

Pamela Ann Dunsford OAM

Approved by Pamela 29/3/21

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present to you an outstanding candidate for admission to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science (honoris causa): **Pamela Ann Dunsford OAM.**

Pam Dunsford is a pioneer in Australian winemaking, blazing a trail for women winemakers and championing the South Australian wine industry in a career spanning more than 40 years.

She graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1973 with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science, ultimately moving her focus from animal science to biochemistry and horticulture as her passion for winemaking emerged.

The following year she was the first woman admitted to Roseworthy Agricultural College, where she succeeded in becoming the first woman to receive a Roseworthy Diploma of Oenology in 1974.

She worked as a winemaker at Wynns winery before studying winemaking further at the University of California, completing a master's degree in 1978.

In a string of firsts, Ms Dunsford returned to Adelaide and became the first woman to occupy an important winemaking position in a large company, the first Australian female winemaker to become a wine-show judge, and one of the first women wine educators and winemaking consultants in the country.

In 1987 Ms Dunsford was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study "methode champenoise" winemaking in Champagne, France, to improve the quality of Australian wines. While in France she became the first woman to be employed at vintage time by the internationally renowned champagne house, Krug.

Returning to Australia, Ms Dunsford worked as a consultant and lectured at Roseworthy College, before joining Chapel Hill winery, where she was chief winemaker until 2006, overseeing 19 vintages.

In the 2007 Australia Day Honours, Pamela Dunsford was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to the wine industry as an oenologist, judge, and promoter of the role of women in the field, to business development and to tourism.

In 2019 Ms Dunsford was the first woman to be named *Legend of the Vine in South Australia* by the Wine Communicators of Australia, in recognition of her outstanding contribution and service to the Australian and South Australian wine industry.

Pamela Dunsford is a key figure in the University's long history of high-achieving women. Her example has paved the way for women winemakers in Australia and encouraged women to study viticulture and oenology and claim their place in the industry.

But beyond inspiring more women to follow their career passions, she has made a significant contribution to winemaking in South Australia – through practice, research, teaching, promotion and participation, and that contribution is enduring.

Chancellor, I am pleased to present to you **Pamela Dunsford**, Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Diploma of Oenology, Master of Viticulture, Medal of the Order of Australia, for admission to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science (honoris causa).