



## Mary Retallack

*B.App.Sc, P.Grad.Dip (NRM), B.Ed, Grad.Dip (Viticulture), P.Cert (Arb), CPAg, GAICD, ARLF*

### AWRI BOARD NOMINATION - PROFILE/STATEMENT

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Mary Retallack is a third generation viticulturist who has worked professionally over the last two decades in a range of wine industry research, development, management, extension and consultancy roles. Mary has tertiary qualifications in Conservation and Park Management, Natural Resource Management, Education, Arbitration and Viticulture. Mary is currently Managing Director of Retallack Viticulture, which offers a broad range of viticultural consulting services throughout Australia.

Mary offers independence, sound business acumen and is an experienced company director, who offers both scientific and a practical working knowledge of wine industry research, development, extension and adoption activities. She is also a PhD viticulture student at the University of Adelaide.

Along with Mary's tertiary qualifications, she is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors Diploma course, a Fellow of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation, a past participant of the Wine Industry's Future Leaders Program, a past Director of Wine Communicators of Australia and a past Non-Executive Director of the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation.

Mary is also a member of the South Australian Wine Industry Council, Adelaide University - Wine Alumni Steering Group, editorial panel member for The Australian and New Zealand Grapegrower and Winemaker Journal, a founding member of Wine Grape Growers' Australia - Decision Support Network and advisory board member of 'Women of the Vine' Global Symposium.

Mary is the RIRDC Rural Woman of the Year, SA and National winner 2012 and was most recently recognised by Emerald Grain on their list of 100 Women in Australian Agribusiness.

*As Managing Director/Owner of my own company, Bathe Wines, Chair of the Adelaide Hills Wine Region, past Executive Director of the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation and as a former researcher, I have worked within the wine industry and with research and researchers for well over a dozen years. This background has provided me with broad experience of the priorities, organisations, politics and structures of the Australian wine industry, the R&D system and relationships with state and federal governments.*

*I hold a number of diverse positions away from wine including the role of Director of Business Development at BioInnovation SA where I am responsible for the organisations investments in the commercialization of innovative science in South Australia. I am also a Non-Executive Director of Rural Business Support, Studio Nine Architects and the Can:Do 4 Kids Group of Charities.*

*I hold a Bachelor of Science with Honours, a PhD and MBA from the University of Adelaide and am a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.*

*I've been a board member of the AWRI since 2012 and also sit as a member of the organisations Audit Committee. The AWRI is uniquely placed to continue to serve industry's R&D needs and to ensure that innovation makes a difference to the bottom line for growers and wine makers of all sizes.*

*I hope to continue to use my skills and experience in R&D administration, commercialisation, business development and board governance, to compliment the considerable expertise that sits around the AWRI's board table by playing my part in guiding the strategic direction and activities of the organisation on behalf of everyone who puts their hard earned dollars toward industry research.*

John Harvey September 2014.



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