

April Quarterly Update

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Welcome four new PhD researchers to CRCV Program 4**
- **Register for upcoming Assessor Development Network Workshops**
- **Access the latest resources**
- **Update on WINETAC constitutional changes**
- **Farewell from Libby Boschen**

Reduced Prices On **CURRENT** Training Package Support Materials

Take advantage of reduced prices on CD versions of all support materials for the **existing** Wine Sector Training Package (FDF 98). It is not yet known if funding will be available to develop materials for the yet to be released revised Training Package (FDF 02), and with 58% of the existing package remaining unchanged (except for format) this is a great opportunity to meet your training and assessment needs. For details contact **Sue** on (08) 8373 7090 or email: info@winetac.com.au

THANK YOU TO INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS

The contribution by people in the wine and grape industry to projects undertaken by WINETAC has been tremendous. The total value of in-kind contribution in 2000/2001 was \$230,454! This year, industry contribution to the Training Package project alone totals \$72,830. Thank you for your investment into the future of education and training in your industry!

YOUR VIEWS ON THIS PUBLICATION

Thank you to the respondents to our Quarterly Update evaluation. The returns indicate that **project** and **resource** updates are the most popular items and the preferred frequency of the publication is quarterly. Thanks again for your feedback.

REVISED WINE INDUSTRY TRAINING PACKAGE

The **National Food ITAB** informs us that it anticipates the revised Wine Industry Training Package will be endorsed and available by July or August this year, which is good news!

A transition period will apply, so there's no need to panic! New learners will be able to enrol into either the old or the revised Training Package for 12 months. People already undertaking training will be able to either continue under the old Training Package, or transfer to the revised one.

The revised Training Package is not available for use yet, but if you would like to have a look, it is available on the WINETAC website, www.winetac.com.au. Click on the "Downloads" bar on the right side of the screen, then on "Revised Training Package".

We have requested funding from **ANTA** for the redevelopment of support materials (VET Manual, Learner & Trainer Guides, Assessment Instruments) and for the provision of transition support for industry and RTOs. No decision has been made yet, but we remain hopeful. We want to assist to make the transition process as smooth as possible, so more news when we get it...

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Project Updates

NEW PhD RESEARCHERS

Another four PhD researchers have commenced their PhD's on CRCV research projects. We welcome:

Anne Penrose, Project 2.1.1, Water use efficiency in grapevines, CSIRO, Urrbrae SA

Maria de Sa, Project 1.2, Wine grape tannin and colour specification, AWRI, Urrbrae, SA

Merran Smith, Project 1.3, Viticultural control of flavour compounds in wine, AWRI, Urrbrae, SA

Joanne Tilbrook, Project 2.4.1, Shiraz berry weight loss at sub-optimal maturity, Adelaide Uni, SA

There are now twenty-one CRCV-sponsored PhD researchers who are involved in a wide variety of CRCV research projects, all looking for advances that will help ensure the long term success of the Australian wine industry.

Assessor Development Network

Increasing the quality and consistency of assessment

CHAT ROOM OUTCOMES 21ST FEB

How many: Eight assessors on line, plus two assessors providing comment as unable to join in

Where from: SA, VIC, SA and TAS

Topic: Graded assessment – how competent is competent

Discussion summary:

- ❖ general discussion/questioning regarding how graded assessment fits in with competency based assessment
- ❖ suggestion that if graded assessment is to be considered, it needs to be a 2 stage process – the 1st stage being where competence (or otherwise) is determined, the 2nd stage allowing for grading of performance
- ❖ question regarding resources – ie: if assessing beyond determining competence against a standard, how is this funded?
- ❖ recommendation that alternative methods of recognising performance be adopted by companies rather than including it within the assessment process

The word 'CHATROOM' is written in a large, bold, yellow font with a 3D effect and a drop shadow. The letters are slightly irregular and have a hand-drawn feel.

Register now to take part in the next chat room

The next assessor chat room is planned for May. Register now by going to www.winetac.com.au and clicking on registration. The date, time, discussion topic and any relevant readings will be circulated by email before the event. I welcome your recommendations regarding a topic – what issues are important to you?

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VALIDATION

A to Z of assessment

What is it?

Validation is the process that involves reviewing, comparing and evaluating assessment processes, tools and evidence contributing to judgements made by a range of assessors against the same standards. It may involve review by both technical and assessment specialists, and may be internal and/or external.

Why do it?

Validation aims to ensure that all assessments are valid, reliable and fair and that decisions are based on sufficient and appropriate evidence (therefore meeting the assessment principles of the Training Package). In essence, validation forms part of an assessment quality assurance system.

Who does it?

All Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) must now validate their assessment strategies at least annually and document any action taken to improve the quality and consistency of assessment in order to meet the requirements of Standard 9 of the Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF). It is likely that this process will involve workplace assessors as well as those assessors working for the RTO. The process also provides an opportunity for assessors to meet their requirement to review their assessment processes (as part of their assessor qualification/competencies).

How do you do it?

There are a number of ways in which validation can be achieved, including:

- ❖ Assessor meetings
- ❖ Assessment panels/teams
- ❖ Statistical comparison of assessment tasks
- ❖ Benchmarking
- ❖ Using common assessment tasks
- ❖ Using a 'lead' assessor
- ❖ Mentoring assessors

Where can you find out more information?

- ❖ ANTA Training Package Assessment Materials Project – Guide 8 *Strategies for ensuring consistency in assessment* and Guide 10 *Quality assurance guide for assessment* – available from Australian Training Products phone 02 9655 0600, email sales@atpl.net.au
- ❖ Vocational Education & Assessment Centre (VEAC) is currently conducting a project in relation to assessment validation strategies – check out www.veac.org.au or email penny.noble@det.nsw.edu.au for more information. This project will result in the publication of an assessment validation guide – keep an eye on the site as a final copy should be available to download in the future
- ❖ Contact Sarah at WINETAC on 08 8373 7090 or sarah@winetac.com.au to discuss other opportunities eg via the Assessor Development Network

Assessment context, holistic/integrated assessment, recognition, transparency, validation - what do all these words really mean?

To find out, check out the **glossary of assessment terms** via the following website:

www.veac.org.au/w%20%20whats%20new%20sub%20pages/Assessment%20Terminology.htm (this is not a typo, it is the correct website address!)

Assessor Development Network

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Register now and get together
with other assessors!

The focus of these workshops will be on:

- ❖ exploring methods for assessment validation
- ❖ developing a shared understanding of the new units within the revised Training Package (pending confirmed release date)
- ❖ and meeting the new Australian Quality Training Framework standards

Workshop #	Location	Date
1.	SA - South East	June (date tbc, pending responses)
2.	SA - Riverland	20 th June
3.	SA – Barossa/Clare	24 th June
4.	VIC	May/June (date and location dependent upon responses)
5.	NSW	May/June (date and location dependent upon responses)

Workshop registration FAX BACK to: 08 8373 7091 or POST to: 1/206 Greenhill Road, Eastwood SA 5063	
Workshop number	
Name	
Organisation	
Phone	
Fax	
Email	
Stream/s in which you assess	
Level/s to which you assess	
Are you able to provide examples of completed assessments for use at the workshop?	

Resources

MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF AUSTRALIAN QUALITY TRAINING FRAMEWORK STANDARD 9.2

Standard 9.2 states that:

"The RTO must validate its assessment strategies by:

- i reviewing, comparing and evaluating the assessment processes, tools and evidence contributing to judgements made by a range of assessors against the same competency standards**, at least annually; and
- ii documenting any action taken to improve the quality and consistency of assessment.

VETASSESS has been commissioned by the Australian National Training Authority to develop an eleventh assessment materials guide. Guide 11 is being developed to assist registered training organisations to address Standard 9 of the Australian Quality Training Framework *Standards for registered training organisations*.

It is envisaged that Guide 11 – Developing and validating delivery and assessment strategies will comprise:

- ❖ six main sections including identifying appropriate partners, key features of delivery and assessment strategies, and validating assessment strategies
- ❖ a set of templates
- ❖ a list of references
- ❖ a glossary

Guide 11 should be available in early May 2002. For more information contact **Sue Hamilton** on **03 9655 4808** or email sueh@vetassess.com.au.

Bugmatch-Grapes

The new version of the CRCV's Bugmatch – Grapes' CD-ROM has been released, offering growers a comprehensive and up-to-date directory of the latest research and management of pests and diseases.

Produced by the CRCV and Aventis CropScience, with support from the Phylloxera and Grape Industry Board of South Australia and Monash University, the CD-ROM enables the easy identification of pests and diseases.

Project Manager **Dr Mary Cole**, Director of Wine Technology and Marketing at Monash University, said the new 'Bugmatch-Grapes' would provide users with the text and graphical information to identify pests and diseases, as well as offer biological, cultural and chemical management options.

"Importantly, Bugmatch-Grapes' will now include the National Phylloxera Protocols and a module dealing with organic methods of viticulture," Mary said.

'Bugmatch-Grapes' is now available through Aventis CropScience for \$48.50 (including GST and postage). Please contact **Jessica Greenwell** at Aventis on (03) 9248 6823 for details and orders.

Great value assessment resources now on CD

You can now buy the complete set of **specialist/optional assessment instrument templates** for the current Training Package on CD for only \$50 (incl GST). Also included on this CD are the **eight detailed wine grape growing assessment instruments** (developed by the Riverland Assessor Network) AND copies of all handouts, checklist, templates, information sheets developed for use in assessor workshops over the last 18 months.

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News in Brief

RESEARCH INTO ON-LINE LEARNING

Keep an eye on the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) website – www.ncver.edu.au/online.htm for research and publications in relation to on-line learning.

UPDATED PROVIDER LIST

Are you looking for a Training Provider or looking to further your studies in the Wine Industry? Our updated provider list will be on the CRCV website in the near future!

Tips for small businesses looking to recruit an apprentice or trainee

Practical tips and advice are available via <http://www.ette.vic.gov.au/apprenticeships/smallbusiness> - including a detailed 10 step process aimed at ensuring recruitment is a success for your business.



Nominations are currently open for the Australian Training Awards 2002. Check out www.anta.gov.au/vetTheAwards.asp for nomination categories, eligibility criteria and deadlines.

NEW CONSTITUTION UNDERWAY

A working party has now developed a new constitution for WINETAC. Our aim is to ensure that the newly defined purpose, management and rules of the association are capable of meeting the challenges ahead. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment on the constitution over the next few weeks and we aim to lodge our new constitution on 01.07.02.

Please contact **Libby** on 08 8373 7090 or libby@winetac.com.au for further information.

MAINTAINING AN INDUSTRY-DRIVEN APPROACH

Libby (WINETAC EO) will meet with members of the Australian Regional Winemakers' Forum in April to agree the best way of ensuring their proactive support in the challenges ahead. The forum will provide feedback on the draft constitution and identify the most appropriate way to input the views and needs of their members in the future. With Paul Chambers (WINETAC Board member for Victoria and a committed education and training advocate) now heading the forum, WINETAC looks forward to a stronger link with all states.

Other News

LIBBY LEAVES WINETAC

Regrettably, Libby has decided to resign her position as Executive Officer of WINETAC and will leave on 26 June 2002.

Libby has been leading our industry's peak training body since September 1997 and has, as you know, always demonstrated integrity, enthusiasm and an unflagging focus on her customers' needs in going about the business of positioning WINETAC to deliver quality learning and development outcomes for our industry.

Her legacy will be not only her achievements to date but a sound platform for the industry's future needs. Libby will be sorely missed, both personally and professionally, and I'm sure will go with the best wishes of everyone who has had the opportunity of working with her over the last few years.

Best regards



Nick Slape
Chair

CHEERIO FROM LIBBY

My time in the wine industry has been a challenge and a pleasure. I am proud of my achievements whilst at WINETAC and have thoroughly enjoyed my experience. I have made many good friends, all of whom I will miss. I have learned a lot, shed tears of frustration and laughed more, leaving me with memories to treasure.

At this point in time, I have no idea what my next steps will be, but am confident that with a little breathing space to reflect and take stock, I will resume what has been a fulfilling career to date.

Thank you to all of you who share my belief in the potential of our industry's people and have supported WINETAC and myself over the years. Thank you also to my team (Sarah, Peter and Sue), in whose capable hands I will leave WINETAC, for their professionalism and willingness to learn; and to my Board for their unflagging support and belief.

ENJOY!

