

David Lowe

One of Australia's leading wine industry figures, David Lowe represents the sixth generation of the Lowe family, graziers who settled in 1829 at 'Tinja' in the Mudgee region of New South Wales.

David attended the local primary school, and subsequently Hurlstone Agricultural High School in Sydney and Roseworthy Agricultural College, South Australia where in 1979 he graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Oenology).

His passion for agriculture and wine was nurtured during his school years and holidays on the family farm where David subsequently established the LOWE vineyard (8 ha) in 1973. Since 2003 it has operated organically.

After graduation David was appointed assistant winemaker at the prestigious Rothbury Estate in the Hunter Valley working for two titans of the wine industry, Len Evans and Murray Tyrrell. Through turbulent but rewarding times, David progressed to become chief winemaker and group vineyard manager, significantly expanding Rothbury's production through innovative viticulture that included trellising, canopy management, fruit irrigation and water management.

At that time David also undertook vineyard risk management research that led to his identification of Orange as an alternative cool climate grape growing region, which today supplies grapes for selected wines in the LOWE and TINJA portfolios.

A pioneering 'flying' winemaker with a penchant for Bordeaux, David is also a wine consultant and an accredited wine show judge, regularly participating at national shows including Canberra, Hunter Valley and Cowra. During his 35-year career he has been the recipient of industry awards, trophies and medals, including Best Zinfandel at the 2003 International Wine Challenge (runner-up in 2004) and the Qantas Cup for the Best Australian Chardonnay (1985).

David Lowe is a prominent wine industry advocate and holds several key positions including President, NSW Wine Industry Association; executive member of the Winemakers Federation of Australia; member of the strategic NSW Ministers Wine Advisory Council, and was previously President of the Mudgee Wine Grape Growers Association.

David is a regular wine industry commentator and a passionate supporter of smart farming, rural land custodianship and regionalism. He claims he has no skills relevant to urban environments.

