

RWG & RWA Joint Letter to the Premier and Local Members

The following letter was sent to the Premier, NSW Minister for Agriculture, and both our federal and State local members. The letter is a joint initiative by Riverina Winegrape Growers and Riverina Winemakers association, the letter bears the letterhead of both organisations and is countersigned by both Bruno Brombal Chairman RWG and Andrew Calabria President RWA

18/12/2025

The Hon. Chris Minns MP

Premier of New South Wales

The Hon. Tara Moriarty MLC

Minister for Agriculture, Regional NSW and Western NSW

Mrs Helen Dalton MP

Member for Murray

The Hon. Sussan Ley

Member for Farrer and Leader of the Opposition

Dear Premier Minns, Minister Moriarty, and local Members,

Re: Urgent Request for Government-Led Crisis Response for the Riverina Wine Sector

The Riverina Winegrape Growers and the Riverina Winemakers Association are seeking an urgent, government-led crisis meeting—bringing together industry, financial institutions, peak bodies, growers and wineries—to be held in the Riverina before the end of January.

While these calls for support may sound familiar, the situation has escalated beyond previous concerns. **The risk of government inaction is now profound. The Riverina wine sector—one of the largest wine-producing regions in Australia—is at breaking point.** Over the past several years, winegrape purchase prices across warm inland regions have collapsed to unsustainable levels, with many Riverina growers receiving returns far below their cost of production. Despite the partial easing of Chinese tariffs, the oversupply of red winegrapes and now the price of white winegrapes beginning to collapse and an increasingly uncertain global market have kept prices at historically low levels. Early indicators for the 2025 vintage suggest further price

declines, leaving growers unable to cover basic production costs.

This crisis is compounded by rapidly rising input costs—fuel, fertiliser, power, machinery, labour, and insurance—while water insecurity continues to create significant financial strain for irrigators in the Murrumbidgee system. Most growers are now operating at a loss, with some considering vineyard removal, abandonment, or exiting the industry altogether.

The mental health toll is worsening. Growers are exhausted, deeply anxious, and increasingly unsure about their future. When agricultural families begin to lose hope, the effects ripple across entire communities—local businesses, schools, sporting clubs, contractors, and service organisations all feel the impact.

The Riverina is not only a cornerstone of NSW's wine sector; it is a major contributor to the national wine supply chain, regional employment, export activity, and the economic stability of the MIA. Its decline carries consequences well beyond viticulture.

We are calling for:

1. **A government-led crisis meeting** with industry, banks, peak bodies, growers, and wineries, held in the Riverina before the end of January.
2. **An immediate and structured support package** for growers seeking to restructure, adapt, and continue farming sustainably.

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BOARD ACTIVITIES REPORT



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Staff Updates

As 2025 draws to a close there are several staff changes taking place, the first being that Brian Bortolin has tendered his resignation effective as at Friday the 9th of January 2026.

Brian has been with us for 9 years as a staff member and has also served on the board previous to this, while we wish Brian all the best in the next

chapter of his life, we aren't letting him off that easy as he will be employed on a casual basis to help out with training staff in lab techniques. We would also like to welcome both Thomas Lefebvre & Kristyanne Snaidero as permanent members of the team, both have passed their trial periods and now a permanent part of the team.

Budget Meeting

The budget meeting and dinner was held on the 15th of October 2025 at the Yoogali Club, the meeting was attended by 32 growers and 22 guests and staff. At the meeting it was moved and accepted that levies for the 2026 crop remain at \$3.90 per tonne delivered. Bruno Brombal gave a Chairmans report that focused on what the wineries had told us when we met with them, other business discussed was the upgrading of RWG HACCP System to meet ESG credentials, an update on the progress of the mandatory code of conduct. There was general discussion on if there had been any feed back from either Wine Australia or Australian Grape And

Wine, which there hadn't been.

Grower BBQ

Riverina Winegrape Growers held its last BBQ for 2025 on the 3rd of September around 30 growers attended for a feed and a drink thank you to Yenda Prods for donating some beer for the event and our resident chef Tony Baggio for his BBQ skills.

Office Closure

The office of Riverina Winegrapes Growers will be closed from the close of business Friday the 19th of December 2025 and reopening Monday the 5th of January 2026.

Carbon Opportunities

Thomas has been researching carbon opportunities for growers, so watch this space for further updates.

Rebates for HACCP and Chemical accreditation

After reviewing the board policies and looking toward the future, Riverina Winegrape Growers will no longer be offering a rebate for third party HACCP Audits and Chemical Accreditation courses.

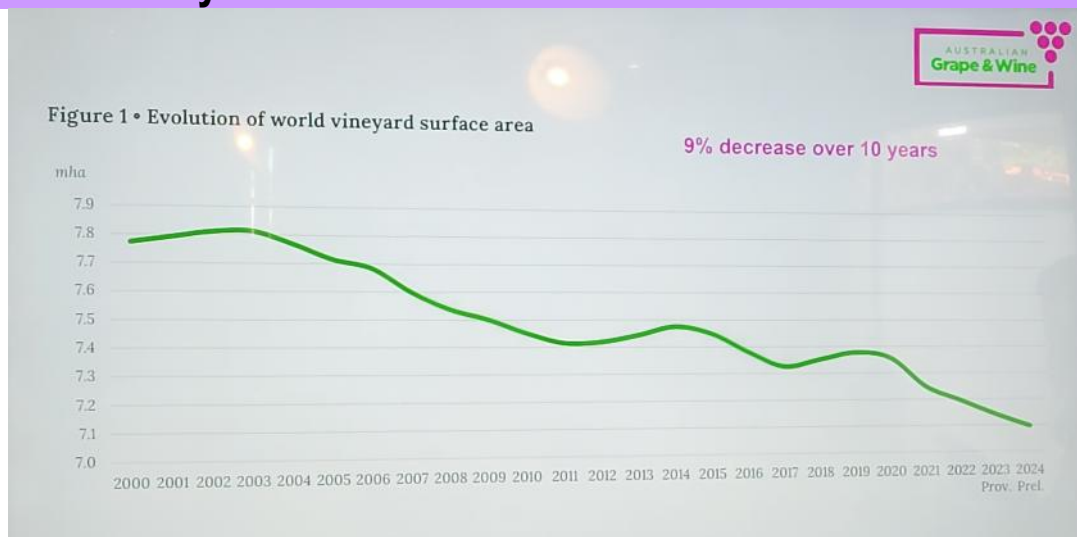
This is due in the case of HACCP to SWA superseding it for the majority of growers, while we are up grading our current HACCP System to meet ESG Credentials required by Sustainable Winegrowing Australia, we will still be providing 2nd Party HACCP audits for those that need it



Growers attending BBQ on the 3rd of December 2025

Finlaysons Wine Roadshow 33

Titled the Grape Re-set the 33rd annual Finlaysons Wine Road show was hosted by Riverina Winemakers Association, at their shopfront Harvest HQ on Tuesday the 14th of October. The topics covered were The State of the Australian Wine Sector, Navigating the Future, What is for Sale and Where and For What



An interesting Graph Presented at the Roadshow showing the decrease in the area of vineyards



Tim Mableson KPMG presenting on the sale of vineyards

Price, How to undertake a successful wine Sector Sale & Purchase Transaction, and How Not to Lose Money to the Taxman. Unfortunately there was not much positive news for Riverina growers with vineyards virtually unsalable unless you want to give them away, Winery assets haven't fared much better due to the oversupply and the fire sale of several large wineries in the past couple of years that were sold for well below what they were valued at

Griffith Wine Show Awards Luncheon

Riverina Winemakers Association held its annual awards show on Saturday the 11th of October , this year was a little different in that the event was held as a luncheon instead of the usual dinner , and was held at Piccolo Family Farm. This event showcased the quality of the wine produced by local wineries, the wines were accompanied by some fantastic food in a great venue that Luke Piccolo and Piccolo family farms are known for. this

accompanied by some fantastic spring weather made this a great day.



Brian Bortolin presenting a trophy to Victor DeBortoli

Anonymous Grower Letter

On the 12 of November the following anonymous letter was discovered in the foyer of our offices here in Yambil Street, The letter believed to have been written by a grower reflects the frustration and pain being felt by all growers, due to the prolonged period of below cost of production prices caused by a drop in global consumption that was exacerbated by the Chinese tariffs. After reading the letter we are extremely worried about the author and would ask that if they are reading this please feel free to come in and see us we will keep everything confidential and assist you in any way possible, we would also ask once again that you keep an eye on your friends and neighbours as these troubled times are really starting to take their toll, our door is always open to growers so please feel free to call in for a chat and a cupper. The following letter is copied verbatim from the original letter and has been distributed to local Wineries, Industry Leaders, and our local members both state and federal.

To whom it may concern

Wine-ageddon is upon us. The apocalyptic end of the wine industry in the Riverina.

This is an open, anonymous letter to all the wineries and the board, from a grower. It's a sad world when a grower can't say what needs to be said without fear of retribution.

To a lifetime grower, with the benefit of hindsight, it's obvious how we got here.

The Riverina is the biggest wine region in Australia that no one has ever heard of!

I've spent my entire life listening to winemakers tell us how good the fruit is in South Australia ... and how bad Riverina fruit is.

Well why do we even bother? How can you tell the supermarkets how good your wine is while you tell us growers how bad our grapes are?

Why do you all buy more land, build nice houses, buy nice cars, while most of you take so long to pay us growers? We aren't your banks.

If you think giving us \$500 a ton in 5 years time will make us replant for you, forget about it. We don't trust you any more.

Stop hiding behind a global wine glut and start making plans for where you're going to be in 5 years. My plans are to remove all my grapes. Even if the price comes up.

Wineries in this region don't know how to sell wine. The only thing they know how to do is drop prices. The brand Riverina doesn't exist. To the average consumer none of us exist.. That's why we're the worst affected.

Us growers are like your dirty little secret. Many of you act like you're more important than us. If we all sell our water you'll be worse off than us.

Your business models have no future. Paying the growers less won't push enough fruit through your wineries to keep you viable. Soon, every winery will be forced to pay more for fruit if they want to stay open. And the only place you'll be able to buy from is South Australia, plus freight. And I promise you, you're going to pay a lot more than we ever asked for.

They consistently have higher prices than us. Not to mention higher yields.

If wineries truly care about the region and the future of their growers, then as a grower, I'd like to see the strategic plan for the next 5 years and 10 years for every winery in town. As growers we need to know if anything will ever change.

Are wineries planning to pay us fairly?

Ever?

It's not just about prices. It's also about direction and vision. The board should be pushing for this. If there's no fruit you won't exist either. Cutting costs in a shrinking pie just leaves everyone hungry.

The only vision we've seen is a "follow the leader," sloppy and expensive SWA program that sells no more wine. The board should have been paid by the wineries for all the time they spent helping us growers do swa. Followers never make money. I can't see anyone in Australia setting global trends. Only "let's play catch up"

Anonymous Grower Letter—continued

with sav blanc and prosecco or lambrusca. No one knows what they want because they're too busy chasing everyone else's idea. Looking over the fence at what everyone else is doing is an expensive way to make fools gold.

What direction are we going in? If their strategic plans are anything like their plans at vintage, we're in some serious trouble.

If they can't organise to pick a block at the right baume, what hope do we have that they can make, brand, market, and sell wine?

Is the wine you're making now even relevant?

For years we've been picking dried up reds and watching excavators push it into the pits. Who wants to drink half a glass red wine and fall asleep? I certainly don't. Maybe that's part of the problem?

When's the last time a winemaker put their wines before regular people to be judged? Maybe regular people are judging wine? With their feet.

They don't like it so they don't buy it!

Instead of telling people what they need to drink—instead of trying to "educate" consumers, perhaps it's time to educate your marketing teams and winemakers? Get out in the real world and see what people actually want to buy!

I don't remember ever seeing a decent wine commercial from a local winery. Why is that?

Is it because many of you don't have brands worth selling?

Is it because you don't have brands you believe in?

Is it because most brands don't have Riverina on the label? And the ones that do are cheap?

Maybe it's because growers don't care about their wineries any more?

Do you blame us?

When's the last time you gave a grower a compliment?

It seems every time someone from a winery visits, the

only thing they know how to do is lower our prices and tell us our fruit is rubbish.

How about you give us a reason to turn up next year with high quality fruit? Pay us properly for good fruit.

Don't you realise you give the banks a reason to close us down when you delay our payments?

Do you think any of us growers can even afford our water charges?

Do you even know how many of your growers haven't paid the last water bill? Or interest payment? Or electricity? Or diesel?

Do any wineries genuinely care about their growers?

We trusted you with our future when we planted grapes for you. And this is how we get thanked.

Maybe we'd have a wine industry worth saving if some of these questions had answers.

Maybe if we put more effort into basic respect for each other, and promoting the area then we wouldn't be in this mess in the first place.

If there's no leadership and vision from local wineries we will only ever be a cheap grapes region.

This isn't about boom and bust anymore. This is about hard work, vision, and honesty. Do growers really believe wineries have our best interest at heart?

If there's no honesty and vision in our local wineries, then why are any of us still growing grapes?

I will repeat that again.

If wineries don't have our best interest at heart.

If they're not honest with us,

if they don't have a plan to work hard to create a "sustainable" future,

and if they're not honest respectful and fair—

Why are we still growing grapes?

I haven't spoken to a single grower who regrets leaving the industry.

It's not too late for growers to leave the wine industry.

But maybe it is too late for wineries to save it.

Are You Removing Vines? Please let us know

so we can update your maps.

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Australian Wine's Supply and Demand Imbalance Worsens—Wine Australia Report

Wine production exceeded sales in 2024–25, leading to a rise of 5 per cent in national stock levels, according to the *Australian Wine Production, Sales and Inventory Report 2025*, released today by Wine Australia.

Summary and outlook

The worsening imbalance between supply and demand comes as global conditions for wine remain tough. Analysis of global market conditions suggests that the outlook for wine has deteriorated in the past 12 months. Global consumption has continued to decline and remains lower than global production. Consumption is forecast to decrease further in the next five years.

These unfavourable market conditions are compounded for Australia by the high stock levels carried forward from 2024–25. The increase in Australian wine stocks without an increase in sales is likely to reduce future demand for wine and winegrapes. As a result, grape prices are unlikely to improve in the next few years.

Production

Results of the annual Wine Production, Sales and Inventory Survey of large winemakers in Australia indicated that total Australian wine production from the 2025 vintage was 1.13 billion litres, or 126 million 9-litre case equivalents. This was 9% higher than in 2024, but 7% below the 10-year average of 1.22 billion litres.

The production of red wine increased by 1%, while the production of white wine increased by 2%. Red wine returned to the larger share of production (52%) after falling below white in 2023–24.

Wine Australia Manager Market Insights Peter Bailey said that the result was expected, after the grape

crush in 2025 increased by 11%, with nearly 90% of the additional tonnes being red.

“Production was still below the 10-year average, but it was the second vintage in a row where the crush increased from the 20-year low in 2023, despite the high levels of stock going into the 2025 vintage,” Bailey said.

Sales

The total volume of Australian wine sold in 2024–25 is estimated to be almost unchanged from the previous year at 1.08 billion litres (120 million 9-litre cases). Export sales accounted for 59% of sales by volume – an increase of one percentage point year-on-year, while domestic sales accounted for 41%.

Export sales increased by 3% to 638 million litres, driven by growth in exports to mainland China, which increased by 53 million litres to 85 million litres in the latest 12-month period.

Bailey said the 85 million litres represents the first full financial year of normal trading since the tariffs on Australian wine to mainland China were lifted. Despite this, he noted that the volume exported to mainland China was less than half what it was at its peak in 2017–18.

“The difference in Australia’s current wine export volume to mainland China compared with its highest level equates to approximately 130,000 tonnes of winegrapes – mostly red,” Bailey said. “We don’t expect to see exports return to the peak levels because the market in mainland China, as well as global conditions generally, are now very different.”

On the domestic market, sales of Australian wine declined by 3% in volume to 443 million litres – 7% below the 10-year average of 479 million litres and the second-lowest (after 2021–22) since 2007–08.



Market Insights

Australian wine production, sales and inventory 2024-25

Production Vintage 2025



Sales 2024-25



Inventory 30 June 2025



Australian Wine's Supply and Demand Imbalance Worsens—continued

Bailey said that after growing consistently between 2006–07 and 2016–17, sales of Australian wine domestically have been gradually declining for most of the past decade.

“Since peaking in 2016–17, sales of Australian wine at home have declined by around 57 million litres in total, or just over 6 million 9-litre case equivalents. At the same time, export markets have become more challenging, further compounding the decline in demand.”

The increase in production and static sales compared with 2023–24 meant that production exceeded sales by around 52 million litres or 6 million 9-litres cases (5%) in 2024–25. This is the equivalent of around 75,000 tonnes.

“To match current sales, a vintage of around 1.5 million tonnes is required. Anything over that is likely to lead to increases in inventory” Bailey said.

Inventory and stock-to-sales ratio

After showing positive downward adjustments in each of the previous two years from the record high reached in 2021–22, the national stock-to-sales ratio (SSR) increased by 4% in 2024–25 to 1.9, 15% above the 10-year average of 1.66, driven by a 5% increase in inventory.

“Currently there is an excess of around 262 million litres of wine in stock, based on the 2024–25 sales

volume” Bailey said. “That is the equivalent of around 375,000 tonnes of winegrapes. To remove this excess, the next few vintages would need to be below the 1.5 million tonne level.”

The increase in overall SSR was driven by still white wine, which saw an increase in SSR of 19% to 1.59 (15% above the 10-year average of 1.38) as a result of the decline in sales combined with an increase in inventory. On the other hand, the SSR for still red wine decreased slightly to 2.12, but was still well above its 10-year average of 1.88.

Bailey explained that the rise in stock-to-sales ratio for white wine this year suggests there might have been an over-correction, after two years of strong demand when global supply was low, leading to an increase in the production of white wine and the price for white winegrapes in Australia.

“Without an accurate picture of our vineyard supply base, including new plantings and removals, it is very difficult to keep supply and demand in balance. With the support of Australian grapegrowers, the National Vineyard Register Project has the potential to provide an accurate, digital foundation dataset that can support this.”

The National Vineyard Register Project is managed by Wine Australia and funded by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Levy Return for Vintage 2025

We have received and paid out most of the 2025 Vintage Levy returns but there are still some outstanding, we are trying to contact any one who has not yet returned their return, so please expect a call or email from Kristyanne Snaidero our Office Manager or call into the office at 182 Yambil street.

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MEDIA RELEASE

8 December 2025

Cultivating tomorrow with a stronger Sustainable Winegrowing Australia. A dedicated Executive Officer, independent Chair and a skills-based Board are set to be established for the Australian grape and wine sector's national sustainability program Sustainable Winegrowing Australia. The changes implement recommendations from an independent governance review that provided an evidence backed pathway to increase clarity, efficiency and responsiveness, as well as supporting the Program to anticipate future needs. Australian Grape & Wine, Wine Australia and the Australian Wine Research Institute have backed the changes with a new agreement for 2025–30, that strengthens their shared and longstanding commitment to the Program. Through the changes, Sustainable Winegrowing Australia will have appropriate oversight, governance, established funding and committed resourcing – positioning the critical program to deliver value to Australian grapegrowers, winemakers and the broader sector. This will include a focus on how to drive continuous improvement of the ease of use and cost effectiveness of the program on behalf of its members. "Sustainable Winegrowing Australia is fundamental for the sector in continuing to improve its ESG practices and demonstrating its sustainability credentials around the world. This new agreement demonstrates that Australian Grape & Wine, Wine Australia and the Australian Wine Research Institute are aligned in strengthening and improving the Program, supporting its success into the future," said Lee McLean, CEO of Australian Grape & Wine. Wine Australia CEO Dr Martin Cole said the agreement provides confidence to Sustainable Winegrowing Australia members and the wine sector that the Program will continue to be supported and evolve with market requirements. "Sustainability is a strategic imperative for the sector. It is critical to our resilience and competitiveness throughout a changing operational environment that is being driven by

climate change and market, consumer and regulatory pressures. As a key element of the sector's sustainability framework, we're delighted to sign a new joint agreement for Sustainable Winegrowing Australia that will see the Program resourced, strengthened and equipped to support the sector's current and future needs," Dr Cole said. Australian Wine Research Institute Managing Director Dr Mark Krstic said the changes to Sustainable Winegrowing Australia build on its strong foundations as a holistic sustainability program and its growing membership base. "We're delighted to reach a new agreement for the benefit of the sector. Collectively, Sustainable Winegrowing Australia members represent around 70 per cent of Australia's vineyard area and winery members crushed more than 80 per cent of Australia's winegrapes this year. There are more than 1800 members, more than 1200 of whom are certified through the Program. Sustainable Winegrowing Australia provides a framework of annual self-assessments, benchmarking against industry data, and independent certification audits that track and verify progress across sustainable practices," Dr Krstic said. A transitional period will see a new independent Chair, Board and Executive Officer recruited. During this period, the Australian Wine Research Institute will continue to deliver the program providing continuity for members. The current Sustainable Winegrowing Australia lead, Dr Mardi Longbottom, will serve as interim Executive Officer while recruitment is underway. For further information about the Chair role, the position is advertised [here](#). The Australian Wine Research Institute has committed to contributing Sustainable Winegrowing Australia's membership and training income to be invested through Wine Australia's Research & Innovation Fund. In practice, this means that the new arrangements for Sustainable Winegrowing Australia will be funded through this mechanism rather than by levies collected from grapegrowers and winemakers.



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Replanting Costs

For the sake of this exercise, we will assume that all the work is being done by contractors, as growers are tired of working for negative returns.

Following is a cost analysis on planting a new vineyard and how long it would take to recoup your return, based on \$500 per tonne at 20 tonnes to the hectare with no market failure during the 20-year period.

The following analysis does not take into account the purchase of land or water, and assumes that you do

not have to borrow the money as the interest on borrowed money means that you would still be very much in debt at the end of 20 years. However, if you invested \$50,000 for 20 years at 2% your \$50,000 would become \$72840.56 without having to lift a finger.

So, in the event of an over correction in the market which looks imminent, how do you get people to replant vineyards, short answer you do not, wineries will then have to carry this people to replant vineyards, short answer you do not, wineries will then have to carry this burden to ensure their supply.

Initial Investment	Running Cost	Income	Profit	Return on Investment
-\$ 50,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	-\$ 2,500.00	-\$ 52,500.00
year 2	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	-\$ 2,500.00	-\$ 55,000.00
year 3	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	-\$ 2,500.00	-\$ 57,500.00
year 4	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	-\$ 52,500.00
year 5	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	-\$ 47,500.00
year 6	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,850.00	-\$ 42,650.00
year 7	\$ 5,304.50	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,695.50	-\$ 37,954.50
year 8	\$ 5,463.64	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,536.37	-\$ 33,418.14
year9	\$ 5,627.54	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,372.46	-\$ 29,045.68
year10	\$ 5,796.37	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,203.63	-\$ 24,842.05
year 11	\$ 5,970.26	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,029.74	-\$ 20,812.31
year 12	\$ 6,149.37	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,850.63	-\$ 16,961.68
year 13	\$ 6,333.85	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,666.15	-\$ 13,295.53
year 14	\$ 6,523.87	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,476.13	-\$ 9,819.40
year 15	\$ 6,719.58	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,280.42	-\$ 6,538.98
year 16	\$ 6,921.17	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,078.83	-\$ 3,460.15
year 17	\$ 7,128.80	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,871.20	-\$ 588.95
year 18	\$ 7,342.67	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,657.33	\$ 2,068.38
year 19	\$ 7,562.95	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,437.05	\$ 4,505.43
year 20	\$ 7,789.84	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,210.16	\$ 6,715.59

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3. **Transitional assistance for those exiting the industry**, including support to manage vineyard removal, prevent land abandonment and biosecurity risks, and minimise long-term land devaluation—consistent with recommendations put forward in national submissions such as the AGW Pre-Budget Submission.

4. **Targeted investment in export market development**, specifically supporting commercial and popular-premium wines—both packaged and unpackaged—to help address oversupply and improve global market competitiveness for regions like the Riverina.

Premier, time is not on our side. The emotional, financial, and structural damage is compounding daily.

The Riverina wine industry stands ready to work constructively with your government to develop practical, evidence-based and compassionate solutions that protect livelihoods, communities, and the long-term viability of the region.

Our growers and winemakers need to know that New South Wales will stand with them during this crisis—not turn away.

Bruno Brombal RWG Andrew Calabria RWA

Prices Drop for Vintage 2026

Variety	Casella 2025	Casella 2026	Calabria 2025	Calabria 2026	Berton 2025	Berton 2026	DeBortoli 2025	DeBortoli 2026
Chardonnay	\$ 400.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00
Colombard	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 220.00	N/A	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 270.00
Muscat Gordo	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 220.00	N/A	\$ 220.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 300.00
Pinot Gris	\$ 440.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 360.00
Riesling	\$ 320.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.00	N/A	\$ 280.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Sauv Blanc	\$ 380.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 320.00
Semillon	\$ 320.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 270.00
Traminer	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00
White Fronti	\$ 320.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Cab Sauvignon	\$ 320.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 260.00
Durif	\$ 320.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00
Merlot	\$ 320.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00
Petit Verdot	\$ 320.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	N/A	\$ 250.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 150.00
Pinot Noir	\$ 400.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 330.00	N/A	\$ 250.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 360.00
Ruby Cabernet	N/A		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 150.00
Shiraz	\$ 320.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 120.00

Price difference between 2025 and 2026 for wineries that have already released them.

Mental Health Resources 24/7 Counselling Support

- Lifeline –13 11 14
- Rural Outreach Counselling Inc — 0418 762 255 / 0408 221 697
 - NSW Mental Health Helpline – 1800 011 511
 - Mensline Australia — 1300 789 978
 - Beyond Blue — 1300 224 636
- Brother to Brother 24 – hour Crisis Line 1800 435 799
- Suicide Call Back Service — 1300 659 467

Riverina Winegrape Growers

New Rural Financial Counciller

Its Farwell Bonnie and Hello Leanne, unfortunately Bonnie Hayes will be heading back to Bega at the end of January. Bonnie has been an integral part of helping growers in the past couple of years, and has earned the respect and admiration of those she has helped. I would like to wish Bonnie all the best in the next chapter of her life, and thank her for her valuable contribution to the local community, you will be missed. Bonnies position will be filled by Leanne Bode, Leanne is a local who grew up in a farming family from Leeton, then moved away and ran a hospitality business before returning home in March of this year after 38years. Leanne has completed a certificate 4 in accounting and is passionate about

helping people, she understands the challenges and demands of running a business, which is why she took on the roll of Rural Financial Counciller. I would like to welcome Leanne to the team and I know that she is looking forward working with growers in 2026.



RFC Leanne Bode

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year from the Board and Staff of Riverina Winegrape Growers



Thanks for the thought, but I can't handle the wine glut by myself.

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