

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Skilled taster reaps rewards**

The Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) announced this week that Tim Pelquest-Hunt, White and Rosé Winemaker at Pernod Ricard Winemakers in the Barossa Valley, was the dux of the 41<sup>st</sup> Advanced Wine Assessment Course.

As dux, Tim has accepted a place as an associate judge for the 2017 Royal Adelaide Wine Show, which starts on Sunday – a highly sought-after position due to the very limited number available.

After learning he had been named the dux, Tim commented ‘This course recalibrated my palate and gave me the skills to more effectively express my interpretation of the glass in front of me. I look forward to applying these learnings in both the wines I create and in wine judging. I am honoured and excited by the opportunity to participate in one of Australia’s most highly revered wine shows and I look forward to any potential opportunities that will arise from it.’

The selection of the dux is based on statistical scores, verbal skills and group interaction.

Con Simos, Group Manager – Industry Services at the AWRI, who is responsible for the course, said ‘The AWRI is delighted to continue its partnership with the Royal Adelaide Wine Show and to see Tim offered a well-deserved associate judging place. During the course he showcased consistency in tasting scores and an excellent ability to communicate about wine.’

The AWAC, presented by the AWRI, puts participants through a gruelling and intensive four-day program of wine sensory education and assessment. It aims to prepare potential new wine show judges and develop the sensory analysis capabilities and vocabulary of Australian wine professionals at an elite level. Twelve leading wine show judges, journalists and winemakers contribute to the delivery of the course, alongside AWRI staff.

The next AWAC will be held in November 2017. Course details are available at:  
[http://www.awri.com.au/industry\\_support/courses-seminars-workshops/awac/](http://www.awri.com.au/industry_support/courses-seminars-workshops/awac/)

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Tim Pelquest-Hunt, White and Rosé Winemaker, Pernod Ricard Winemakers

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