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Australia to host the Institute of Masters of Wine 10th international Symposium

The Institute of Masters of Wine (IMW) has announced that Adelaide will host its next international Symposium in June 2022. The announcement was made at the closing ceremony of the Institute's 9th international Symposium, 'Living Wine' in Logrono, Spain.

The four-day event in Australia will be co-hosted by Wine Australia, and will be the Institute's 10th such event - an unparalleled opportunity to network, taste and learn about wine from a rich variety of international speakers. The Symposia are usually attended by around 450 participants.

Andreas Clark, CEO of Wine Australia said, 'We're thrilled to be hosting the world of wine in Adelaide in 2022 and look forward to showcasing Australia's diverse and thriving wine scene, and our enviable epicurean culture. Australia's creativity, passion and focus on innovation makes it the perfect destination to inspire leaders in wine and help shape the future of the industry.'

'The IMW Symposium is the most important event for the Institute every four years' says Adrian Garforth MW, the Vice-Chairman of the Institute 'and that's not just because we invite other experts to discuss challenges, innovations and trends, but also because we relish the chance to meet and re-meet hundreds of friends and colleagues from across the international wine world.'

Jane Masters MW, the Institute's Chairman, knows Australia can deliver an exceptional wine experience, 'I was one of a large group of Masters of Wine who visited Australia two years ago, and we are still talking about the extraordinary hospitality we received, and are also still remembering and discussing the diverse wines we tasted. It will be fascinating to see the evolution of Aussie wines since then.'

Adelaide is a gateway to 18 distinctive, world-renowned wine regions and more than 200 cellar doors within an hour's drive of the city. There will also be opportunities for regions beyond South Australia to engage with visitors to the Symposium.

Previous symposia have been held in Napa, Bordeaux and Florence.

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About Wine Australia

Wine Australia supports a competitive wine sector by investing in research, development and extension (RD&E), growing domestic and international markets, protecting the reputation of Australian wine and administering the Export and Regional Wine Support Package. Wine Australia is an Australian Commonwealth Government statutory authority, established under the *Wine Australia Act 2013*, and funded by grape growers and winemakers through levies and user-pays charges and the Australian Government, which provides matching funding for RD&E investments.

About the Institute of Masters of Wine

The Institute of Masters of Wine is a membership organisation with an unsurpassed international reputation. The Masters of Wine (MWs) hold the most respected title in the world of wine. The IMW promotes excellence, interaction and learning across all sectors of the global wine community. MWs have proved their understanding of all aspects of wine by passing the MW examination, recognised worldwide for its rigour and high standards. In addition to passing the examination, MWs are required to sign a code of conduct before they are entitled to use the initials MW. The code of conduct requires MWs to act with honesty and integrity, and use every opportunity to share their understanding of wine with others. There are currently 370 Masters of Wine, working in 28 countries. The membership encompasses winemakers, buyers, journalists, shippers, business owners, consultants, academics, and wine educators. There are over 350 students in the MW study programme from over 40 countries.