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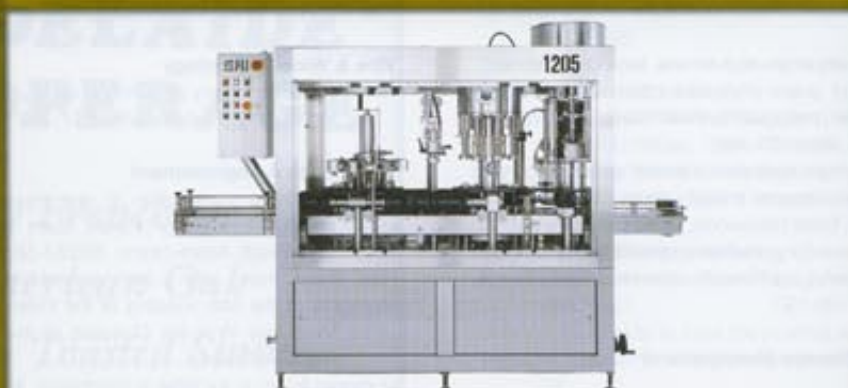
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30 YEARS AGO

January 1975

Fires destroy Hunter crops

Bushfires destroyed several red-grape crops near Cessnock on January 27. Winegrower, Mr Murray Tyrrell, said 15% of the district's crop had been destroyed. It could mean a loss of about \$150,000 to the Pokolbin Vineyards, he said. The grapes would have made about 90,000 gallons of wine.

20 YEARS AGO

January 1985

Co-op chief, growers blast proposal by Penfolds for growers pool

Consolidated Co-operative Wineries general manager, John Pendrigh, has condemned the proposed Penfolds Winery growers' pool.

The proposal was a direct attempt to undermine price legislation, which was the only security a grower had, he said.

Penfolds' management had earlier contested it could not operate taking SA grapes in competition with other winemaking concerns, namely Orlando, Lindemans, Seppelts, McWilliams and Stanley wineries, which, it was claimed, bought grapes from interstate at cheaper prices.

Pendrigh said Berri and Renmano wineries were able to take Riverland grapes and still make a profit and suggested if Penfolds was unable to do so it may be less efficient than CCW.

10 YEARS AGO

January 1995

Shelmerdine succeeds Gunner at WFA

Stephen Shelmerdine is president-elect of the Winemakers' Federation of Australia. He succeeds Perry Gunner, who has stepped down after a one-year term.

Shelmerdine, 44, is president of the Victorian Wine Industry Association and has had a long involvement in the development of the wine industry, first in Victoria and more recently, nationally.

His father was the founder and driving force in the establishment of Mitchelton, near Nagambie, in Central Victoria, a role Stephen has continued as a director of Mitchelton Wines.

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