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MEDIA STATEMENT

Australian wine sector mourns the passing of Dr Tony Jordan OAM

The Australian wine sector has come together to mourn the passing of one of its most influential leaders, Dr Tony Jordan OAM.

'The Australian wine industry has lost a distinguished advocate and leader. Tony's contribution to the Australian wine industry has been immense, and our thoughts and heartfelt sympathy are for his wife Michele and their family' said Sandy Clark, Chairman of Australian Grape and Wine Incorporated (Australian Grape & Wine).

Dr Jordan was crucial to the establishment of the wine science program at Charles Sturt University in the 1970s, influencing modern Australian wine practices. He chaired Australian wine shows and judged shows internationally. Dr Jordan was a former president of the Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology (ASVO) and the Yarra Valley Wine Growers Association, and was a Board member of the Wine Australia Corporation for six years.

In June earlier this year, Dr Jordan was awarded Life Membership of the Australian Wine Industry by Australian Grape & Wine in recognition of his significant contribution to the Australian wine sector. Wine Australia inaugurated the "Dr Tony Jordan OAM Award", an annual award for the most outstanding Wine Australia PhD scholarship applicant that will provide the recipient with a stipend of up to \$40,000 annually to support their studies.

Dr Jordan was a recipient of an Order of Australia, and was made a Fellow of the Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology.

Australian Grape & Wine would like to extend its condolences to Michele and the Jordan family for their devastating loss.

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