



Department of  
Primary Industries and  
Regional Development

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# Grapevine virus symposium



Grapevine viruses pose a significant risk to the productivity, quality and sustainability of Australian vineyards. This symposium provides grapegrowers and winemakers with the latest information on grapevine viruses presented by expert speakers from NZ, Vic, SA and WA. The event is being simulcast to both Margaret River and Coonawarra with speakers presenting in-person and virtually.

The program aims to deliver:

- **improved understanding of virus biology and transmission vectors**
- **insights into the virus status in NZ, Limestone Coast and Western Australia**
- **new technologies and methodologies for detecting viruses**
- **practical advice on management strategies**

This free event is a collaboration between Wines of WA and Limestone Coast Grape and Wine Council Inc. funded via the Wine Australia Regional Program.

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**Thursday 27 May 2021**

8.30am – 1.30pm

Margaret River HEART  
47 Wallcliffe Rd, Margaret River

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**RSVP:** by 21 May to [yu-yi.liao@dpird.wa.gov.au](mailto:yu-yi.liao@dpird.wa.gov.au) plus any dietary requirements

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## PROGRAM

- 8.30am **Registration**
- 8.45am **Welcome**  
Ulrich Grey-Smith, Limestone Coast Grape and Wine Council Inc.
- 9.00am **Grapevine viruses 101**  
Dr Fiona Constable, Agriculture Victoria Research
- 9.15am **The virus experience in Australia, summary of LSC survey 2020**  
Dr Kerry DeGaris, TWE & Dr Fiona Constable, Agriculture Victoria Research
- 9.45am **Morning tea break**
- 10.00am **The virus experience in NZ**  
Dr Vaughn Bell, NZ institute for Plant and Food Research
- 10:30am **Virus identification session**  
Dr Kerry DeGaris & Dr Cath Kidman, TWE
- 10:45am **Rapid testing of virus in the field, Chardonnay research project and snapshot of WA diagnostics**  
Dr Monica Kehoe, DPIRD WA.
- 11:15am **Vector Vector – what are the key vectors in vineyard and when are the highest risk times**  
TBC
- 11:30am **Vector Vector – New technologies for monitoring**  
Hans Loder, Penley Estate with Nancy Schellhorn, RapidAIM & TBC
- 11.45am **Lunch**
- 12.15pm **Case Study – Limestone Coast experience**  
Dr Cath Kidman, TWE
- 12.45pm **Viruses from a nursery perspective**  
TBC
- 1.00pm **Q&A panel hosted by Hans Loder**  
Dr Fiona Constable, Dr Vaughn Bell, Dr Monica Kehoe & Chris Rogers
- 1:30pm **Close**