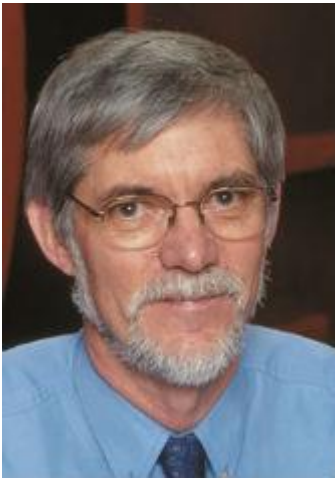


Patron's Message



2019 has certainly gone quickly. The Wine Industry Technical Conference was a highlight of the year. Many alumni attended the conference. Several alumni gave formal presentations and others organised and participated in the workshop programme. It is great to see alumni giving back to the industry in this way. There was a positive vibe amongst the attendees for the future of the wine industry. The scientific presentations reminded us of the importance of research to keep the industry at the forefront of technical developments. Judith and I had a stand with our books at the Trade Show and it was great to catch up with many alumni who came to say hello.

A highlight of the Conference for the University of Adelaide Wine Alumni was the Alumni breakfast. It was attended by about 80 people and there was a good mix of the older generation and recent graduates. It was well attended by current and past staff, some going back to the Roseworthy days. The breakfast was organised by The Wine Alumni Network. I thank all the members of the Network group and the team from the Alumni Relations Office at North Terrace Campus, and particularly Carolyn McLean, for all the work they do to make these events so successful.

We had planned a reunion this year, however decided to postpone the event due to the difficulty of finding contacts for people. We decided to have one larger reunion in 2020 for all those alumni who graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College. We will start planning this early next year. We will need the help of alumni to follow up contacts so we can let as many people as possible know about the reunion.

Our alumni continue to receive awards and recognition. I will probably miss some awards so if you know of an alumnus who has been recognised let me know and I can include it in the next newsletter.

Peter Dry received An Order of Australia AM Award for his significant contribution to the Australian Wine Industry. Peter has contributed to many aspects of the industry and particularly in the teaching and research sector. Many alumni will have benefited from his knowledge and guidance. And Nick Dry, Peter's son, was awarded the Perpetual Viticulturists of the Year 2019 in The Gourmet Traveller Wine Awards.

Vanya Cullen (Winemaker of the year 2019) and Inca Lee (Researcher/Innovator of the year 2019) received awards at the 2019 Australian Women in Wine Awards. Pam Dunsford became the South Australian Wine Communicators of Australia Legend of the Vine for 2019. Pam was the first women to be admitted and to graduate from the Roseworthy Agricultural College wine studies programme. She played a very significant role in various winemaking positions over her 40 years career in the industry. I cannot mention all the winemakers who win trophies/medals at the various wine shows, but there are many alumni who are performing extremely well in the show circuit. I will mention Paul Hotker, Senior Winemaker of Bleasdale Wines who took home the Jimmy Watson Trophy this year.

Congratulations to all above for their achievements.

Best regards

Patrick Iland, Patron, The University of Adelaide Wine Alumni