

Mary Retallack

South Australian RIRDC Rural Women's Award 2012 Winner

Mary's Award ambition is to support women's leadership to ensure a more profitable and resilient Australian wine industry.

Mary Retallack is a third generation viticulturist and Managing Director of Retallack Viticulture, which offers a wide range of consulting services throughout Australia. For the past 17 years Mary has worked in vineyard management, technical, research, and consultancy, training and extension roles both with in Australia and overseas.

Her experience extends from Viticulture Lecturer at TAFESA, Okanahan University College in British Columbia and Cellar Operations Manager at Matanzas Creek Winery in California, to Vineyard Manager at Mountadam Vineyards SA, Project Leader at the CRC for Viticulture and Senior Consultant at Scholefield Robinson Horticultural Services.

Mary was one of the youngest Non-Executive Director to be elected to the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation and is a graduate of the Australian Rural Leadership Program and the Australian Wine Industry's Future Leaders Program.

Mary has been actively involved in women's leadership development within the wine industry, as the instigator of a small women's network and as mentor to numerous other women involved in the wine industry.

Mary's Award ambition is to develop a 'Women in Wine' website as a central meeting place and comprehensive information sharing hub for women in the wine industry. The website will provide a single location for the dissemination of information and resources and will create a conduit to mentoring and supporting women.

She wishes to encourage women to be involved in the wine industry, in a range of roles and especially viticulture. Most importantly she wants to ensure that women who are at the top of their game do not leave the industry.

Mary will use the Award bursary to develop the website and to build a network of women in the wine industry, to act as ambassadors and to support women's leadership development.

Mary is available for interview on the following topics:

Australian wine industry (as a consultant in this area)

Rural Women's Leadership (as an advocate and mentor)

Leadership in the wine industry and rural Australia (as a company director and graduate of the Australian Rural Leadership Program and the Australian Wine Industry's Future Leaders Program)

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