INQUIRY INTO WINE GRAPE MARKET AND PRICES

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Price Notification.

There needs to be legislation in place requiring wineries to notify the market of their intended price payable for each variety of grapes. This should be submitted to some regulatory authority at least three months before the approaching harvest. This will enable growers to determine the viability of choosing to deliver their grapes to a particular winery as well as deciding the level of input they can afford. Code of Conduct

In attempting to create a level playing field it would be desirable to have a mandatory code of conduct as currently only one winery is a signatory to the voluntary.

Terms of Payment.

A mandatory statutory terms and conditions of payment would go a long way towards creating a level playing field within wineries thereby enabling growers to more properly evaluating the ethics of each winery.