

## NEWS RELEASE

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The Australian Wine  
Research Institute

### Exploring the scientific past and future of wine

Wine lovers will learn more about the scientific breakthroughs that have made wine what it is today at an event filled with wine tastings and stories in Adelaide on 14 and 15 August. They will also look to the future with discussions of the challenges and emerging technologies that will change how wine is produced, viewed and consumed.

‘Grape Expectations! The Future of Wine’ will bring scientists from The Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI) out of the lab and give them a chance to share their knowledge with wine consumers.

Held during National Science Week as a part of Big Science Adelaide, the evening will include guided wine tastings and discussions of a range of scientific questions about wine: How do microbes make wine taste so good and so different from grapes? How can wine last so long? How does a cork or screw cap change the wine? What does it take to make wine taste better, keep longer and stay clear and bright?

“There is so much interesting science behind the wines we like to drink – both past discoveries and exciting directions for the future,” said Senior Research Scientist, Dr Jacqui McRae, who is coordinating the event.

“This is a chance to share scientific knowledge with people who love wine and want to learn more about it in a fun and relaxed environment.”

Expert panellists from the AWRI will also will also debunk some common wine-related folklore, and, give audience members an opportunity to ask questions about all things wine and science in a group discussion.

‘Grape Expectations! The Future of Wine’ will be held at The Gilbert Suite, Adelaide Convention Centre, on 14 and 15 August at 5:15pm. Bookings can be made via the AWRI website: <https://www.awri.com.au/events/>. Tickets include drinks on arrival and light refreshments throughout the evening.

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**National Science Week** is Australia’s annual celebration of science and technology, with more than 1,000 events held across the nation. National Science Week 2018 runs from 11-19 August. Event details can be found at [www.scienceweek.net.au](http://www.scienceweek.net.au).