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MEDIA RELEASE

Australian wine sector welcomes AWRI Directors

Australian Grape & wine welcomed the announcement by the Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) of the appointment of two Directors, Professor Kieran Kirk and the Hon. Sarah Courtney.

'The Australian Wine Research Institute is a key part of our sectors' success', said Tony Battaglene, Chief Executive of Australian Grape & Wine.

'Having high quality Board appointments like these are fundamental to providing excellence in science, coupled with good governance.'

He also paid tribute to outgoing Chair, Louisa Rose.

'Louisa Rose has provided excellent leadership not only to AWRI, but to the whole grape and wine sector. While she will be sorely missed by the AWRI, I am confident that Professor Kirk who will take on the role of Chair from 1 January 2023 will be a very able successor.'

Australian Grape & Wine looks forward to working closely with AWRI, now and into the future, to ensure our research is well directed and AWRI maintains its world class reputation for excellence.

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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.