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Winegrape growers have a key role in helping protect the reputation of Australian wine by keeping records to support claims about a wine's vintage, variety and region.

Why do records need to be kept?

Grape records are the first records made that help ensure the traceability of grapes and wine throughout the supply chain, and help substantiate future claims about a wine's vintage, variety and region. The *Wine Australia Act 2013* (the Act) requires these records to be kept and there are penalties for people who do not keep proper records.

Who needs to keep records?

Under the Act, a person who grows grapes for winemaking is required to keep written records and provide them – as detailed below – to the individuals or wineries they supply grapes to.

Records must be provided to the individual or winery that receives grapes on the same day that grapes are supplied.

What records need to be kept?

For each grape delivery or transaction, a written record must be made containing:

- The supplier's (grower) name and address
- The receiver's (or winery) name and address
- The date the grapes are supplied
- The quantity of the grapes supplied
- The vintage, variety and prescribed Geographical Indication of the grapes supplied.

Please note:

- A winery and grower can share the same record, provided it's made on same day that the grapes are supplied and both parties retain a copy of it (for example, a copy of the weighbridge note or a carbon-copy docket containing sufficient information would suffice).
- The format of the record is not prescribed and can take on a variety of forms, provided it contains the above detail.
- The most specific Geographical Indication that the grapes are entitled to should be recorded.
- Records must be kept for seven years.

Further information

More information can be found on the Wine Australia website www.wineaustralia.com or by contacting the Regulatory Services team on 08 8228 2000.

This guide does not constitute legal advice. The *Wine Australia Act 2013* details the requirements and is available on the ComLaw website: www.comlaw.gov.au.

You can also seek professional legal advice.

Example record

The below is an example of the record keeping detail required.

GROWER DOCKET	
FROM (SUPPLIER):	Jane Citizen
ADDRESS:	Stamford Rd, Swan Valley, Western Australia
TO (RECEIVER):	Australia Wines
ADDRESS:	Nelson Road, Swan Valley, Western Australia
DATE OF SUPPLY:	18/02/2010
VINTAGE:	2010
VARIETY:	Chenin Blanc
REGISTERED GI:	Swan Valley
VINEYARD/BLOCK:	2A
QUANTITY:	5.73 tonnes

SAMPLE ONLY