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## INDUSTRY UPDATE: ALBARINO

At a meeting in Adelaide on 8 May 2009, wine growers and peak industry bodies agreed to work together to resolve labelling and marketing issues around the mis-identified winegrape variety Albarino.

Tests by CSIRO recently confirmed that the Albarino in its collection, which had been available to growers through vine improvement associations, was actually Savagnin Blanc.

Published scientific literature indicates the error appears to have occurred in the Spanish National Collection from which CSIRO sourced the vine.

Wine industry bodies including the Winemakers' Federation of Australia and Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation will work with a group of producers to determine an appropriate name for the marketing of the quality table wine that is being produced from the variety, and which is growing in popularity in Australia.

"There's still some work to be done, but we're confident this approach will find a good solution for growers and in a timely way," says WFA's Director, International & Regulatory Affairs, Tony Battaglione.

Under the *Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act 1980* it is an offence to intentionally sell, export or import wine with a false description.

The AWBC will be requiring exporters of wine labelled as "Albarino" to confirm that the products are entitled to that description.

WFA and AWBC will provide updates as they become available.

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