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## **CALABRIA FAMILY WINES APPOINTS CHIEF WINEMAKER**

AUSTRALIAN WINEMAKERS; CALABRIA FAMILY WINES IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF EMMA NORBIATO TO THE ROLE OF CHIEF WINEMAKER.

Calabria Family Wines was established in 1945 and has grown to be one of Australia's top producing family winemakers under the leadership of director and winemaker, Bill Calabria. Today, the company is managed by the third generation of the Calabria family, with Bill overseeing viticulture management and is proud for Emma take on this position.

Emma Norbiato joined the winemaking team at Calabria Family Wines in 2009, during this time she was named 2016 Australia's Women in Wine '*Winemaker of the Year*'. With 18 vintages of winemaking experience, Emma is also a senior wine show judge with over 15 years' experience across both regional and capital city shows. Emma's new role of Chief Winemaker will see her responsible for the winemaking and stylistic direction of the Calabria Family wine portfolio, working together with our team of winemakers and grape growers, continuing to produce high quality wines.

Emma is looking forward to working with the dedicated Calabria winemaking team to continue the strong direction of the family portfolio; "They say you are only as good as the sum of your parts, and I am very fortunate to be part of a good team. I am truly excited about the upcoming wine developments we have ahead for 2018, from multiple regions around Australia."

Emma also paid tribute to Bill Calabria's legacy, "Bill has been a great asset of our region and mentor to many. I am deeply honoured to take on this position and share the Calabria family story and wines."

Bill Calabria said the appointment reinforced the strong direction the family company will be investing in its portfolio moving forward. "Emma's passion has allowed her to shine through the ranks at Calabria Family Wines right up to Chief Winemaker. Her extensive knowledge of the Australian wine industry, together with the strength of Emma's award winning winemaking will be a credit to the Calabria Family Wines brand and I know that she will continue to nurture the future direction of our portfolio. My Family and I are looking forward to seeing the team drive the brand forward under Emma's leadership." Bill Calabria said.

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#### **Emma Norbiato Profile:**

Emma Norbiato joined the Calabria Family winemaking team in 2009. She was born and bred in the Riverina, being raised on a sheep and rice farm, influencing her passion to become a winemaker.

Emma attended Charles Sturt University, during her studies, Emma achieved the highest mark for sensory evaluation and was awarded an Associate Judging position at the National Wine Show in Canberra at age 21.

Whilst also attending University, Emma completed vintages at Mountadam Vineyards and Cranswick Estate.

After Graduation Emma was offered an assistant winemaker role with Lindemans in 2001 and went on to

furthered her skills by completing a vintage in Tuscany making *Brunello* at Castelgiocondo. Upon her return to Australia, Emma settled in the Barossa Valley working at the renowned Penfolds Winery, for four years in the red winemaking team.

In 2006 Emma return to her home town in the Riverina, taking up a Senior Winemaking

role with Casella Family Brands, notably producing global phenomenon; *Yellow Tail*. In 2009 Emma and her

husband, Mark, welcomed their first child, Archie, which led her to commence a part-time winemaking role at

Calabria Family Wines, working closely with growers and the winemaking team to produce over 40 trophy

winning wines. During this time Emma also undertook multiple wine show judging roles around Australia as a

senior judge, with the highlight of her career in 2016, being announced as the Australia's Women in Wine

'*Winemaker of the Year*'. Emma has since gone on to have two more children, Florence and Edward and when

not pursuing her passion making wine, Emma enjoys cooking and being outdoors with the kids, mainly mountain bike riding and waterskiing.

#### **About Calabria Family Wines:**

Calabria Family Wines was established in 1945 by Italian immigrants Francesco and Elizabeth Calabria. Today the company is managed by the third generation of the Calabria family which now has interests in the Riverina,

Hilltops and Barossa Valley wine regions. The Calabria family is committed to producing outstanding premium

wines that have won them an array of international awards. Their company motto 'Primus Inter Pare,' 'First

among equals,' underpins everything the company represents, as the family have made wine their life and

passion, resulting in both 2009 and 2010 with the Calabria family being announced 'Family Business of the Year.'

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