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MEDIA RELEASE

2010 Future Leaders announced

The wine sector has chosen 15 participants to undertake its successful development program *Future Leaders – Succession for the Australian Wine Sector* in 2010.

Drawn from four States, the program's fourth intake includes winemakers, viticulturists, brand managers, researchers and managers.

"Our aim has always been to embrace a variety of professional and personal backgrounds and once again we are delighted with the quality and the diversity of our participants," said Stephen Strachan, Chief Executive of the Winemakers' Federation of Australia (WFA).

"This group will complement the three that have gone before it, giving us a core group of 60 young or mid-career leaders to help guide the next phase of the wine sector's growth.

"A number of our previous graduates are involved with core issues for the sector at a national, State and regional level."

Future Leaders is a joint initiative of WFA, Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation, Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation and Wine Grape Growers' Australia.

It is designed to develop leadership and collaboration talents amongst the participants that will safeguard and foster the future business environment of the wine sector, while also giving participants new capabilities for their individual roles.

More than 50 applications were received for the 2010 program, which will be delivered by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF), a not-for-profit organisation which delivers learning, support and engagement opportunities for industry and community leaders. Five sessions will be held in five different venues over six months, beginning in May.

WFA has provided two scholarships for 2010, including the second awarding of the Trevor Drayton Scholarship in honour of the late Trevor Drayton, a serving WFA Board member at the time of his death.

The successful applicants are listed on the following page.

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2010 Future Leaders participants

Colin Bell	Director, AHA Viticulture	WA
Aaron Brasher	Business Manager – Education, Fine Wine Partners / Lion Nathan	NSW
Sarah Crowe	Chief Winemaker, Swish Wine	NSW
Sami Gilligan	Director, Gilligan Contracting	SA
Ben Harris	Vineyard Manager, Penfolds Robe Vineyard	SA
John Harris	Senior Winemaker / Winery Manager, Mt Avoca	Victoria
Nick James-Martin	Winemaker / Brand Ambassador, d'Arenberg	SA
Mark Krstic	Program / Innovation Manager, GWRDC	Victoria
Helen McCarthy	Senior Winemaker, Taylors Wines	SA
Daniel McLean	CFO / Company Secretary, Wirra Wirra	SA
Rebekah Richardson	Group White & Sparkling Winemaker, Orlando Wines	SA
Con Simos	Group Manager, Industry Development and Support, AWRI	SA
Navneet Singh	GM / Senior Winemaker, Moss Bros Wines	WA
Louise Thiele	Senior Global Brand Manager, Constellation Wines	SA
Ben Tolstoshev	National Sales & Marketing Manager, The Lane	SA