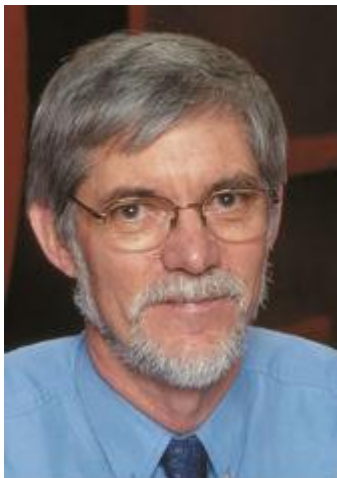


Patron's Message



It is, as you are all aware, an unusual and difficult time for all alumni and their families and friends. Life has changed dramatically. Judith and I extend our warmest concerns and support for you in getting through this time of drought, fires and coronavirus. It is a time for 'our time' much more than 'my time' — as many have said "we are all in this together". As an alumnus I ask you to look out for your fellow alumni — perhaps get in touch with former classmates and ask 'are you ok'.

Now retired, I am not actively involved so much in industry activities. However, I will still miss going to the University and the AWRI to catch up with people; but I know that these opportunities will return. Community is important as it brings people together. Communities have many shapes and forms. The University of Adelaide Wine Alumni is one of your communities.

Like all communities, The University of Adelaide Wine Alumni works through a strong sense of mateship — the mateships that you developed at Roseworthy and Waite and then throughout your career. This is what helps us get through good and difficult times.

This — the first newsletter of the year — welcomes new students to the campus and the start of their wine courses. Many, though, will have had a difficult start to their studies. Some international students have not been able to arrive in Australia. I know the staff at the North Terrace and Waite Campus are doing a 100+% effort to ensure that the theory and practice of wine still occupies these students' minds.

The other feature of this newsletter was to be the Reunions of The University of Adelaide Wine Alumni — one for Roseworthy graduates (94 and prior) to remember, acknowledge and celebrate the Roseworthy days and salute the significant contribution its graduates and staff have, beyond their Roseworthy days, made to the Australian and international wine sectors. From a group of four inaugural graduates in 1938 to those of 1994, Roseworthy graduates now number in the hundreds. It is these people that created the foundation of the now University of Adelaide wine courses. Followed by the second reunion for those wine alumni who graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1995-1999. Due to the COVID-19 situation these reunions will be postponed until after Vintage in 2021.

Stay well, stay contacted but at a distance, and enjoy this time of year where many of you bring your knowledge and skills to make the wine enjoyed by many people around the world.

In the meantime, I am revising our Technical books and playing imaginary tennis with our grandchildren — with us on the footpath and them in the driveway. Funny how they seem to win all the line challenges.

Best regards

Patrick Iland, Patron, The University of Adelaide Wine Alumni

Bushfire relief update



The beginning of the year saw bushfires devastate wineries around the country. University of Adelaide staff, especially those at Waite Winery, have been assisting alumni and wineries with the clean-up, smoke taint testing, storage and general community support.

There was a great response from alumni, students, friends, family and family of students who collectively clocked up hundreds of hours of volunteering to help. An incredible effort to support our community. Thank you.

[Read more](#) about the University's response and research into Australian bushfires.

A small please to help our students

A message from Paul Grbin and Jill Bauer

Since March, viticulture and winemaking students have been isolated from the Waite Campus and the winery. As a result, we have been running Winemaking at Vintage via Zoom to continue to include students in their winery projects. While we cannot replace the practical, hands-on nature, we are hoping to supplement their learning through a series of videos with you, industry winemakers, discussing one wine from maturity sampling to bottling.

We are looking for a short five minute video of alumni discussing one wine with as much detail as you would be willing to share – can be very low-key, straight forward or entertaining as you like - we would love for the video to reflect your personality, approach and philosophy. For more information on what to include, and if you are able to help please contact Jill Bauer on jill.bauer@adelaide.edu.au or +61 8 8313 6770.

We feel for this group of students. They began the year very keen and they have largely been excluded from what we know is a highlight of this degree – for many/most it's the first opportunity they have to make wine and they have been locked out.

We thank you in advance for your support.

XII International Terroir Congress

The University of Adelaide is the host of the XIII International Terroir Congress, scheduled from Sunday 15 November 2020 to Friday 20 November 2020 in Adelaide.

A decision about whether to postpone the event because of COVID-19 will be made in June/early July 2020. Please hold off booking flights and accommodation until the organising committee has confirmed if it will go ahead. [Read more.](#)



AWRI webinars



The Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) is holding a series of webinars to assist growers with vineyards recovering from fire damage. The webinars will talk about re-establishing fire damaged vineyards through winter pruning and preparation, and training fire damaged vines and replants. [More information and registration.](#)

Vintage conversations

Would you like to share your story or tips for students? If so, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested in being part of the Vintage Conversations program, please contact [Jill Bauer.](#)



Wine alumni network facebook group

The [Wine Alumni Network](#) now has a [Facebook group](#) dedicated to reconnecting wine alumni and mentoring current students. This group brings together alumni from Roseworthy Agricultural College and the University of Adelaide from viticulture, oenology, wine business and wine marketing.

This is a space to share your stories, seek advice and advertise employment opportunities to fellow alumni and students. If you are not already a member and would like to become one please [join the group.](#)

Winery initiatives

The landscape of wineries and how they operate is changing because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you are offering a new virtual initiative or another innovative approach to business, we would love to hear from you, please contact [Carolyn McLean.](#)