

# Resume

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# PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION:

Since 2009 Company Directors Course Diploma (GAICD)
Australian Institute of Company Directors

Since 2005 Certified Practising Agriculturalist (CPAg)
Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology

# **EDUCATION:**

2002	Certificate in Professional Introductory Wine Evaluation Training University of Adelaide - Waite Campus
1998 - 2001	Graduate Diploma in Viticulture University of Adelaide - Waite Campus
1997 - 1999	Bachelor of Education (In service) University of South Australia - Underdale Campus
1999	Certificate Level 4 in First Line Management Onkaparinga Institute of TAFE OHalloran Hill Campus
1998 - 1999	Certificate in Food Processing (Wine) Viticulture Level 1 - 3 Onkaparinga Institute of TAFE OHalloran Hill Campus
1998	Certificate Level 4 in Workplace Training (Category 2) Onkaparinga Institute of TAFE - Mount Barker Campus
1994	Post Graduate Diploma in Natural Resource Management University of Adelaide - Roseworthy Campus
1991 - 93	Bachelor of Applied Science in Conservation and Park Management University of South Australia - Salisbury Campus

# **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

2007	Pathways to Rural Leadership (6 - 10th August, 2007) DAFF Canberra
2007	Future Leaders Succession for the Australian Wine Sector (August December, 07) WFA, WGGA, GWRDC, WBM
2008/2009	Australian Rural Leadership Program (May 2008 - November 2009)  Australian Rural Leadership Foundation

# **AFFILIATIONS:**

Member, Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology

Member, Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology

Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors



#### LICENCES:

Car, Motorbike, Boat, Small Bus, Truck (medium rigid up to 8 tonnes), Forklift, Front End Loader Senior First Aid Certificate No 415748 WINETAC Workplace Assessor - Code V131 ChemCert Accreditation No 20031

#### **BOARD POSITION:**

## 2009 - CURRENT

#### VITICULTURIST / MANAGING DIRECTOR

RETALLACK VITICULTURE PTY LTD

Retallack Viticulture is a professional and independent viticultural consultancy which utilises technical and specialist viticultural knowledge to service both the private and commercial sector. The business was established in 2009 by Mary Retallack who has worked in a wide range of practical, extension and consultancy positions within the Australian Wine Industry over the last fourteen years prior to developing this business.

#### **BOARD POSITION:**

## 2008 - CURRENT

# NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GRAPE AND WINE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

# **EMPLOYMENT:**

## OCT 05 - MAR 09

## SENIOR CONSULTANT / VITICULTURIST

SCHOLEFIELD ROBINSON HORTICULTURAL SERVICES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## **Expertise and Major Projects**

- Independent Management Reviews Review of vineyard assets within Australia for investment trusts and superannuation funds.
- Loss Assessments Assessment of loss in vineyards due to spray drift, frost, herbicide, fire and mechanical damage.
- Winegrape Quality Assessment Working with grape growers and fruit purchasers to provide an independent assessment of fruit quality.
- Development of WGGAs VineBiz Program (financial ready reckoner and support materials)
- Winegrapes Australia Benchmarking and fruit quality assessment for 34 Shiraz blocks within the McLaren Vale and Langhorne Creek wine growing regions.
- Common Language Project for McLaren Vale Grape, Wine and Tourism Association A list of terminology commonly used by winemakers and viticulturists during the growing season was developed, which can be used as a tool to reduce confusion between growers and purchasers of grapes and to benchmark best management practices for particular varieties within the region.
- Viticulture Research to Practice® Manuals Review of Water Management for Grape Production and Spray Application in Viticulture manuals.



#### MAR 03 - AUG 05

## VINEYARD MANAGER

MOUNTADAM VINEYARDS - EDEN VALLEY SOUTH AUSTRALIA

# Vineyard Management duties:

- Vineyard Management of 82ha of estate, 29ha of grower vineyards
- Management of vineyard team (four full time staff) in addition to contract labour (up to 30 people).
- Liaison with six grower vineyards located in Eden and Barossa Valley in all matters of vineyard management and assistance with the negotiation of grape prices on the companys behalf.
- Preparation and supervision of the implementation of all vineyard management programs including; pest and disease control, canopy management, irrigation scheduling, nutrition management, soil management, pruning regimes, yield optimisation and yield estimation.
- Planning and implementation of vine refurbishment and re-working programs.
- Coordination, planning, implementation and monitoring of all vineyard capital and operational budgets ensuring cost effective management of all resources.
- Maintenance of vineyard records on PAM AusVit, Rainbird, Ezywine, Vintrack, Magpie (AWS) for auditing purposes and quality assurance.
- Implementation and maintenance of the vineyard OHS&W program.
- Secretary of the Eden Valley Grape Growers Feb 2004 August 2005.

# FEB 01 - FEB 03

# PROJECT LEADER, VITICULTURE RESEARCH TO PRACTICE®: GRAPEVINE NUTRITION

COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR VITICULTURE - ADELAIDE

- Management and coordination of the Research to Practice® Viticulture: Grapevine Nutrition Program
- Presentation within the following workshops: Water Management for Grape Production, Integrated Pest Management, Grapevine Nutrition, Winegrape Quality Management, throughout Australia.
- Manage program scientific and technical requirements.
- Coordination of a national team of researchers and consultants. To review latest research and update workshop manuals and presentations.
- Prepare project reports for funding bodies and write/review journal papers/articles.
- Yearly budget maintenance and execution.
- Development of new products for RtP<sup>®</sup> Viticulture series.
- Manage the network of licensed RtP<sup>®</sup> providers to ensure product integrity.



#### FEB 96 - FEB 03

## PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND LECTURER - VITICULTURE

ONKAPARINGA and SOUTH EAST INSTITUTES OF TAFE

## Coordination of the Viticulture and Wine Studies Program

- Yearly budget maintenance and execution
- Staff recruitment, induction and support
- Industry liaison and conducting information sessions
- Auspicing of other agencies offering Wine Industry Training
- Lecturing in all aspects of the Viticulture program, Certificate in Food Processing (Wine) Viticulture Levels 1, 2 & 3 and the Management Diploma in Viticulture (incorporating Certificate Level 4)
- Project Manager CD-ROM and WebCT (March August 2000)
- Hand Prune Vines development of external delivery (interactive CD-ROM) and on-line course material (WebCT).
- Project Manager Framing the Future (May October 2000)
- Implementation of The Food Processing Training Package FDF 98 Certificate in Food Processing (Wine) Level 1, 2 and 3.

## **DEC 01**

# LECTURER, VITICULTURE

OKANAGAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE PENTICTON CAMPUS, B.C, CANADA

#### **Duties**

Formulation of course materials, lecture handouts and PowerPoint presentations for course VIT 22. Lecturing and organisation of field trips and industry liaison

#### AUG - NOV 00

## **CELLAR OPERATIONS**

MATANZAS CREEK WINERY SONOMA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, USA

## **Duties**

Crushing, pressing, racking, lees filtration, juice additions, inoculations, emptying red fermenters, pumpovers, punch-downs, laboratory analysis, sanitising tanks, barrel preparation, filling and topping barrels.

### NOV 95 - FEB 96

# LECTURER - HORTICULTURE AND VITICULTURE

ONKAPARINGA INSTITUTE OF TAFE - OHALLORAN HILL CAMPUS

# APRIL - OCT 95

# PROJECT MANAGER - L.E.A.P PROGRAM

BASHAMS BEACH REGIONAL PARK, PORT ELLIOT SA



#### **R&D GRANTS:**

#### GRAPE AND WINE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

#### AUG - SEPT 06

Travel Grant to attend the Phylloxera Board Viticulture Study Tour of France and Spain (report submitted).

#### **JUL 06**

Development and implementation of regional IPM best practice

The development of regional pest and disease risk management strategies, setting and reviewing regional targets, identifying areas for improvement.

### REGIONAL INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION GRANTS

# MAY 04 - DEC 05

Implementation of an Environmental Management System for the Eden Valley. Undertaken on behalf of Eden Valley Grape Growers.

#### JAN 03

Elephant Weevil impact and control in vineyards - Stage 1:

Literature review of recent findings about Elephant Weevil (Orthorhinus cylindriostris). Undertaken on behalf of the Langhorne Creek Vine Improvement Steering Committee.

### Written Articles:

- Retallack, M, et al (2001) Nitrogen management for improved quality and sustainability. Australian and NZ Grapegrower and Winemaker, Annual Technical Issue. (449a) 95-96.
- Retallack, M (2005) Varietal Report A snapshot of how Chardonnay is being managed in nine Australian vineyards. Australian Viticulture March/April, pp 56-61.
- Retallack, M (2006) The best ways to manage mid-rows in vineyards. National Grapegrowers, March, pp 58-59
- Retallack, M (2006) Putting vineyards on hold Can they be mothballed? The Growers Voice April, p 5, McLaren Vale Grape, Wine and Tourism Association.
- Retallack, M (2006) Careful management beats frost National Grapegrowers, June, p 19.
- Retallack, M (2006) Phylloxera and Grape Industry Board SA Viticulture Study Tour, Europe 2006 Final Report to GWRDC, GWRDC, Adelaide.
- Retallack, M and McMichael, P (2006) Purchasing Planting Material? Key Questions to Ask the Nursery Australian Viticulture, November/December pp 49-56.
- Retallack, M and Scholefield, P.B (2006) Grapevine Management Options in Times of Drought Australian and NZ Grapegrower and Winemaker, December, pp 51-53.
- Retallack, M (2007) PGIBSA Study Tour of France and Spain 2006. Australian Viticulture, March/April.
- Retallack, M (2007) Precautions Against the Introduction or Spread of Phylloxera Disinfestation Techniques for Winter Pruning Staff. Australian Viticulture, May/June
- Retallack, M and Drew, C (2009) Managing Dispute Risk. WBM, Dec 08 / Jan 09.