

Fact Sheet

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ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 2004 – John Vickery

John Vickery (RDA 1953, RDOen 1955) graduated from Roseworthy Agricultural College with Diplomas of Agriculture and Oenology. He worked for a number of leading Australian wine producing companies including Leo Burling, Lindemans, Southcorp and Orlando Wyndham. He also worked as consulting chief winemaker at Richmond Grove in Tanunda – fitting this work in with the development of his own vineyard at Tanunda.

While John was widely recognised for his pioneering work with Australian Rieslings, his St George Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon from Rouge Homme won the Jimmy Watson trophy in 1981 for the best one-year-old dry red in Australia.

Over the years, John Vickery was variously described as one of the best white wine makers in Australia, a person who pioneered the development of new winemaking processes and one who created benchmark wines. His contemporaries in the industry say he had a significant influence on young winemakers.

