



**Approval of the
New Zealand Winegrowers'
Wine Standards Management Plan Code of Practice**

I, Andrew McKenzie, Director-General, approve under section 8(2) of the Wine Act 2003 the

New Zealand Winegrowers' Wine Standards Management Plan Code of Practice

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as a valid and appropriate code of practice upon which to base a wine standards management plan for businesses that make grape wine.

Signed at Wellington this 12th day of December 2007.

SIGNED

Andrew McKenzie
Director-General

Explanatory material

Background

1. Section 8(2) of the Wine Act 2003 (the Act) provides for a wine standards management plan for a particular business to be based on a template, model or a code of practice if in the view of the Director-General the template, model or code of practice is valid and appropriate for businesses of that kind.
2. The New Zealand Winegrowers' Code of Practice is one of three documents that together form a model wine standards management plan for grape wine.
3. Note that any amendment to or update of the New Zealand Winegrowers' Wine Standards Management Plan Code of Practice does not take effect until approved by the Director-General.

Justification

1. The Code of Practice is valid as it outlines procedures and practices that satisfy the regulatory requirements that are applicable for grape wine businesses. The procedures are practical and achievable for the kind of businesses concerned.
2. The Code of Practice is appropriate as it is suitable for grape winemaking businesses. This is demonstrated through the development and peer review process the Code of Practice was subject to. It was designed for a well-run, small-medium sized winery, developed by the industry for the industry, subject to independent review by the NZFSA and a specialist consultant.

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