Library and information services for the Australian grape and wine industry

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Access to the latest published research and technical information is often central in assisting the grape and wine sector with building capabilities and understanding and adopting new technologies, innovations and processes.

Since 1969, the John Fornachon Memorial Library has supported the Australian grape and wine community through strategic sourcing and dissemination of key information. It houses one of the largest collections of grape and wine resources in the world.

The AWRI offers a variety of tools, services and curated collections including:

- A new online library catalogue – delivering improved search and discovery capabilities within the Library’s collection of over 100,000 grape and wine related resources
- Information packs – packaged resource lists relating to specific oenology or viticulture topics
- Technical Review – an online and print publication featuring the latest grape and wine technical literature
- AWRI publications database – a collection of more than 2,000 AWRI-authored papers
- eBooks – a repository of hand-picked wine and viticulture eBook titles
- Fact sheets – tailored resources to assist growers and winemakers address specific issues
- YouTube channel – on-demand video content, containing primarily webinar recordings

Why contact AWRI information services?

- Adopt new or improve current practices
- Personal development
- Solve vineyard or winery issue
- Conduct research into new product/service

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Impacts and outcomes

Source: AWRI 2019 Extension Survey

AWRI information tools and resources

- 101,186 searchable items
- 85,981 articles
- 4,945 books
- 645 reports
- 463 standards
- 269 theses
- 164 eBooks
- 114 fact sheets
- 98 online videos
- 19 information packs

Platforms and tools

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