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Vintage is in full swing around Australia (well, mainland Australia anyway) and there have been a couple events to welcome the first grapes. In McLaren Vale the Bell Ringing Ceremony took place with the Bushing Kings on hand to 'ring in the vintage'.

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As Paul Evans, the Winemakers' Federation of Australia (WFA) chief executive explains, "we want the rebate kept for those wine businesses who support regional communities". "We believe we've got the overwhelming support of the Australian wine industry on this," Evans said. "We want

to keep the rebate, but obviously eligibility needs to be tightened up."

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International workshop on grapevine downy and powdery mildew held in Spain in mid-2014. They report on the highlights from lectures, papers and posters presented at the workshop.



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There are some unfamiliar sweet, ferment smells wafting from commercial city buildings at the moment as vintage arrives in the city. Passers-by probably wouldn't give a second-thought to smell, and might not believe you if you told them it was thanks to a winemaker in action.

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As wine is a complex medium with a wide variety of constituents, it is not always easy to tell how well the filtration will proceed.

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