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Update on the Phylloxera detections in the Yarra Valley

Alan Nankivell CEO of the Phylloxera Board announced today that there have been no further detections found since mid December 2008. He went on to say that DPI-Vic has announced the boundaries for the extended boundaries for the Maroondah PIZ. This map is similar to that circulated for discussion on 18 December 2008. It is DPI-Vic's intention that the area will be declared for the coming vintage (2009), but the boundaries will be reviewed later in the year.

As an emergency measure, DPI-Vic will issue permits to allow growers to send whole grapes from the extended PIZ to the rest of the Yarra Valley GI for processing. Such grapes cannot move outside the Yarra Valley GI. The permit conditions will include the following:

- Properties consigning grapes from the extended area of the Maroondah PIZ to a processor in the Yarra GI must be surveyed and found free of phylloxera;
- Grapes must be packed in bins, which have been cleaned free of soil and plant material;
- Bins must be loaded into transport vehicles on a hard surface and not within the vineyard;
- Bins must be transported under secure conditions in vehicles, which have been cleaned free of soil and organic matter and conveyed along a route approved by an inspector,
- Each load must be accompanied by a copy of the permit;
- Whole grapes must be processed at a facility, which must be accredited by DPI-Vic and the grape marc returned to the consigning property within the PIZ.

If any South Australian grape growers or wineries have contact with the Yarra Valley, the Phylloxera and Grape Industry Board strongly recommends that the National Phylloxera Management Protocols be adhered to.

A copy of these protocols can be found on the GWRDC website at www.gwrdc.com.au/nvhscphylloxera.htm or contact the Board for advice on 08 8362 0488. Any further questions, please contact Alan Nankivell, CEO on 0428 260 430.

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