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## Job-ready training for our wine industry

Agriculture is a pillar of the state's economy, with a farm gate value of \$1.9 billion. With wine grapes worth almost \$50 million at the farm gate growing \$143.3 million once processed (2018-19).

For the first time, specialised "how to pick" wine grapes training is being offered by Wine Tasmania.

Training will take place at Delamere Vineyard today (Wednesday 24 March) in the North of the State, and at Meadowbank Vineyard tomorrow (25 March) in the South.

The training is part of our Government's Agricultural Workforce Resilience Package helping industry address barriers to Tasmanian residents taking up harvest jobs.

With more than 200 vineyards around the state and an increasing global reputation for our wines, this is an exciting opportunity to be part of the state's wine industry.

The training is run by Wine Tasmania in partnership with TasTAFE and the Tasmanian Government, and is a great opportunity for entry level wine grape pickers to ensure they are 'job-ready'.

All participants will receive a certificate of completion, and the opportunity to explore employment and career pathways including more formal agricultural sector certificate training through TasTAFE.

With more than 1,000 jobs currently available on the Harvest Trail website, our Government has worked hard to ensure opportunities are presented to Tasmanian residents first.

The "how to pick" training is another positive step in our goal to support this season's harvest while we continue to grow the farm gate value of Tasmania's agriculture sector to \$10 billion a year by 2050, driving investment and creating local jobs, many in regional areas.

To find out more information on harvest work opportunities that are available now and over the coming months visit <https://dpijwe.tas.gov.au/harvest-jobs>