



**Please note – This is a previous WA award summary and does not contain the current pay rates**

## WA award summary

# Wine Industry Award

**31 January – 25 April 2025**

## About this award summary

This document is a summary of the state Wine Industry Award. WA awards are legal documents that outline the pay rates, allowances, working hours, and leave entitlements for employees in a particular industry or type of work.

**Complying with the provisions of a WA award is compulsory** and all employers who are covered by this WA award must provide employees with the pay rates and employment entitlements in the WA award, as outlined in this award summary and in the full award as a minimum. Potential penalties for employers who do not meet WA award requirements are detailed on page 2.

This WA award summary is a summary only and does not include all obligations required by the award. It is important to also refer to the full Wine Industry Award that is available on the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission website [www.wairc.wa.gov.au](http://www.wairc.wa.gov.au). Provisions of other employment legislation also apply to employees and have been included in this WA award summary where appropriate. You should refer to the *Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993*, the *Long Service Leave Act 1958*, and the *Industrial Relations Act 1979* for full details.

This document is formatted for viewing on the Wageline website and contains web links to other relevant information. If using a printed copy in which links are not visible, all additional information can be found at [www.demirs.wa.gov.au/wageline](http://www.demirs.wa.gov.au/wageline) or by contacting Wageline on 1300 655 266.

This WA award summary includes information on new employment entitlements introduced by the *Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment Act 2024* which commenced on 31 January 2025.

## Disclaimer

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## Three Step Check: to make sure this WA award summary is relevant to you

<p><b>Step 1</b></p> <p>Is the business in the state system?</p>	<p>This WA award summary applies to businesses in the <b>state industrial relations system</b>. The state system covers businesses (and their employees) that operate as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>sole traders</b></li> <li>✓ <b>unincorporated partnerships</b></li> <li>✓ <b>unincorporated trust arrangements</b></li> <li>✓ <b>incorporated associations and other non-profit bodies</b> that are not trading or financial corporations</li> </ul> <p>This summary does <b>not</b> apply to businesses and organisations in the national 'fair work' industrial relations system which operate as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Pty Ltd businesses</b> that are trading or financial corporations</li> <li>✗ <b>incorporated partnerships or incorporated trusts</b></li> <li>✗ <b>incorporated associations and other non-profit bodies</b> that are trading or financial corporations</li> </ul> <p>For more information visit <a href="#">Which system of employment law applies</a>.</p> <p>If the business or organisation is in the national system visit the Fair Work Ombudsman website <a href="http://www.fairwork.gov.au">www.fairwork.gov.au</a></p>
<p><b>Step 2</b></p> <p>Is the business covered by the Wine Industry Award?</p>	<p>The Wine Industry Award covers many types of businesses in the state industrial relations system. Businesses covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Winery or vineyard</li> <li>✓ Wine distillery</li> </ul>
<p><b>Step 3</b></p> <p>Is the employee's job covered by the Wine Industry Award?</p>	<p>The Wine Industry Award sets pay rates, working hours and other employment arrangements for employees working as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Vintners</li> <li>✓ Bottlers</li> <li>✓ Vine pruners</li> </ul> <p>See pages 10-14 for further occupations included in this award.</p>

Industrial inspectors at the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety have powers under the *Industrial Relations Act 1979* to investigate employee complaints about underpayments of pay rates and leave entitlements under this WA award and state employment laws. Industrial inspectors also undertake regular proactive compliance audits in particular industries to determine if employers are paying correct wages and keeping correct employment records.

The penalty for not complying with a provision of a WA award or not complying with a requirement relating to employment records is up to \$18,000 for individuals and \$93,000 for bodies corporate. Higher penalties apply for serious contraventions of up to \$180,000 for individuals and \$930,000 for bodies corporate. An industrial inspector is also able to give a person a civil infringement notice, similar to an 'on-the-spot fine', for not complying with employment record-related requirements. Record keeping requirements are outlined in the Employment Records section of this summary.

Employees who believe that they have been underpaid wages or leave entitlements under state employment laws, can follow the [Steps to making an underpayment complaint](#).

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## Rates of pay – applicable from 31 January until 25 April 2025

All rates of pay are gross rates (before tax). The tables below provide the rates that apply from **31 January 2025** (some casual rates increased on this date).

Some pay rates in this award are below the applicable state minimum wage. The rates in this summary reflect the legal minimum rate payable to employees.

### Adult (20 years and older) rates of pay

Classification (see descriptions pages 10-14)	Weekly	Hourly	Casual (includes casual loading)
Grade 1	\$918.60	\$24.17	\$30.22
Grade 2	\$969.50	\$25.51	\$30.62
Grade 3	\$1,006.50	\$26.49	\$31.78
Grade 4	\$1,040.90	\$27.39	\$32.87
Grade 5	\$1,077.10	\$28.34	\$34.01

### Juniors - under 20 years of age

Junior employees receive a percentage of the adult rate of the classification / grade for which they are employed.

Age group	% of adult
18 years of age and over	100%
17 years of age	90%
16 years of age	80%

The weekly rate for juniors must be calculated in multiples of 5 cents, with amounts of 2 cents or less being taken to the lower multiple and amounts in excess of 2 cents being taken to the higher multiple.

### Registered trainees

- Registered trainees are employees who are undertaking a traineeship registered with the [Apprenticeship Office](#) at the Department of Training and Workforce Development. Traineeships can be undertaken on a full time, part time or school-based basis.
- Adult or junior employees undertaking a registered traineeship are not covered by the Wine Industry Award as there is no job classification for registered trainees under this award, and therefore registered trainees in this industry are award free.
- View the pay rates in the [Award free employees minimum pay rates and entitlements summary](#).
- An employer is required to pay a registered trainee for time spent at TAFE (or other off the job training) as normal working hours. An employer is not required to pay TAFE fees on behalf of the registered trainee.

### Piece work

A piece work employee can be employed on a full time, part time or casual basis. They are engaged on a piece work rate which enables an employee of average capacity working ordinary hours to earn at least 20% above the prescribed wage rate.

### Deductions from pay

- An employer may **only** make a deduction from an employee's pay if:
  - the employer is required by a court or a state or federal law to make the deduction (e.g. tax that must be withheld from the employee's pay);
  - the employee has authorised the deduction in writing (as part of a written employment contract or otherwise) and the deduction is paid on behalf of the employee; or
  - the employer is authorised by the WA award to make the deduction and the deduction is paid on behalf of the employee.
- Deductions or requirements to pay an amount of money to the employer or another person in relation to an employee under the age of 18 are not permitted unless the deduction or payment is agreed to in writing by the employee's parent or guardian.
- A term of a WA award or employment contract providing for a deduction from an employee's pay will be of no effect if it is for the benefit of the employer or a party related to the employer and is unreasonable in the circumstances.
- An employer cannot directly or indirectly compel an employee to accept goods, accommodation or other services instead of money as part of the employee's pay. Visit [Deductions and pay protections](#) for more information.

## Allowances

### Meal allowance

Employees must be paid **\$9.55** as a meal allowance on each occasion they work overtime in excess of 2 hours following their ordinary day or shift. This meal allowance is not payable to employees who can reasonably return home for meals, to employees who are provided with a reasonable meal by their employer or to employees who have been notified the day before that they will be required to work overtime.

### Leading hand allowance

Leading hands appointed by the employer must be paid the allowances set out below when placed in charge of:

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| • up to and including 4 employees        | <b>\$13.50</b> per week |
| • more than 4 employees but less than 10 | <b>\$21.70</b> per week |
| • more than 10 employees                 | <b>\$33.50</b> per week |

## Hours and overtime

- Ordinary hours are an average of 38 hours per week, to be worked to suit the requirements of the business.
- Ordinary hours may be worked on any or all days of the week Monday to Saturday inclusive and, except in the case of shift employees, must be worked between 6.00am and 6.00pm.
- The spread of hours must not exceed 12 hours on any one day. Except by mutual agreement, the ordinary hours of work must not exceed 8 hours on any day.
- On each occasion a casual employee is required to attend work they are entitled to a minimum payment for 4 hours work unless the employer and employee agree to a lesser time period.

### Overtime

- All time worked by an employee beyond their ordinary starting time, or after their ordinary finishing time must be paid for at the rate of time and a half for the first 2 hours and double time after that. Where the employee is recalled to work after leaving the job, overtime rates may apply.
- All time worked by an employee on a Sunday must be paid for at the rate of double time.
- All work on a public holiday must be paid for at the rate of double time and a half.

### Alternative hours arrangements

Instead of the hours and overtime provisions specified above, the employer and employee **may agree** that there will be no fixed hours of duty. However employees who work more than 38 hours per week are entitled to a loading of an additional 50% of the hourly rate prescribed for the relevant classification for all hours worked in excess of 38 per week up to 50 in a week. A loading of 100% of the hourly rate prescribed for the relevant classification will apply for all hours worked in excess of 50 per week.

## Meal breaks

- Employees are entitled to an unpaid meal break of between 30 and 60 minutes each day (or other period as agreed between employer and employee) to be taken between the fourth and sixth hour of work.
- Work during a meal break is paid for at the rate of double time until a meal break is granted.
- One rest break of 10 minutes each day to be counted as time worked must be allowed to employees.

## Employment of children

- Under the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*, it is illegal to employ children under the age of 15 in this industry except if the child is working as part of a school program (e.g. work experience placement) or in a family business.
- School aged children must not be employed during school hours, unless participating in a school program.
- Visit [When children can work in Western Australia](#) for more information.

## Public holidays

Visit [Public Holidays in Western Australia](#) to view the public holiday dates.

### Minimum entitlement to be absent on a public holiday

- All employees have a minimum entitlement to be absent from work on a day that is a public holiday.
- An employer is able to request an employee to work on a public holiday if the request is reasonable, but an employee is entitled to refuse a request to work on a public holiday if the request is not reasonable or refusal is reasonable.
- There are a range of specific factors that need to be taken into account when determining whether a request or a refusal of a request is reasonable. These are outlined on [Public holiday pay and arrangements](#).

### Payment for public holidays

- If a full time or part time employee is absent from work on a public holiday (and their absence is consistent with the minimum entitlements described above) they are entitled to be paid:
  - as if they were required to work their ordinary hours on the public holiday; and
  - at the rate they would have received as payment for those hours under this WA award.
- If a casual employee does not work on a public holiday they are not entitled to payment.
- Employees who would not ordinarily work on the public holiday (such as part time employees who do not work on that day of the week) and employees on unpaid leave on the public holiday are not entitled to payment.
- If a full time, part time or casual employee works on a public holiday (or a substituted public holiday) they must be paid at the rate of double time and a half.

### Substitution of public holidays

- Under this award, if a public holiday (except Easter Sunday) falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday is observed as the public holiday. The Easter Sunday public holiday is observed on the actual day and it is not substituted to another day. If Boxing Day falls on a Sunday or Monday, the following Tuesday is observed as the public holiday.
- When a public holiday is observed on a substitute day, the public holiday itself is no longer considered a public holiday for the purposes of the WA award.

### Flexible working arrangement requests

- Written requests for a flexible work arrangement can be made by employees with at least 12 months' service. Requests can only be made in relation to specific circumstances, which include pregnancy, caring responsibilities, disability, and family and domestic violence. The employer must consider the request and provide a written response within 21 days.
- An employer can refuse the request for specified reasons, including reasonable business grounds.
- Any flexible work arrangement agreed between the employer and employee must be consistent with the working hours and employment arrangements in this WA award.
- Visit [Flexible work requests](#) for more information.

### Leave entitlements

Quick reference guide

Leave entitlement	Full time	Part time	Casual
Annual leave	✓	✓	✗
Paid personal leave	✓	✓	✗
Unpaid personal leave for caring purposes	✓	✓	✓
Bereavement leave	✓	✓	✓
Unpaid parental leave	✓	✓	✓
Long service leave	✓	✓	✓
Family and domestic violence leave	✓	✓	✓

This WA award summary covers the basic leave entitlements for employees covered by the Wine Industry Award but does **not** include all details on leave obligations and entitlements. Full details of conditions are contained in the Wine



Industry Award on the WA Industrial Relations Commission website [www.wairc.wa.gov.au](http://www.wairc.wa.gov.au), the *Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993* and the *Long Service Leave Act 1958*.

### Annual leave

- Full time employees are entitled to a minimum of 4 weeks of paid annual leave for each year of completed service, up to 152 hours. Part time employees are entitled to a minimum of annual leave of 4 weeks per year paid on a pro rata basis according to the number of hours they are required ordinarily to work in a 4 week period. Casual employees are not entitled to annual leave.
- Annual leave is a minimum entitlement in the *Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993* and the Wine Industry Award sets out additional requirements regarding annual leave and annual leave loading.
- During a period of annual leave an employee must be paid annual leave loading of 17.5%. If an employee would have received any additional rates for work performed in ordinary hours, had they not been on leave, and such additional rates would have entitled them to a greater amount than the 17.5% loading, then such additional rates must be added to the ordinary rate of wage in lieu of the 17.5% loading.
- Annual leave accrues on a weekly basis:
  - A full time employee accrues 2.923 hours of annual leave for each completed week of work.
  - A part time employee accrues the relevant proportion of 2.923 hours annual leave for each completed week of work.
  - Wageline's [Annual leave calculation guide](#) can assist with calculating annual leave entitlements.
- For annual leave entitlements when employment ends see the *Resignation, termination and redundancy* section.
- Visit [Annual leave](#) for more information.

### Bereavement leave

- All employees, including casual employees, are entitled to 2 days' paid bereavement leave per occasion on the death of a spouse, de facto partner, parent, step-parent, grandparent, child, step-child, grandchild, sibling or any other member of the employee's household. The 2 days need not be consecutive.
- Bereavement leave is a minimum entitlement from the *Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993*.

### Parental leave

Employees, including eligible casual employees, are entitled to the unpaid parental leave entitlements in the National Employment Standards of the *Fair Work Act 2009*. Visit [Parental leave](#) for more details.

### Personal leave

- Personal leave entitles a full time or part time employee to paid time off work due to either illness or injury to themselves, or because they have to care for a member of their family or household who requires care or support because they are sick, injured or affected by an unexpected emergency.
- Each year, full time and part time employees accrue paid personal leave equal to the number of hours they would ordinarily work in a 2 week period, up to 76 hours per year. Personal leave is a cumulative entitlement, and any leave not taken in one year is carried over and able to be taken in future years.
- Paid personal leave accrues on a weekly basis for full and part time employees. Wageline's [Personal leave calculation guide](#) can assist with calculating paid personal leave entitlements.
- An employee, including a casual employee, is entitled to up to 2 days of unpaid personal leave per occasion when a member of the employee's family or household requires care or support because of a personal illness or injury or unexpected emergency affecting the member. A full time or part time employee cannot take unpaid personal leave for caring purposes if they have paid personal leave available.
- Casual employees are not entitled to paid personal leave.
- Personal leave is a minimum entitlement from the *Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993*.
- Visit [Personal leave](#) for definitions of 'member of the family or household' or for more information.

### Family and domestic violence leave

- All employees are entitled to 10 days' **paid** family and domestic violence leave under the national *Fair Work Act 2009*.
- In addition, all state system employees are entitled to 5 days' **unpaid** family and domestic violence leave under the *Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993*.
- Family and domestic violence leave is available in full at the start of each 12 month period of an employee's employment and does not accumulate from year to year. The leave is available in full to part time and casual employees (i.e. it is not pro rata).
- Visit [Family and domestic violence leave](#) for more information.

## Long service leave

- Long service leave is a paid leave entitlement for full time, part time and casual employees. Under the *Long Service Leave Act 1958* (LSL Act), an employee may be eligible for long service leave:
  - after 10 years of continuous employment with the same employer, and for every 5 years of continuous employment after the initial 10 years; and
  - on a pro rata basis when their employment ends after 7 years of continuous employment but before 10 years.
- The [Long service leave](#) pages of the Wageline website contain information on who is covered by the LSL Act, the entitlement to long service leave, how long service leave can be taken and frequently asked questions.
- To be entitled to long service leave an employee's employment with their employer must be continuous. There are some paid and unpaid absences or interruptions to an employee's employment that:
  - do not break an employee's continuous employment; and
  - count towards the employee's period of employment for the purposes of accruing long service leave.Some other types of absences do not break an employee's continuous employment, but do not count towards an employee's period of employment for the purposes of accruing long service leave. Visit [What is continuous employment](#) for details.
- An employee's employment may in some circumstances also be continuous despite a change in the ownership of a business and the associated change of employer. This applies regardless of anything written in a sale of business contract. Visit [When a business changes ownership](#) for details.
- The [WA long service leave calculator](#) can provide an estimate of an employee's long service leave entitlement when employment ends as a result of resignation, dismissal, death or redundancy.

## Resignation, termination and redundancy

An employee is entitled to be paid out annual leave when employment ends.

Unused annual leave for any completed year of employment (including annual leave loading) gets paid out when employment ends due to resignation, dismissal or redundancy.

Pro rata annual leave for part of a year of employment is paid out when employment ends due to redundancy or dismissal (except for dismissal for serious misconduct) and is also paid out when the employee resigns and gives the notice required under the WA award. Annual leave loading is not paid on pro rata annual leave.

### Resignation by the employee

Full time and part time employees may terminate their employment by providing the same period of notice required by the employer (as outlined in the table below), except that there is no requirement to give additional notice based on the age of the employee.

A casual employee can resign by providing one hour's notice to the employer.

### Termination

An employer is required to give a casual employee one hours' notice of termination.

Except in cases of serious misconduct, an employer is required to give full time and part time employees the following period of notice of termination (or payment in lieu):

Period of continuous service	Notice period
Not more than 1 year	1 week
More than 1 year but not more than 3 years*	2 weeks
More than 3 years but not more than 5 years*	3 weeks
More than 5 years*	4 weeks

\*Employees over 45 years of age with 2 or more years of continuous service must receive an additional week's notice.

### Dismissal requirements

Under state laws, employees cannot be dismissed if to do so would be harsh, unfair or oppressive. There must be a valid and fair reason for dismissal, such as:

- consistent unsatisfactory work performance (which has been raised with the employee and the employee given further training and an opportunity to improve their work performance)
- inappropriate behaviour or actions or
- serious misconduct.

[Dismissal and unfair dismissal](#) outlines obligations and requirements when an employee is terminated.

## Redundancy

An employee is redundant when their employer has made a definite decision that they no longer wish the job the employee has been doing to be done by anyone.

When an employee has been made redundant they are entitled to receive:

- the appropriate notice period or pay in lieu of notice, as outlined above in the *Termination* section;
- paid leave for job interviews;
- any unpaid wages;
- any unused accrued and pro rata annual leave;
- any unused accrued long service leave;
- pro rata long service leave (if applicable); and
- severance pay (if applicable).

Visit [Redundancy](#) for information on redundancy obligations.

### Severance pay – Employers who employ 15 or more employees

Employers covered by this award who employ 15 or more employees must pay severance pay when an employee is made redundant, as outlined in the table below.

Period of continuous service*	Number of weeks severance pay
Less than 1 year	Nil
1 year and less than 2 years	4 weeks
2 years and less than 3 years	6 weeks
3 years and less than 4 years	7 weeks
4 years and less than 5 years	8 weeks
5 years and less than 6 years	10 weeks
6 years and less than 7 years	11 weeks
7 years and less than 8 years	13 weeks
8 years and less than 9 years	14 weeks
9 years and less than 10 years	16 weeks
10 years and over	12 weeks

\*An employee's period of continuous service includes any service with that business under a previous employer where there has been a transfer of the business.

Employers who employ less than 15 employees are not required to make severance payments to redundant employees.

These severance pay requirements do not apply to probationary employees, apprentices and trainees, casual and contract employees or employees terminated due to serious misconduct or for other reasons not related to redundancy.

Redundancy pay is calculated based on the applicable number of weeks' severance multiplied by ordinary time earnings. Ordinary time earnings excludes overtime, penalty rates, and allowances.

If the employee resigns during the notice period, they are entitled to the same severance pay they would receive if they had worked until the end of the notice period. However, in this circumstance the employee is not entitled to payment in lieu of notice.

Visit [Redundancy](#) for more information on redundancy payments.



## Pay slip and record keeping requirements

Employers must provide all employees with a pay slip, and must keep employment records as required by state employment law. There are penalties for not keeping records and not providing a pay slip.

### Pay slips

Employers need to provide a pay slip to each employee within one working day of paying the employee for work performed. The employer can decide whether to give a hard copy or electronic form of the pay slip.

A pay slip needs to include the following information:

- the employer's name and Australian Business Number (if any);
- the employee's name;
- the period to which the pay slip relates;
- the date on which the payment referred to in the pay slip was made;
- the gross and net amounts of the payment, and any amount withheld as tax;
- any incentive based payment, or payment of a bonus, loading, penalty rates or another monetary allowance or separately identifiable entitlement;
- if an amount is deducted from the gross amount of the payment:
  - the name of the person in relation to whom or which the deduction was made;
  - if the deduction was paid into a fund or account - the name, or the name and number, of the fund or account; and
  - the purpose of the deduction;
- if the employee is paid at an hourly rate of pay:
  - the rate of pay for the employee's ordinary hours;
  - the number of hours worked during the period to which the pay slip relates; and
  - the amount of the payment made at that rate;
- if the employee is paid a weekly or an annual rate of pay - the rate as at the latest date to which the payment relates;
- if the employer is required to make superannuation contributions for the benefit of the employee:
  - the amount of each contribution that the employer made during the period to which the pay slip relates and the name, or the name and number, of any fund to which the contribution was made; or
  - the amounts of the contributions that the employer is liable to make in relation to the period to which the pay slip relates, and the name, or the name and number, of any fund to which the contributions will be made.

Visit [Pay slip requirements](#) for more information and a pay slip template to assist employers.

### Employment records

#### Record keeping requirements

It is compulsory for all employers to keep employment records which include the following information:

- the employee's name and, if under 21 years of age, their date of birth;
- the employer's name and Australian Business Number (if any);
- the name of the WA award that applies (in this case the *Wine Industry Award*);
- date the employee commenced employment with the employer;
- for each day of work:
  - the time at which the employee started and finished work;
  - period/s for which the employee was paid; and
  - details of work breaks including meal breaks;
- for each pay period:
  - the employee's designation (such as full time, part time, casual) and employee classification;
  - the gross and net amounts paid to the employee;
  - any amount withheld as tax; and
  - all deductions from pay and the reasons for them;
- any incentive based payment, bonus, loading, penalty rates or other monetary allowance or entitlement;
- all leave taken, whether paid, partly paid or unpaid;

- the following matters relating to superannuation:
  - the date on which each superannuation contribution was made, the amount of the contributions, the period over which the contributions were made, the name of any fund to which a contribution was made;
  - how the employer worked out the amount of superannuation owed; and
  - any choice made by the employee as to which fund their contributions are to be made and the date on which the choice was made;
- the information necessary for the calculation of and payment of long service leave under the *Long Service Leave Act 1958*. Employers are also required to comply with the record keeping requirements in the *Long Service Leave Act 1958*. Visit [Long service leave](#) for details;
- any other information necessary to show that the pay and benefits received by the employee comply with the WA award and other legal obligations such as employee entitlements under the *Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993* or *Long Service Leave Act 1958*; and
- any other information required by the WA award to be recorded.

It is also compulsory to keep employment records that detail specific information regarding:

- termination related matters; and
- any supported wage system or a supported wage industrial instrument provision that applies to an employee with a disability.

If an employer makes a payment to an employee in cash, the employer must provide a record of the payment to the employee and ensure that a copy of the record of payment is kept as an employment record.

Wageline's [Record keeping obligations](#) provides more information and record keeping templates to assist employers.

### Time periods for keeping records

It is compulsory that each entry in relation to annual leave and long service leave must be retained during the employee's period of employment and for not less than 7 years after the employment ends and each other employment record must be retained for not less than 7 years after it is made.

## Classifications / Job duties

**Grade 1 trainee** (Applies to all streams i.e. vineyard, cellar, bottling and packaging)

- An employee at this level is a trainee and must demonstrate learning ability, sound communication skills and the ability to perform tasks in a safe and responsible manner to the level of their training and experience.
- Upon completion of a probationary period, employees at this level must be given on the job training by the employer to qualify them for progression to Grade 2 within 12 months continuous service from the date of commencement of their employment.
- Appointment to Grade 2 shall be automatic upon passing an accredited assessment.

## Vineyard Stream

### Grade 2

- An employee at this level has passed an accredited assessment for progression from Grade 1 to Grade 2 or is deemed by the employer to have the necessary skills and competence to satisfactorily perform duties at this level and is required by the employer to perform the duties of a Grade 2 and has been appointed by the employer to work as a Grade 2.
- Employees at this level must perform any or all of the following tasks and must have completed or are completing training and assessment in all of the following learning modules: Pruning; Vine Training; Basic Machinery Training; Irrigation; Harvesting; Safety; Chemical use and handling; and Grafting.
- Employees must work under general supervision to the limits of their skills, competence and training and in addition subject to receiving the appropriate training may be required to perform mechanical harvester operations and general vineyard machinery repair and maintenance.

### Grade 3

- An employee at this level has passed an accredited assessment for progression from Grade 2 to Grade 3 or is deemed by the employer to have the necessary skills and competence to satisfactorily perform duties at this level and is required by the employer to perform the duties of a Grade 3 and has been appointed by the employer to work as a Grade 3.
- Employees at this level must perform any or all of the following tasks and must have completed or are completing training and assessment in at least three of the following learning modules: Mechanical Harvesting Operations; Routine Repairs and Maintenance; Pruning; Vine Training; Planting; Trellising; Irrigation; Chemical use and handling; and Grafting.
- Employees must work under limited supervision to the limits of their skills, competence and training and in addition subject to receiving the appropriate training may be required to perform duties applicable to the operation of all other equipment.

### Grade 4

- An employee at this level has been deemed by the employer to be competent at Grades 1 to 3 and has been appointed by the employer to work at a level above Grade 3. In addition to meeting the training requirements for Grades 1 to 3, employees at this level must also have completed training in the operation of all equipment within the vineyard in which the employee is employed plus successful completion of training and assessment in the following: Rural Studies Certificate or equivalent; and Health, Safety and Welfare.
- Employees at this level must be able to perform any task without supervision in the vineyard in which the employee is employed. Employees at this level may be required to undertake training to take on the responsibilities of leading a section or department within the vineyard in which the employee is employed necessary for promotion to Grade 5.

### Grade 5

- An employee at this level has been appointed by the employer to perform the following tasks: Coordinate the work of employees within a section of the vineyard; and maintaining the employer's standards relating to safety, quality and production volume; and instructing other employees in modules essential to the operations of the vineyard in which the employees are employed.
- Employees at this level are also expected to have successfully completed training in the following areas or otherwise be deemed competent by their employer by virtue of their skills and experience: Supervision and instruction of other employees; and Report Writing.
- Employees at this level may be required to undertake further training for the purpose of maintaining their skills and knowledge and keeping up to date with change. Employees may also be required to undertake further management training for promotion to salaried positions beyond the scope of this award.

## Cellar Stream

### Grade 2

- An employee at this level has passed an accredited assessment for progression from Grade 1 to Grade 2 or is deemed by the employer to have the necessary skills and competence to satisfactorily perform duties at this level and is required by the employer to perform the duties of a Grade 2 and has been appointed by the employer to work as a Grade 2.
- Employees at this level must perform any or all of the following tasks and must have completed or are completing training and assessment in all of the following learning modules: Cellar Hygiene; Transferring of Product including road tankers & racking if required; Additions; Wine blending; and Safety regulations including confined space procedure & chemical handling.
- Employees must work under general supervision to the limits of their skills, competence and training and in addition subject to receiving the appropriate training may be required to perform the following tasks: Tank waxing; Vintage operations such as; Crushing; Press house work; and Tank cleaning removing skins etc.; Barrel washing; Forklift driving (certificate required); Wood stacking and transferring product to/from wood.

### Grade 3

- An employee at this level has passed an accredited assessment for progression from Grade 2 to Grade 3 or is deemed by the employer to have the necessary skills and competence to satisfactorily perform duties at this level and is required by the employer to perform the duties of a Grade 3 and has been appointed by the employer to work as a Grade 3.
- Employees at this level must perform any or all of the following tasks and must have successfully completed training and assessment the following learning modules: Forklift driving (Certificated); Filtration Pad / Cartridge / Membrane; and / or Earth; and / or Lees; Centrifugation Fortification; Ion exchange de-sulphurising; Juice concentration; Heat exchange; Spirit bond; Boiler attendant (Certificated); Distiller (limited to equipment operation, including boiler); Sparkling wine production.
- Employees must work under limited supervision to the limits of their skills, competence and training and in addition subject to receiving the appropriate training may be required to perform duties applicable to the operation of all other equipment.
- An employee at this level may be required to undertake training in the operation of all other equipment in the winery in which the employee is employed (with the exception of Distillery and Boilers) for progression to Grade 4.

### Grade 4

- An employee at this level has been deemed by the employer to be competent at Grades 1 to 3 and has been appointed by the employer to work at a level above Grade 3.
- In addition to meeting the training requirements for Grades 1 to 3, employees at this level must also have completed training in the operation of all equipment within the winery in which the employee is employed (except Distillery and Boiler equipment) plus successful completion of training and assessment in the following: Cellar procedures course (external); and Health, Safety and Welfare Course.
- Employees at this level must be able to perform any task without supervision in the winery in which the employee is employed.
- Employees at this level may be required to undertake training to take on the responsibilities of leading a section or department within the winery in which the employee is employed necessary for promotion to Grade 5.

### Grade 5

- An employee at this level has been appointed by the employer to perform the following tasks: Coordinate the work of employees within a section of the winery (e.g. Output filtration, Distillery or Sparkling Wines).
- Maintaining the employer's standards relating to safety, quality and production volume; and instructing other employees in modules essential to the operations of the winery in which the employees are employed.
- Employees at this level are also expected to have successfully completed training in the following areas or otherwise be deemed competent by their employer by virtue of their skills and experience: Supervision and instruction of other employees; and Report Writing.
- Employees at this level may be required to undertake further training for the purpose of maintaining their skills and knowledge and keeping up to date with change. Employees may also be required to undertake further management training for promotion to salaried positions beyond the scope of this award.

## Bottling Stream

### Grade 2

- An employee at this level has passed an accredited assessment for progression from Grade 1 to Grade 2 or is deemed by the employer to have the necessary skills and competence to satisfactorily perform duties at this level and is required by the employer to perform the duties of a Grade 2 and has been appointed by the employer to work as a Grade 2.
- Employees at this level must perform any or all of the following tasks and must have completed training and assessment in all of the following learning modules: Attending Packaging Equipment; Performing repetitive tasks for example: binning / de-binning unlabelled wines application of capsules hand labelling carton making packing wines de-palletising / palletising; and Bottling hygiene / housekeeping.
- Employees must work under general supervision to the limits of their skills, competence and training.

### Grade 3

- An employee at this level has passed an accredited assessment for progression from Grade 2 to Grade 3 or is deemed by the employer to have the necessary skills and competence to satisfactorily perform duties at this level and is required by the employer to perform the duties of a Grade 3 and has been appointed by the employer to work as a Grade 3.
- Employees at this level must perform any or all of the following tasks and must have successfully completed training and assessment in the following learning modules: Forklift driving (certificate required); Set up and efficient operation of one or more machines in: set up for production; Adjustments required during production; Close down and clean at the end of production; Changeover of one or more machines; Operation of service equipment related to packaging lines; and Boiler attendant (Certificated).
- Employees must work under limited supervision to the limits of their skills, competence and training and in addition subject to receiving the appropriate training may be required to perform duties applicable to the operation of all other equipment.
- An employee at this level may be required to undertake training in the operation of all other equipment necessary for progression to Grade 4 and may be required to assist with the training of new employees.

### Grade 4

- An employee at this level has been deemed by the employer to be competent at Grades 1 to 3 and has been appointed by the employer to work at a level above Grade 3.
- In addition to meeting the training requirements for Grades 1 to 3, employees at this level must also have completed training in the operation of all equipment including successful completion of training and assessment in the following: sterilisation and sanitation of filling machines, sterile wine filtration, and wine transfer.
- Employees at this level must be able to work without supervision.
- Employees at this level may be required to undertake training to take on the responsibilities of leading a section or department within the winery in which the employee is employed necessary for promotion to Grade 5.

### Grade 5

- An employee at this level has been appointed by the employer to perform the following tasks: Coordinate the work of employees within a department or packaging line; and maintaining the employer's standards relating to safety, quality and production volume.
- Employees at this level are also expected to have successfully completed training in the following areas or otherwise be deemed competent by their employer by virtue of their skills and experience: supervision and instruction of other employees, maintaining production records, report writing and Bottling Course (equivalent to 8 week TAFE course).
- Employees at this level may be required to undertake further training for the purpose of maintaining their skills and knowledge and keeping up to date with change. Employees may also be required to undertake further management training for promotion to salaried positions beyond the scope of this award.

## Warehousing Stream

### Grade 2

- An employee at this level has passed an accredited assessment for progression from Grade 1 to Grade 2 or is deemed by the employer to have the necessary skills and competence to satisfactorily perform duties at this level and is required by the employer to perform the duties of a Grade 2 and has been appointed by the employer to work as a Grade 2.
- Employees at this level must perform any or all of the following tasks and must have completed training and assessment in all of the following learning modules: Forklift operations (Certificate required); Basic physical layout within locations; Basic warehouse or supply procedures; Basis warehouse or supply operations.
- In addition employees must work under general supervision to the limits of their skills, competence and training and subject to receiving the appropriate training (and in addition to the above duties) may be required to perform the following tasks: Bottle yard operation; Scrap yard operation; Order receipt; Material issue; Stock checks / control; Truck driving (licensed); Production line forklift duties; Loading bay operations; and Warehouse movements as directed.



### Grade 3

- An employee at this level has passed an accredited assessment for progression from Grade 2 to Grade 3 or is deemed by the employer to have the necessary skills and competence to satisfactorily perform duties at this level and is required by the employer to perform the duties of a Grade 3 and has been appointed by the employer to work as a Grade 3.
- Employees at this level must perform any or all of the following tasks and must have successfully completed training and assessment in all of the learning modules relevant to Grade 2 and at least two of the following learning modules: Bottle yard operation; Scrap yard operation; Order receipt; Material issue; Stock checks / control; Truck driving (licensed); Production line forklift duties; Loading bay operations; Warehouse movements as directed; and Competent in use of a VDU (or PC) and keyboard.
- Employees shall work under limited supervision to the limits of their skills, competence and training and in addition subject to receiving the appropriate training may be required to perform duties applicable to the operation of all other equipment.
- An employee at this level may be required to undertake training all other areas of the warehouse in which the employee is employed necessary for progression to Grade 4.

### Grade 4

- An employee at this level has been deemed by the employer to be competent at Grades 1 to 3 and has been appointed by the employer to work at a level above Grade 3.
- In addition to meeting the training requirements for Grades 1 to 3, employees at this level must also have completed training in the operation of all equipment within the warehouse in which the employee is employed plus successful completion of training and assessment in the following: Emergency Procedures (internal); and Health, Safety and Welfare Course.
- Employees at this level must be able to perform any task without supervision in the warehouse in which the employee is employed.
- Employees at this level may be required to undertake training to take on the responsibilities of leading a section or department within the warehouse in which the employee is employed necessary for promotion to Grade 5.

### Grade 5

- An employee at this level has been appointed by the employer to perform the following tasks: Coordinate the work of employees within a section of the warehouse; Maintaining the employer's standards relating to safety, quality and production volume; and
- Instructing other employees in modules essential to the operations of the warehouse in which the employees are employed.
- Employees at this level are also expected to have successfully completed training in the following areas or otherwise be deemed competent by their employer by virtue of their skills and experience: Supervision and instruction of other employees; Forklift operators examiners course; Report Writing; and Warehouse and supply office procedures.
- Employees at this level may be required to undertake further training for the purpose of maintaining their skills and knowledge and keeping up to date with change. Employees may also be required to undertake further management training for promotion to salaried positions beyond the scope of this award.