



## MESH WINEMAKER PROFILES

### Jeffrey Grosset

Jeffrey Grosset, a graduate of Oenology and Agriculture, he gained vast experience with larger Australian companies, and in Europe, before starting his own winery in 1980. Grosset Wines is in the historic township of Auburn, the gateway to the Clare Valley. Emphasis is placed equally on technical expertise in winemaking and viticulture.

All six wines Jeffrey produces consistently achieve outstanding ratings but he is best known internationally for his Polish Hill and Watervale Rieslings. In 1998, Jeffrey was voted The Gourmet Traveller Wine magazine "Australian Winemaker of the Year" and in the same year, named the inaugural "Riesling Winemaker of the Year" at the Riesling summit held in Hamburg, Germany.



### Robert Hill Smith

A fifth generation descendant of Samuel Smith, who founded Yalumba in 1849, Robert did not need to look far to find an industry in which to build a career. He graduated with a degree in Business Administration, majoring in Marketing and after working in a variety of wine roles and extensive travel he was in 1985 appointed Managing Director of the Yalumba Wine Company at 34 years of age. Under his tutorship, Yalumba has excelled with fine wines including the estate vineyards of Pewsey Vale and Heggies where Riesling is a major focus.

Robert's passion for wine and drive for perfection can be seen throughout the company from Yalumba's innovative vine nursery to its on-site barrel cooperage. His respect for terroir is evident throughout the portfolio with Eden Valley Riesling, Barossa Shiraz and Viognier, Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon, Tasmanian Sparkling and Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc (NZ) to mention just a few.