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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Industry leader recognised in Australia Day Awards

Australian Grape & Wine Chairman, Mr Sandy Clark, yesterday received an Australia Day award of the Officer of the Order in the General Division (AO), for distinguished service to the wine industry through leadership roles, to finance and business, to the arts, and to charitable initiatives.

Mr Clark, former Chairman of Brown Brothers Group and Mitchelton Wines, was appointed as the Winemakers' Federation of Australia (WFA) President on 15 November 2016, and was a driving force behind the amalgamation of WFA and Australian Vignerons, giving the industry one united voice at the federal level. On 1 February 2019, Mr Clark was elected to be the inaugural Chairman of Australian Grape & Wine Incorporated.

Australian Grape & Wine Chief Executive, Mr Tony Battaglione said "This recognition reminds us all of how much Sandy has done, and continues to do to further the cause of Australian wine, and we all welcome this formal acknowledgement of Sandy's efforts."

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#### **About Australian Grape and Wine Inc**

Australian Grape and Wine Inc is the national association of grape and wine producers. We address issues across the supply-chain that impact on the profitability and sustainability of the sector. We lead and advocate public policy that enhances the ability to responsibly produce, promote and enjoy Australian wine in moderation.

Australian Grape & Wine is recognised as a representative organisation for winegrape and wine producers under the Wine Australia Act 2013, and is incorporated under the SA Associations Incorporation Act 1985. We work in partnership with the Australian Government to develop and implement policy that is in the best interests of winegrape growers and winemakers across Australia.