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MEDIA RELEASE

New WFA Board Announced

Following the Winemakers' Federation of Australia (WFA) Board meeting in Adelaide on 4 December 2008, the new Federation Board Members for the year 2008/2009 have been announced.

As before, the Board of 12 members will comprise four representatives from each of the Small, Medium and Large Winemakers' Membership Committees:

Small Winemakers' Membership Committee

John Ellis, Hanging Rock Winery
Denis Horgan AM, Leeuwin Estate
Colin Campbell, Campbell Wines
Peter Schulz, Turkey Flat Vineyards
Plus permanent alternate: David Lowe, Lowe Family Wine Co.

Medium Winemakers' Membership Committee

John Angove, Angove's Pty Ltd
George Wahby, McWilliam's Wines
Mitchell Taylor, Taylors Wines
Robert Hill Smith, The Yalumba Wine Company
Plus permanent alternate: Andrew McPherson, McPherson Wines

Large Winemakers' Membership Committee

Philip Laffer, Pernod Ricard Pacific (Alternate Stephen Couche, Orlando Wines)
Ian Johnston, Foster's Group (Alternate Richard Wise, Foster's Group)
John Grant, Constellation Wines Australia (Alternate Sally Glover, Constellation Wines Australia)
Brian McGuigan AM, Australian Vintage Ltd (Alternate Dane Hudson, Australian Vintage Ltd)

Following the resignation of David Clarke AO due to ill health, Philip Laffer has been appointed interim WFA President until the selection of a President is finalised.

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Background

The organisational structure of the Winemakers' Federation of Australia is made up of three membership categories – small membership category, medium membership category and large membership category. This structure ensures representation across all production levels.

Each of these membership categories has its own committee and nominates representatives to the Federation's Board.

Small Winemakers' Membership Committee

John Ellis, Hanging Rock Winery (Chair)
Denis Horgan AM, Leeuwin Estate
Colin Campbell, Campbell Wines
Peter Schulz, Turkey Flat Vineyards
David Lowe, Lowe Family Wine Co.
Chris Pfeiffer, Pfeiffer Wines
David O'Leary, O'Leary Walker Wines
Leeanne Gangemi, Ballandean Estate Wines
Alexandra Wright, Voyager Estate
Andrew Hood, Frogmore Creek
Neville Rowe, Sevenhill Cellars
Christina Tulloch, Tulloch Wines
Andrew Margan, Margan Family Winegrowers

Medium Winemaker's Membership Committee

John Angove, Angove's Pty Ltd (Chair)
George Wahby, McWilliam's Wines
Robert Hill Smith, The Yalumba Wine Company
Mitchell Taylor, Taylors Wines
Darren De Bortoli, De Bortoli Wines
Angus McPherson, Casella Wines
Andrew McPherson, McPherson Wines
Matt Fowles, Plunkett Fowles

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