



CHIEF VITICULTURALIST APPOINTED

Great wines must start the journey as great fruit, and with Howard Park's focus on grape quality we are pleased to announce the appointment of David Botting as Chief Viticulturalist.

David has been directly involved in the wine grape industry for over 25 years. He has managed wine grape enterprises in the Riverland and South East of South Australia.

He joined the staff of Roseworthy Agricultural College in 1989 where he taught in the area of applied viticulture and managed vine improvement trials within Roseworthy's Grape and Wine Research Unit. Following the merger of Roseworthy Agricultural College and the Waite Research Institute of Adelaide University he conducted research within the Strategic Vineyard Management Project (Canopy Management) of the Cooperative Research Centre for Viticulture based at the Waite Campus of Adelaide University.

David joined Davidson Viticultural Consulting Services in July 1997 and as part of an active team of consultants has been providing viticultural advice to an extensive range of clients in most wine growing regions of Australia advising on technical aspects of viticulture, vineyard management, as well as on agribusiness plans and proposals. He is the author of a number of technical and scientific papers and has made numerous presentations to wine grape growers throughout the industry.

'We are thrilled to have David on board, he brings a wealth of knowledge that will be used to increase the quality of fruit produced in the region', said owner Jeff Burch.

David will be based at Howard Park Wines in Margaret River and will provide viticultural input to the Leston and the development of the new Scotsdale vineyard in the Porongurups. David will also handle all matters regarding grape suppliers and provide viticultural support.

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