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New app to help winemakers manage ferments in vintage 2017

Australian winemakers now have access to an app that will allow them to track ferments online and identify problem ferments earlier. The AWRI has this week launched the online version of its Ferment Simulator – just in time for vintage 2017!

The Ferment Simulator app stores all ferment-related data and uses powerful algorithms to predict the progress of each ferment recorded. Warnings are given if ferments are running faster or slower than initially predicted, allowing winemakers to take actions early. The app also incorporates a modelling function, giving winemakers the option to test various actions online before making changes in the winery.

Hosted on the AWRI's WineCloud platform, the Ferment Simulator app is available free to all Australian wine producers.

Commenting on the launch of the app, AWRI Commercial Services Group Manager, Dr Eric Wilkes said 'The new Ferment Simulator app will allow winemakers to manage their ferments better, avoid costly fermentation problems and access fermentation data remotely. It is exciting to have this online tool ready for vintage 2017'.

The app is supported by a series of video tutorials and an FAQ document, accessible from the AWRI website. Users can register to access the app at www.thewinecloud.com.au.

The new Ferment Simulator app is based on the spreadsheet-format Ferment Simulator released in 2013.

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