

Iain Jones General Manager – Technical Services, Treasury Wine Estates (TWE)

I have Bachelor of Science from the University of Newcastle majoring in Biochemistry and Microbiology and a Masters Research degree in Microbiology / Food Science from the University of NSW.

Over the last 20 years I have gained extensive practical and technical leadership experience in the wine industry. My early career focused on working with winemaking and operational teams to improve wine quality and operational efficiencies. As my career has progressed I have transitioned to senior technical roles where I lead a broad portfolio of areas including; Laboratories, Quality Assurance, Environmental management, Research and Development, Health and Safety, Engineering and Lean Business Improvement. In my current role I lead the direction of TWE's Science and Technology strategy.

I maintain an active profile in the broader industry and am the TWE representative on the Australian Grape and Wine Technical Committee, Professional member of The Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology, Professional member of The Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology and have previously been a Committee member on the Wine Industry Suppliers Association Innovation committee. I have been a board member of the Australian Wine Research Institute for the past 3 years and am seeking re-election to continue to guide the AWRI to remain at the forefront of scientific research whilst providing excellent support and technical direction to the Australian wine industry.



Nigel Sneyd MW

Nigel is a Master of Wine (MW) and senior executive in international winemaking who has directed wine style development in Australia and internationally. His career in the wine industry spans forty years and has included delivering major cross-functional projects in large-scale and boutique-scale wine production in diverse cultural settings.

Most recently, Nigel enjoyed a 15 year career with E&J Gallo, the world's largest wine producer by market share. His time there saw him overseeing firstly the company's international winemaking operations before being appointed a Director of Winemaking in California. His responsibilities exposed him to winemaking in Italy, Spain, Germany, South Africa, California, Argentina and New Zealand. In addition to executing winemaking projects and operations to improve production and capacity within the business, Nigel played a central role in liaising between winemaking and the company's extensive viticulture and oenology research and process technology divisions.

Prior to Gallo, Nigel was the Director of Domaine de la Baume in France, then owned by BRL Hardy, a forerunner to Accolade Wines, and later director of a negociant business specialising in high-end appellation wines from the Languedoc. Before leaving for France, he was Manager of Extension and Advisory Services at the Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) for four years.

Nigel completed his first Oenology degree at Charles Sturt University in Australia and his second at the Université de Dijon in France where he obtained his Diplôme National d'Oenologue as Dux of his year. His time in France also allowed him to complete internships at Domaine Dujac in Burgundy, Champagne Krug and INRA, as well as to become fluent in French. He completed his Masters of Business Administration (MBA) shortly before leaving Australia for France in 1994.

In October 2019 he returned to Australia as Global Director of Wine and Quality for Accolade Wines. Nigel has full responsibility for ensuring the highest standards of winemaking, quality and compliance are met and exceeded globally.