CODE OF CONDUCT FOR AUSTRALIAN WINEGRAPE PURCHASES

LIST OF INDEPENDENT PRICING EXPERTS 2026

The Code Secretariat

The Code of Conduct is administered by an independent Code Secretariat.
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Overview of the dispute resolution process under the Code of Conduct

Disputes requiring independent expert determination occur where there is a dispute over a grape assessment, a price deterination or a rejection. Before commencing a formal dispute resolution process senior representatives of the parties shall use their best endeavours to resolve the dispute by discussion and negotiation. Should these neogotiations fail, an expert determination may be required. A disputing party pursuing an expert determination (the complainant) must give notice in writing (including by email) to the other party (the respondent) and a copy to the Secretariat[1] as soon as practicable and no later than 7 days of the determination being notified to the them.

According to The Code an expert determination will be made in accordance with the procedure set out in Appendix 1 of the Code by:

> an Independent Technical Expert, if the Dispute relates to whether Grapes have been correctly assessed in accordance with the requirements set out in the Agreement; or
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> an Independent Pricing Expert, if the Dispute relates to whether the price for the Grapes has been properly determined (other than a dispute the subject of section 6.3 (a)(i) of the Code).

The Code requires both parties to participate in the Dispute Resolution procedure and to assist the Independent Expert by providing any information requested. Any Disputing Party who invokes the Dispute Resolution Procedures is agreeing to be bound by the Code in relation to the conduct of the Dispute. The existence of a Dispute does not relieve any party of the obligations under the agreement between a winegrape supplier and a signatory to the Code.

Further Information

If you require further information, please see Part 6 of the Code which details the dispute resolution provisions or, if you have any questions about these procedures, please contact the Code Secretariat.

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*Other expenses may be incurred in addition to hourly rate.