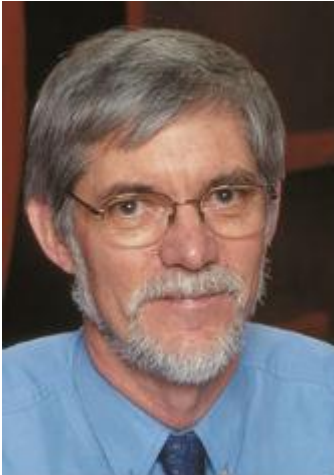


## Patron's Message



Life around Australia seems to be moving to some near normal, at least in many parts. As I did in the previous newsletter — at the beginning of this unusual, and for some, a very difficult year — I ask you to look out for your fellow alumni. Mother nature threw us a few challenges in 2020. Hopefully in 2021 conditions will be much better for our alumni and for all within the Australian wine industry.

What a difference a day makes! SA experienced a brief lockdown, so even more important to look after yourselves, family, fellow alumni and friends. Keep safe and positive.

The end of the year brings the completion of classes for the wine students at the Waite and North Terrace. Last week I was meant to attend the graduation dinner for the four year Degree and the Postgraduate students, but that has been postponed. They will have conducted their final year studies in a way never imagined. All teaching was on-line until recent weeks. Sensory classes were conducted online with students either collecting the wine samples and/or the samples being posted to the student — tasted remotely, but still with group discussion via modern technology. The extra work that the teaching and laboratory staff have had to carry out has been considerable and well beyond normal expectations. I would like to thank all the people at The University of Adelaide for their extra effort so that this group of students could complete their courses. Like all graduates they have gained knowledge, been challenged to think and question and learnt vineyard, winemaking and wine marketing skills to varying degrees depending on their selected course programme. They have made friendships that for some will last a lifetime. It is now the time for the industry to offer and provide the experiences for them to grow and find their place in the world of wine.

In the Australian Weekend Magazine Phillip Adams quoted “Data is not information, information is not knowledge and knowledge is not wisdom”. You need both knowledge and experience to gain wisdom. Success and mistakes build wisdom. And Einstein is quoted as saying “Imagination is more important than knowledge”. Imagination helps move knowledge in different ways. With these thoughts in mind I encourage the new graduates to continually read, listen, think, question and learn. And the good thing is that there are many experienced, wise and caring people in our industry from whom they can do this. The staff at the University have given the graduates a good start. I wish all the graduates an interesting, fulfilling and successful life-long learning career.

The planned Reunions of The University of Adelaide Wine Alumni for 2020 were cancelled and postponed until 2021. The pre-94 Roseworthy Wine reunion will now be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Unfortunately, the 95-99 Wine Reunion will not be held in 2021, we will keep you posted when this reunion will take place.

I encourage alumni to attend the Roseworthy Wine Reunion. From a group of four inaugural graduates in 1938 to those graduating throughout the following years Roseworthy graduates number in the hundreds — their skills and wisdom displayed in many countries around the world. Traditions started at Roseworthy, now continuing at the Waite.

I hope you all stay well. Judith and I wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

May 2021 be a healthy, successful and rewarding year for you.

Regards

Patrick

Patrick Iland OAM

Patron, The University of Adelaide Wine Alumni

## Wine Communicators of Australia - Mentoring Program

The Wine Industry Mentor Program is proudly supported by Wine Communicators of Australia and the University of Adelaide. The program is designed to pair young communicators with respected wine sector leaders and to provide them the chance to refine their skills and explore further opportunities by tapping into the experiences and insights from the best in their field. [Find out more](#).



“It was a life changing experience for me, pushing me to thinking out of box - what, why, how plus what else, why not, what if. Great opportunity for me to organise my thoughts and career plans with guidance and assistance from my mentor.”

*Mavis Zhang, Winemaking & Wine Business Consultant - Wine Network Consulting*



“When such an amazing group of wine industry leaders is brought together and they have offered their time and their minds to those that wish to follow in their footsteps, it is a really special opportunity. In a year which has featured extraordinary challenges, to come out on the other side feeling like you have gained something special, both professionally and personally, truly is a gift. It is a gift for which I am immensely grateful, and I hope that one day I'll be able to support others in the same way.”

*Leigh Woodrow, Sales Manager - Langmeil Winery*

## COVID-19 response

The University closure because of COVID-19 came at the worst time possible for our students. The teaching team at the Winery was creative and innovative on how it would deliver all components of the *Winemaking at Vintage* courses online.

A virtual tasting class was developed where staff prepared wines and sent samples to the students which were then discussed in Zoom classes.

Students were also able to complete their projects as virtual winemakers, making their preferred additions to the samples the Winery staff had prepared. This creative approach enabled the students to maintain a high level of interaction in their project.

“All of the people involved in running this course are extremely helpful with explaining content and assisting. It is highly relevant all the time and engaging.”

“Congratulations to all lecturers and assistants for keeping it together under such extreme pressure. It was not possible for us to gain the best experience, but this in no way reflects on any member of staff in this course.”



### Wine reunions

We are pleased to confirm that next year we will be holding one wine reunion.

#### [Roseworthy Wine Pre 94 Reunion](#)

New date: Saturday 24 July 2021

The **1995–1999 Wine Reunion** has been cancelled. We will keep you posted on future reunion and dates.

### 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](#).

### Change of email

The winery has recently changed emails. If you would like to get in contact with us please use [winemaking@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:winemaking@adelaide.edu.au)