

Future leaders 2025 cohort announced to steer Australia's wine industry forward

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Wine Australia has announced a dynamic new cohort for the 2025 edition of Future Leaders, the nation's flagship leadership development program for the grape and wine sector. Representing a diverse cross-section of roles across the industry—from winemaking and viticulture to marketing and education—this year's 16 selected professionals are set to shape the future of Australian wine.

The 2025 Future Leaders are:

Lachlan Aird, Direct-To-Consumer and eCommerce Manager, Shaw + Smith (SA)

Nick Baverstock, Vineyard Manager, Treasury Wine Estates (SA)

Emma Brown, Head of Innovation, Brown Family Wine Group (VIC)

Matt Duggan, Viticulturist, Domaine Chandon Australia (VIC)

Nick Dugmore, Owner, STOKÉ Wines (SA)

Marianne Duluk, Manager, Food and Wine Exports, SA Department of State Development (SA)

Brendan Hawker, Senior Winemaker, Yering Station (VIC)

Callie Jemmeson, Winemaker, PachaMama/Joval Family Wines (VIC)

Madeleine Marson, Winemaker, Vinea Marson (VIC)

Chris Mein, Vineyard Manager, Longview Vineyard (SA)

Daniel Mortimer, General Manager, Mortimers Wines (NSW)

Nicola Reid, Executive Officer, Sommeliers Australia (VIC)

Andrea Roberts-Davison, Lecturer, Melbourne Polytechnic (VIC)

Ashleigh Seymour, Head Winemaker, Paxton Wines (SA)

Tash Stoodley, Digital Marketing Strategist, Savvy (SA)

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