



Australian Government

Wine Australia

Candidate information

Non-Executive Directors

Wine Australia

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Overview

Wine Australia empowers the success of the Australian grape and wine sector across three key functions:

- Research, Innovation and Adoption to enhance global competitiveness, helping grape and wine businesses meet the challenges of tomorrow, today.
- Market Development to increase the demand and premium paid for Australian wine across all markets by expanding market and promotion opportunities for Australian wine.
- Regulatory Services to safeguard product integrity and uphold the sector's reputation by maintaining market confidence in the high standards expected of Australian wine.

Wine Australia is funded by the sector, for the sector, through grapegrower, winemaker and exporter levies and user-pays charges, with matching funds from the Australian Government for research and innovation. Working collaboratively with the sector and Government, we amplify insights, connection and capability building to support profitable, resilient and sustainable grape and wine businesses.

Wine Australia is a Commonwealth Government statutory authority established under the [Wine Australia Act 2013](#) (the Act).

Wine Australia's functions are prescribed by section 7 of the Act and among other things, these functions include:

- coordinating or funding grape or wine research and development activities
- facilitating the dissemination, adoption and commercialisation of research and development results
- promoting the consumption and sale of grape products, both in Australia and overseas
- controlling the export of grape products from Australia
- implementing, facilitating and administering programs – as directed by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – in relation to wine and international wine tourism, and services, products and experiences that complement international wine tourism, and
- administering grant programs in relation to wine as directed by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Importantly, Wine Australia has a [Statutory Funding Agreement](#) with the Commonwealth, entered into under the Act, which prohibits Wine Australia from engaging in "Agri-Political Activities" and acting as an "Industry Representative Organisation" – meaning that Wine Australia cannot advocate on behalf of the sector, or engage in any form of internal or external political influencing.

For more information on the functions and powers of Wine Australia, please refer to the Act and the [Wine Australia Regulations 2018](#) (Cth).

For further information about Wine Australia, please visit wineaustralia.com.

Wine Australia's Board consists of a Chair and up to seven non-executive Directors appointed by the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry..

Tenure

The non-executive Directors will be appointed for a period up to three years.

Eligibility

A person who is a member of the executive of Wine Australia's representative organisation, Australian Grape and Wine, must not be appointed. If nominated by the Selection Committee, that person must resign from the position at Australian Grape and Wine before appointment is possible.

Remuneration

Remuneration and allowances are prescribed by the Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal for part time public office holders. Information can be found at www.remtribunal.gov.au. For the 2025-26 financial year, the remuneration was set at \$43,980 plus statutory superannuation.

Location

Wine Australia's head office is in Adelaide, South Australia. Travel may be required to attend meetings and other activities. Meetings are held either in person or via videoconference. The Chair and Directors are entitled to travel and accommodation rates as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

Skills and attributes

Applicants shall embrace the role of governance, have demonstrated corporate governance capability and board experience and must be able to demonstrate expertise and/or extensive experience in one or more of the following domains, with particular emphasis on areas highlighted in bold:

- **grapegrowing**
- **winemaking**
- **agriculture, technology, AI**
- **market access and market development; regulatory and trade**
- **research, innovation, and portfolio management**
- research, extension, and adoption
- regional economic development
- ESG
- strategy
- government policy processes, and
- statutory authority governance

Forms for the appointments process

Applicants are asked to provide career and personal details in a maximum of three pages including a brief and current CV and cover letter addressing those areas from the list above in which they have specific skills and experience. Other relevant skills and experience should also be noted. Board experience is essential with understanding of statutory obligations. AICD qualifications will be very highly regarded.

Further Information / How to apply

- Visit **wineaustralia.com** for further information on Wine Australia.
- Confidential enquiries are welcome to **Andrew Reed** and **Justin Hinora** at Hender Consulting on (08) 8100 8827.
- Applications including a cover letter and CV should be addressed to Rebekah Richardson, Presiding Member, Wine Australia Selection Committee by **9.00am Friday, 10 April 2026**.