

Nomination for AWRI Board Position

Brett McClen



With an extensive career in vineyard management, coupled with a passion for contributing to the Australian wine industry, I am very keen to continue my current role with the AWRI Board. Through my experience and knowledge in several of the key areas required for the role of Director, I am confident of my ability to contribute to the ongoing success and evolution of the AWRI.

I am currently the Head of Viticulture & Sustainability for Brown Family Wine Group. In my role I oversee all the Company's grape growing across a total of 830 Ha of vineyards located throughout the Murray Valley, King Valley, Heathcote, and Tasmania. I am also responsible for the Company's sustainability agenda as well as the Infrastructure & Reliability portfolio.

I have an Honours degree in Agricultural Science as well as a Master's Degree in Business Administration. I have also previously served two terms as a director of the ASVO. My professional experience and education places me in a strong position to contribute to the AWRI board and help the organisation to achieve its mission and goals.

To the AWRI board I offer viticultural technical and management expertise, sustainability insights, and a true passion and enthusiasm for the continued evolution of viticultural and wine research. I firmly believe that our national Viticulture and Winemaking industry must continue to improve its technical ability to help Australian wine maintain its global competitiveness.



Pernod Ricard Winemakers



Courtney Ribbons

B.Com, FCPA, GAICD

Courtney has worked within Pernod Ricard Winemakers for the past 18 years across a broad range of areas including Operations, Finance & Supply Chain.

In her current role of Supply Chain Operations Manager she is responsible for leading a large & diverse team across Australia and New Zealand including Production Planning & Scheduling, Third Party Packaging, Export Logistics, International Customer Service and the Rowland Flat Warehouse Operation. In addition, she is currently a board member with Barossa Australia, and has previously served as a non-executive Director for the Australian Wine Research Institute.

Courtney is an agile and authentic leader, with a strong belief that connection & relationships build engagement and improved performance comes through strengths-based coaching.

She has strengths in project & change management, creativity & innovation, commercial & business knowledge, risk and strategy development.

Courtney holds a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in finance, accounting & accounting information systems, is a Fellow with Certified Practising Accountants Australia and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She is a certified change manager and a skilled facilitator with specialised training in the creative thinking process. She is also a Mental Health First Aider.

Courtney is a proud long-term resident of the Barossa Valley where she resides with her husband Shaun, and 2 children. She loves supporting the local wine industry, watching her children follow their passions for sports and theatre and in her spare time loves a run on the hockey field as part of Nuriootpa Hockey Club.