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Busby, James, 1801-1871
*A treatise on the culture of the vine, and the art of wine making: compiled from the works of Chaptal and other French writers; and from the notes of the compiler during a residence in some of the wine provinces of France* Australia: R. Howe, 1825
270p. ; 20 cm.

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About

Published shortly after his arrival in New South Wales, James Busby’s *A Treatise on the Culture of the Vine, and the Art of Wine Making*, was the first book on wine and viticulture to be published in Australia. It was also the first book to carry the imprint “Australia” on the title page. Born is Scotland in 1801, Busby arrived in the colony in 1824 after visiting the Bordeaux region of France where he studied viticulture. He received a grant of approximately 2,000 acres of land in the Hunter River district which he planted with European vines. This vineyard, named Kirkton, was later acquired by Lindemans in 1914 and was, for many years, the oldest, productive vineyard in Australia.
Condition

Half-calf and paper-covered boards. All corners bumped and edges chipped. Leather on spine deteriorating. Requires rebacking. A previous repair has seen the front paste-down glued over an existing bookplate.