



GREATER VICTORIA SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS

Both in Australia and internationally, there is a growing focus on sustainable grape and wine production. This is increasing interest in sustainability credentials for vineyards and wineries, as well as new production techniques. This workshop will present a range of drivers for sustainable production and demonstrate the tools and resources available through Sustainable Winegrowing Australia to support adoption of sustainable practices. Two case studies from a Victorian vineyard and winery will demonstrate the efficiencies and economic gains being achieved from more sustainable practices.

Duration	Agenda	Presenter
10 minutes	Introduction	Liz Pitcher
40 minutes	Sustainability – global insights	Mardi Longbottom
25 minutes	Greater Victoria sustainability performance and targets	Liz Pitcher
15 minutes	Break	
30 minutes	Sustainability certification	Mardi Longbottom
20 minutes	Sustainability in action in Greater Victoria – case study	Chris Brodie
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20 minutes	Q&A	

This workshop is supported by funding from the Wine Australia's Regional Program and the Australian Wine Research Institute.

Booking is essential. Please register via the link below for the session you wish to attend.

MONDAY, 6 JUNE 2022

2.00pm – 5.00pm (ACST)
Online via Zoom

[Register here](#)

TUESDAY, 7 JUNE 2022

8.30am – 11.30am (ACST)
Online via Zoom

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Mardi Longbottom, Manager Sustainability and Viticulture, AWRI

Mardi began her career in the wine industry in the early 1990s helping to establish her family's vineyards in Padthaway, South Australia. Shortly afterwards she gained her viticultural degree and held technical and vineyard management positions across numerous Australian wine regions. Mardi returned to the University of Adelaide in 2002 where she completed a Masters and PhD in Viticulture and was a Lecturer in Viticulture. For the past ten years, Mardi has focused on research and extension of wine industry sustainability projects including regional climate risk analyses, benchmarking greenhouse gas emissions from vineyards and the management of corporate water assets. She now manages the Australian wine industry's sustainability program, Sustainable Winegrowing Australia. Mardi is a graduate of the SA Governor's Leadership Foundation Program, and a former director of Australian Grape and Wine Inc and the Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology.



Liz Pitcher, Sustainability and Viticulture Specialist, AWRI

Liz has qualifications in both Agricultural Science and Applied Science (Viticulture) and twenty years of wine industry experience. Her work experience includes various roles within small, medium and corporate wine industry businesses, incorporating grapegrowing, winemaking and research. Liz worked for seven years across SA's Limestone Coast, Langhorne Creek, McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills regions as a Grower Liaison Officer for Treasury Wine Estates and, most recently, she worked as Technical and Organic Manager at Chalk Hill Viticulture in McLaren Vale. In that role Liz gained extensive experience implementing sustainability and organic certification systems including managing Sustainable Winegrowing Australia membership on behalf of 17 vineyards, five of which she also successfully led through the certification process. Liz has served as a director of NASAA Organic for the past two years giving her valuable strategic insight into organic certification systems.



Chris Brodie, Sustainability Specialist, AWRI

Chris was born and grew up on a sheep and cattle farm in New Zealand and his studies in horticulture led him to working in kiwifruit, avocados, asparagus and apples. In 1997, Chris moved to Australia with his wife Janet to take up a horticulturist position with Wingara Wine Group looking after wine-grapes, citrus and avocados. In 2000, Chris moved to manage the Katnook Estate vineyards in Coonawarra where he was responsible for vineyard and orchard management, and the implementation of quality, safety and environmental systems. Chris has held numerous industry roles including as member of the Coonawarra Grapegrowers Association, CRCV industry reference group, AWRI agrochemical reference group, Limestone Coast water allocation review industry reference group, ARC innovative wine production reference group and as an ASVO director. He also contributed to the development of the Coonawarra Environment management plan. Since retiring from Katnook Estate in 2021, Chris is enjoying his role as a councillor with the Wattle Range Council, volunteering with the Penola National Trust, spending time in his garden, blacksmithing and metal work.