT IS:

Mr Sandy Clark

*In addition to his involvement with various wine companies, Mr Clark served previously as Chairman of the Aviva Australia Insurance Group; as Deputy Chairman of The Myer Family Company Ltd, of Eastern Energy Ltd, and the Legal Practice Board of Victoria; and as a Director of Select Harvests Ltd and Southern Cross Broadcasting (Australia) Ltd.*

#### WFA BOARD DIRECTORS 2016/17 ARE:

##### ***Small Winemakers' Membership Representatives on the Board***

David O'Leary, O'Leary Walker Wines (Chair)  
Redmond Sweeny, Snake & Herring (Wine Industry Association of Western Australia)  
Colin Campbell, Campbells Wines  
Corrina Wright, Oliver's Taranga Vineyards  
James March, Heathvale Wines Pty Ltd (Permanent Alternate)

##### ***Medium Winemakers' Membership Representatives on the Board***

Mitchell Taylor, Taylors Wines Pty Ltd (Chair)  
Victoria Angove, Angove Family Winemakers  
Alister Purbrick, Tahbilk Pty Ltd  
Bill Moularadellis, Kingston Estate Wines Pty Ltd  
Darren De Bortoli, De Bortoli Wines (Permanent Alternate)]

##### ***Large Winemaker Membership Representatives on the Board***

Angus McPherson, Treasury Wine Estates (Chair)  
Georgia Lennon, Accolade Wines  
Helen Strachan, Pernod Ricard Winemakers Pty Ltd  
Libby Nutt, Casella Family Brands



**MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE THREE COMMITTEES ARE:**

***2016-17 Small Winemakers' Membership Committee***

David O'Leary, O'Leary Walker Wines (Chair)  
John Quarisa, Quarisa Wines (New South Wales Wine Industry Association)  
James March, Barossa Grape and Wine Association, Heathvale Wines (South Australian Wine Industry Assn)  
Leeanne Puglisi-Gangemi, Ballandean Estate Wines (Queensland Wine Industry Association)  
Melanie Reddaway, Belvidere Winery (DogRidge Wine Company)  
Will Adkins, Tamar Ridge (Wine Tasmania)  
Redmond Sweeny, Snake & Herring (Wine Industry Association of Western Australia)  
Alexandra Burt, Voyager Estate  
Chris Pfeiffer OAM, Pfeiffer Wines  
Colin Campbell, Campbells Wines  
Corrina Wright, Oliver's Taranga Vineyards  
Adam Morris, Bimbadgen  
Edward Swift, Printhe Wines

***2016-17 Medium Winemakers' Membership Committee***

Mitchell Taylor, Taylors Wines Pty Ltd (Chair)  
Robert Hill Smith, Yalumba Wine Company  
Victoria Angove, Angove Family Winemakers  
Darren De Bortoli, De Bortoli Wines  
Alister Purbrick, Tahbilk Pty Ltd  
Bill Moularadellis, Kingston Estate Wines Pty Ltd  
Jeff McWilliam, McWilliams Wines Group

***2016-17 Large Winemakers' Membership Committee***

Angus McPherson, Treasury Wine Estates (chair)  
Helen Strachan, Pernod Ricard Winemakers Pty Ltd  
Georgia Lennon, Accolade Wines  
Libby Nutt, Casella Family Brands

The Winemakers' Federation of Australia was established in 1990 as the peak national body for the wine industry, representing wineries on national and international issues.

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