

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO WINE GRAPE MARKET AND PRICES

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My submission is on behalf of my family who have produced wine grapes in the Riverina for over 40 years.

I agree with the Wine Grape Marketing Boards submission as they are the only combined voice for the growers. The Board has minimal power to help growers in areas such as pricing and winery behaviour.

To have any future in the wine grape growing industry a viable minimum price is essential which should be regulated by the Board with the co-operation of all wineries in the area.

If wineries and growers are accountable to the Code of Conduct set by the Board this would then go a long way to improve our industry in the future.

If no action is taken now we are one of many farmers that will be forced out of the wine grape growing industry.