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AUSTRALIAN STANDARD FOR GRAPEVINE PROPAGATION

- Supports Australian grape growers and industry
- Helps protect health of vineyards
- Improves traceability, classification and labelling of propagation material

Standards Australia has announced the publication of AS 5588—2013 *Grapevine propagation material*.

“The objective of the standard is to provide the purchaser of grapevine propagation material with assurance as to the origin, varietal identity, physical specifications and health status of grapevine propagation material,” said Colin Blair, Chief Executive Officer, Standards Australia.

This Standard was prepared by members of Standards Australia Committee FT-036, Grapevine Quality Assurance.

The standard seeks to ensure there is a clear trail back to the original source vine in Australia, together with evidence of the method used to identify that original vine.

“The standard requires clear evidence as to whether material has been tested for vine health, what method of testing has been used and the details of the pathogens detected in the material,” Mr Blair said.

Grapevine propagation material that meets this standard should provide the purchaser with assurance on identity, known health status and physical specifications of propagules.

The standard was prepared by members of Standards Australia Committee FT-036, Grapevine Quality Assurance which includes:

- Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology
- Australian Vine Improvement Association
- Consumers’ Federation of Australia
- CSIRO Plant Industry
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Commonwealth)
- Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation
- Riverland Vine Improvement Committee
- Vine Industry Nursery Association
- Wine Australia
- Wine Grape Growers Australia
- Winemakers’ Federation of Australia

Compliance with the provisions of this Standard does not override failure to comply with the provisions of the *Wine Australia Corporation Act 1980, Australia and New Zealand*

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