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MEDIA RELEASE:

Dowie Doole Viticulturist accepted into Australian Wine Industry "Future Leaders" program

Sami Gilligan, one of the Dowie Doole's Vineyard Managers has been awarded one of fifteen places in the *Future Leaders* program; an initiative by the Winemaker's Federation of Australia, the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation, the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation and the Wine Grape Growers Australia.

The innovative *Future Leaders – succession for the Australian wine sector* program was launched in May 2006 to help develop the skills and potential of the next generation of wine industry leaders.

The program involves sharing decades of wisdom from successful industry leaders with bright stars of the future. Importantly, it captures this learning and 'street-smarts' within the industry and attempts to accelerate the development of tomorrow's industry leaders. Sami is excited to be accepted into the program and states, "the skills I will learn from this program will be invaluable for my future within the industry. These opportunities don't come around too often."

Sami, who works as a Vineyard Manager for Dowie Doole, also owns and runs three other businesses in McLaren Vale. He established Gilligan Contracting, a vineyard contracting and wine transport business in 1998 and also owns a storage business called Pallet and Barrel. His third business, is owned in partnership with his father and uncle, is a small wine label called Gilligan which exports most of its products to countries such as Germany, Denmark and the US.

Sami states that "the industry is going through a little bit of a rough patch at the moment, but there's plenty of opportunities for young people if they're prepared to work hard."

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