

# Fact Sheet

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## ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 2012 – Vic Patrick

South Australian viticulturalist and wine industry identity Vic Patrick has been awarded the 2012 Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Award of Merit. He was presented with the award at the annual ROCA dinner in Adelaide on 19 October.

Vic joins an elite group of recipients who have been recognised for their contribution to primary industry and the community.

Vic Patrick graduated with a Diploma of Agriculture from Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1963. Ten years later he completed a Diploma in Viticulture, Vinification, Wine Chemistry and Technology at the Oenological Research Institute at Surrey in England. At this point he dramatically changed his career from being the manager of the Cresco fertilisers plant in Wallaroo, to being appointed as vineyard manager for Wynns at Coonawarra in the mid-70s.

Over the years as the wine industry consolidated, Vic rose through the ranks to become the director of global viticulture with Mildara Blass, and then director of viticulture with the Foster's group worldwide.

He now lives at Eden Valley with his wife Margie, where he is involved in farming and private viticulture ventures.

During his long career with the industry, Vic served with many wine industry bodies and natural resources management organisations. He is currently the chairperson of the Wine Grape Growers of Australia and a committee member of the Wine Grape Council of South Australia.

Vic enjoys legendary status in the industry, not just in Australia but worldwide for both for his knowledge and experience. His dry, incisive sense of humour, is also widely celebrated!

