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PETER DILLON JOINS THE HANDPICKED TEAM

Handpicked Wines is pleased to announce the appointment of a winemaker to its growing team, working under the direction of chief winemaker Gary Baldwin.

Peter Dillon will take up the new position this month and will be based at the company's flagship property, Capella Vineyard, on the Mornington Peninsula. Peter will travel to Handpicked's vineyards in the Yarra Valley and Barossa Valley and Handpicked's contract vineyards and wineries in Australia and overseas.

Gary said Peter stood out from a field of strong candidates due to his technical expertise, his experience in large and small-scale operations throughout Australia and his understanding of fine wines.

"We approach things a little differently to many other wine companies and Peter understands our concept of making classic varietal wines from the world's great wine regions. Peter's technical skills, management experience and positive outlook are a wonderful addition to our team."

During ten years at Accolade Wines Peter worked as a senior winemaker and manager of Houghton's Nannup winery and gained wide experience in large-scale operations across different wine regions. For the past two years he has been senior winemaker at Larry Cherubino Wines, working across regions in south-west Western Australia. He has held senior technical and board positions in state and regional industry associations and is an experienced wine show judge.

Peter said he was attracted to Handpicked's concept of "travel the world, one wine at a time" in addition to the opportunity to work with Gary Baldwin.

"I am deeply passionate about terroir and making unique wines from special vineyards, so the concept of making wines from a range of premium vineyards and regions is very exciting. I am keen to work alongside Gary and share in his immense knowledge and experience."

Gary said it was satisfying to see the company growing after recent accolades including being named one of "10 of the best new wineries" in James Halliday's 2015 Australian Wine Companion; being judged best wine in the inaugural VIC100 Wine Awards (2013 Handpicked Collection Mornington Peninsula Pinot Noir) and winning the trophy for Best Mornington Peninsula Red Wine at the 2014 International Cool Climate Wine Show (2013 Handpicked Capella Vineyard Pinot Noir).

For more information or to arrange an interview with Peter Dillon or Gary Baldwin, please contact Handpicked Wines marketing manager Imogen Hayes on 02 9475 7888 or 0431 056 936.

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