

INDUSTRY NOTICE

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VINEHEALTH AUSTRALIA CEO APPOINTMENT

The Board of Vinehealth Australia is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Samantha Scarratt as Chief Executive Officer.

The appointment follows a national recruitment campaign to find a strong leader for Vinehealth Australia, an independent statutory authority in South Australia with a single-minded focus on grape and wine biosecurity, primarily keeping phylloxera out of the state.

Sam is an experienced leader and most recently was a Senior Consultant for Wine Network Consulting, specialising in viticulture and wine business advice.

Previously, Sam was Director of Grape Supply for Accolade Wines, leading a large team to deliver grapes to winery networks across Australia and New Zealand.

Sam has significant experience across a variety of roles in viticulture in Australia and New Zealand and has sat on Research Advisory Committees for more than 12 years, advising on the direction of wine research in Australia and New Zealand. Sam is also a Director of the Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology (ASVO) and the Australian Wine Industry Technical Committee (AWITC).

Working with the Vinehealth Australia Board and team, Sam is looking forward to partnering with growers, winemakers, suppliers and industry stakeholders to empower them with tools, information, and expertise to safeguard vineyards from pests, particularly phylloxera.

South Australia's unique Vineyard Register underpins the biosecurity activities of Vinehealth Australia. For more information visit www.vinehealth.com.au