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The Australian Wine
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AWRI Board election results announced

The Australian Wine Research Institute this week announced the results of its recent Board election.

Dr John Harvey of Bathe Wines in South Australia was elected in the small producer category and Wendy Cameron, a Winemaking Consultant from Victoria, was elected in the medium producer category. Iain Jones of Treasury Wine Estates was the only nominated candidate from the large producer category and was therefore elected unopposed.

AWRI Chair Louisa Rose, welcomed the new Directors and said “John, Wendy and Iain bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the AWRI Board and I look forward to working with them over the next three years. With a new long-term funding agreement with Wine Australia having just been signed, this is an exciting time to be involved in the future direction of grape and wine research, development and extension in Australia.”

Dr John Harvey, a current Director of the AWRI, is the owner of Bathe Wines and a Non-Executive Director of Revenir Winemaking Pty Ltd. He is a former Executive Director of the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation (now part of Wine Australia) and a past Chair of the Adelaide Hills Wine Region. John holds a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Genetics, a PhD and an MBA from the University of Adelaide and has worked as a researcher. Away from wine, he currently holds a number of other commercial and not-for-profit board positions.

Wendy Cameron is an experienced winemaker and wine business manager. Wendy worked for Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyards for 17 years, initially as a winemaker and for 10 years as Head of Winemaking. Prior to this Wendy managed her own small family winery business in Victoria. Currently Wendy continues as a winemaking consultant to Brown Brothers Milawa Vineyards. Wendy was awarded the inaugural ASVO Winemaker of the Year Award in 2012 and was a finalist in the Gourmet Traveller Wine Winemaker of the Year competition in 2015. Wendy holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Biochemistry and Microbiology), a Masters of Science (Biochemistry), a Bachelor of Applied Science (Wine Science) a Graduate Diploma of Education, a Graduate Certificate of Business and is a Master of Wine.

Iain Jones spent his early career working with winemaking and operational teams to improve wine quality and operational efficiencies. In the last 12 years, he has been working in senior management roles, providing leadership across a broad portfolio of areas including: Laboratories, Quality Assurance, Environmental Management, Research and Development, Health and Safety, Engineering and Lean Business Improvement. Iain is actively involved in a number of industry organisations and committees and holds a Bachelor of Science (Biochemistry and Microbiology) and a Masters by Research (Microbiology) focusing on wine quality assurance.

All three Directors will commence their elected term on 1 January 2018. The terms of outgoing Directors, Kim Horton and Dr Stuart McNab, will conclude on 31 December 2017. The AWRI thanks Kim and Stuart for their significant contributions over the last three years.

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