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### Virtual vineyard gate aims to keep grape pests out

Software initially developed to safeguard the Canadian poultry industry is being trialled by Australian wineries to help keep pests and diseases out of premium vineyards. The vineyard cyber monitoring system known as Project Boundary Rider has been designed by Canadian company Be Seen Be Safe to keep South Australia's \$1.78 billion wine industry free of devastating pests and diseases such as phylloxera and Pierce's disease. Vinehealth Australia, based in South Australia's capital of Adelaide, is overseeing the project and has begun a six-month trial at 30 vineyards in the renowned Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale wine regions. It will include the busy vintage period, which runs from February to April, when vineyards and wineries are susceptible to pests and disease partly due to high traffic volumes in and out of properties.

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