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The Australian Wine
Research Institute

Drinking in the science

Wine lovers will learn more about their favourite drop from scientists at The Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) in an evening of wine tasting and science on 16 August in Adelaide.

For more than 60 years the AWRI has provided scientific research and support for the Australian wine industry. This event will give AWRI scientists a new opportunity to share their findings with wine consumers.

In an evening sponsored by Inspiring South Australia as part of National Science Week, the scientists will provide guided tastings and discuss the science behind wine flavours and texture.

“Researchers at the AWRI work closely with members of the Australian wine community, but it’s rare to have the chance to communicate directly with wine consumers,” said Research Scientist, Dr Jacqui McRae, who is coordinating the event.

“This is a chance to share scientific knowledge with people who love wine and discuss how all these different flavours and aromas can be produced by grapes, yeast and the actions of grapegrowers and winemakers.”

Busting wine-related myths is also high on the agenda for the evening.

“There are many myths that circulate in wine discussions,” Dr McRae added. “It will be fun to explore the scientific evidence behind these myths and find out what is really going on.”

Antioxidants in wine, artificial wine-ageing techniques and screw-caps are central to some of these myths.

Expert panellists including Dr Creina Stockley, Dr Eric Wilkes, Tracey Siebert, Simon Dillon and Dr Josh Hixson will discuss topics such as influences of fermentation, flavours and aromas, red wine texture, wine and health and influences of oxygen.

‘A Big Glass of Wine Science’ will be held at The Store, 157 Melbourne St. North Adelaide, on 16 August at 5:30pm. Bookings can be made via the AWRI website: <https://www.awri.com.au/events/a-big-glass-of-wine-science-tasting-event>

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