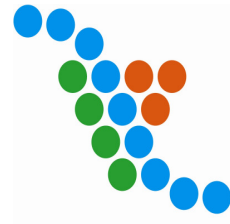


Riverland Viticulture Technical Group

Industry Update



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**RIVERLAND VITICULTURE TECHNICAL GROUP
WORKSHOP – 16th DECEMBER 2011**

The latest research and development programs of the Riverland Viticulture Technical Group will be showcased at a workshop to be held on Friday, December 16.

The day will include updates on projects being delivered under the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation's Grassroots regional program.

Participants will have the opportunity to inspect a trial which is looking at the impacts of using mulch to conserve soil moisture in the vineyard and receive an update on an organic versus conventional trial being conducted at Salena Estate Vineyard.

A presentation by visiting Sicilian viticulturist Pietro Scafidi is expected to be a highlight of the workshop.

There will be an opportunity to taste a range of alternative wine varieties, produced by the CSIRO.

Dr Helen Holt of the Australian Wine Research Institute will discuss how salt can influence the sensory perception of wine and will conduct a tasting so participants can examine this first hand.

The workshop will be held at Ashmile Vineyards in Barmera, beginning at 9.00am and finishing at noon.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided by Salt and Pepper Catering.

Attendance is free but spaces are limited so RSVP to wine@riverlandwine.org.au or 8584 5816 as soon as possible.

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME



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RIVERLAND VITICULTURE TECHNICAL GROUP (RVTG)

WHEN: 16TH DECEMBER 2011

WHERE: ASHMILE VINEYARD ([GORDON RD, BARMERA](#))

9.00 – 9.15am	<i>Welcome</i>	Andrew Weeks/Tim Smythe
9.15 – 9.45am	<i>The impact of salt in wines (wine tasting)</i>	Dr Helen Holt (Australian Wine Research Institute)
9.45 – 10.15am	<i>Mulching trial and vineyard walk</i>	Ashley Ratcliff (RVTG, Yalumba)
Morning tea		
10.40 – 11.45am	<i>Alternate varieties Project overview (10mins) Trial wine tasting (30mins) The Italian Varieties (25mins)</i>	Ashley Ratcliff Peter Rogers (Winemaker, Vic dpi) Pietro Scafidi (Viticulturist, Sicily)
11.45 – Noon	<i>Organic versus Conventional practice</i>	Mel Kargas (RVTG, Salena Estate)

Lunch provided by Salt and Pepper Catering

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