



RUTHERGLEN SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP

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, the vision and performance of the Rutherglen wine region, and case studies from Rutherglen producers who have achieved efficiencies and economic benefits by adopting more sustainable practices.

WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2022

Tuileries at De Bortoli Rutherglen
13-35 Drummond St, Rutherglen, VIC, 3685

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Time	Agenda	Presenter
9:00am	Introduction	Annalee Nolan
	Sustainable Winegrowing Australia and project update	Liz Pitcher
	Sustainable Winegrowing Rutherglen – vision	Liz Pitcher
	Sustainable Winegrowing Rutherglen – performance and targets	Chris Brodie
	Q&A	
10:30am	Break	
	Lake Moodemere Estate – case study	Joel Chambers
	Stanton & Killeen – case study	Natasha Killeen
	Sustainable Winegrowing Rutherglen – commitment	Chris Brodie
	Q&A	
12:30	Lunch, concluding at 2:30pm	

This workshop is supported by funding from the National Landcare program, Winemakers of Rutherglen and the Australian Wine Research Institute.

Morning tea and lunch provided. Booking is essential.

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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.