

# Foreword

The readers of this book could not have chosen a better time to find the “Undiscovered Treasures” of Canberra District wines. The District is producing many exceptional quality wines, as is evidenced in Chapter 6 of this book.

Huon Hooke, writing in the Sydney Morning Herald Good Living Supplement<sup>1</sup> stated :

“Today the Canberra District is flourishing, and produces some of the finest and most exciting cool climate wines in the land, thanks to its high altitude and continental inland climate. All the vineyards are sited between 500m and 800m. That’s quite a range of altitudes, but even 500m is high for vines. It’s the range of altitudes and mesoclimates that makes Canberra wine so diverse and interesting.”

This book is a testament to the pioneers, the current grapegrowers and winemakers who are combining to produce truly outstanding grapes and wines. The grapes from the 2001 and 2002 vintages were of very high quality, with intense flavours, excellent acid/sugar balance and ripe tannins. Some of these wines are now making their way onto the market, providing wines of exceptional flavour and intensity. Now is the time to taste them, so I would encourage those who haven’t toured the District to come and discover them for themselves.

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