

Summary of industry feedback on Grapevine Foundation Asset Management Business Plan

Feedback received from:

- McLaren Vale Grape, Wine & Tourism Association Phylloxera and Biosecurity Working Group
- Limestone Coast Grape & Wine Council Technical Sub-committee
- Brett McKinnon, Pernod-Ricard
- Dan Johnson, AWRI
- Hilary Davis, VAMVVIA and AVIA
- QWIA Board
- Scenic Rim Wine Industry Association
- John Possingham
- Libby Tassie
- Paul Petrie, Treasury Wine Estates
- Peter Hayes
- Adelaide Hills Vine Improvement
- Prue McMichael, Scholefield Robinson
- Ron Collins, Blaxland Vineyards

General themes:

- Overall support for the proposal and for the need to take action
- Belief that the collections are important for the industry's future ability to compete and respond to climatic and market changes
- Particular support for the need to maintain the CSIRO and SARDI collections
- Support for proposal that AGWA take leadership role
- Majority strong support for the proposed register
- Mention of need to involve private importers/nurseries more
- No concerns raised over quantum of funding requested – except some opinion that this might not be enough to fund activities proposed and/or that funding should also be included for other activities – eg more support for government germplasm collections or for DNA testing of collections

Concerns raised:

- There needs to be clarification of protocols and processes required – eg naming conventions, identity verification
- Some questioning of the need for the high health collections (or – for two collections) when these are of more commercial value
- That a lot of work would be required to get the register working effectively – would cost more than allocated – and that its effectiveness would rely on participation by government and private importers
- How would the varieties/clones to be supported be selected and by whom?
- Some concern over AGWA taking on a program delivery role