



TASMANIAN WINE GRAPE SMOKE TESTING REBATE PROGRAM

The Tasmanian Government, through the Accelerating Agriculture policy, is providing Wine Industry Tasmania Ltd (trading as Wine Tasmania) with an emergency fund of \$100,000 to support rapid and early scientific grape testing by wine businesses in the case of future bushfire events.

The fund will be administered by Wine Tasmania and will be available until fully allocated.

The fund will offer a rebate of up to \$1,000+GST per Tasmanian wine business on grape samples submitted for smoke testing as the result of a bushfire event, per season. It will be available for applications from 1 February 2022 until fully allocated.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants must:

- Be the owner or operator of a Tasmanian business producing wine grapes;
- Own, operate or lease a vineyard larger than 1 hectare located in Tasmania;
- Hold an active Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST); and
- Demonstrate that grapes or juice were submitted for analysis during a bushfire event - a bushfire event is defined as an uncontrolled fire and listed on the TFS Alerts page as "Smoke Alert", "Advice", "Watch and Act" or "Emergency". Note: this program does not provide support for testing wine grapes exposed to smoke from permit burns or fuel reduction burns.

Applicants are required to pay for the smoke testing, before applying for the rebate.

One rebate of up to \$1,000+GST will be offered per business (ABN), per season, until the fund is fully allocated.

Ineligible Applicants

- Owners, operators or lessees of a vineyard planting in Tasmania smaller than 1 hectare.
- Owners, operators or lessees of vineyards located in wine regions other than Tasmania.

Eligible Activities

- The only activity eligible for this program is the testing of samples of whole wine grapes, fresh grape juice or fermented grape juice for the effects of smoke exposure following a bushfire event from vineyards located in Tasmania.
- Samples can be tested by Affinity Labs (AWRI) for analysis of smoke-related compounds in grapes and wine, with further details here: <https://affinitylabs.com.au/smoke-evaluation/>

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Ineligible Activities

- Costs of obtaining wine grape samples (eg staffing / contractors).
- Internal analysis of wine grape samples (ie not undertaken by one of the laboratories listed above).
- Freight to send wine grape samples for testing.
- Advice from a consultant.
- Wine grape testing for smoke exposure resulting from a fire event other than a bushfire (as defined above).

Application process

Applicants should have submitted wine grape samples to Affinity Labs (AWRI) for analysis. Applicants should pay all invoices for smoke testing before submitting their application. Rebates will be paid to eligible applicants after they have paid laboratory invoices. Applications will be assessed on the eligibility criteria and may not be successful if eligibility is not met. Rebates will only be available until the total funding allocation is exhausted.

To apply for the rebate, applicants must complete the [Wine Grape Testing Rebate application form](#) and submit it together with evidence of payment for laboratory testing, either a tax invoice or receipt.

Applicants who have had more than one batch of samples analysed should submit all supporting documentation in one application. Please do not submit multiple applications. One rebate of up to \$1,000+GST will be offered per business per financial year. Completed applications will be processed in order of receipt.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in writing within approximately 7 days. The rebate will be paid via electronic funds transfer into the bank account nominated in the application form and may take up to four weeks to process.

The total amount of funding available through this program is \$100,000, provided by the Tasmanian Government, and administered by Wine Tasmania. It will remain available until fully allocated.

By signing the application form, you are declaring that the information provided in the application form and supporting documentation is true and accurate. Providing inaccurate, untrue or misleading information may be a breach of criminal law for which serious penalties may apply.

Taxation and financial implications

Rebates under the program attract GST. Payments to successful applicants are increased to compensate for the amount of GST payable. The receipt of funding from this program may be treated as income by the ATO. While rebates are typically treated as assessable income for taxation purposes, how they are treated will depend on the recipient's particular circumstances. It is strongly recommended that potential applicants consider seeking independent advice about the possible tax implications for receiving the rebate under the program from a tax advisor, financial advisor and/or the ATO, prior to submitting an application.

Confidentiality & Publicity

Information provided by applicants may be used and disclosed for the purposes of discharging respective functions under the Program Guidelines and otherwise for the purposes of the program and related uses. Recipients of the rebate and the rebate amount paid will be provided to the Tasmanian Government as part of the acquittal process by Wine Tasmania. Recipients of the rebate may also be published, together with the rebate amount paid.

Administration and contact details

The program will be administered by Wine Tasmania. Any person requiring further advice or information on the program, or submitting an application, is asked to direct enquiries to: Wine Tasmania on 03 6223 3770 or mail@winetasmania.net.au.

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Further details at <https://winetasmania.com.au/tasmanian-wine-grape-testing-rebate>.

