



Biography

Alan Kennett, Chief Winemaker, Casella Wines

In his crucial role at Casella Wines, Alan manages the crushing, making and blending of more than 12 million cases of wine per annum while maintaining the consistent taste of [yellow tail] year after year.

Alan has been working as Chief Winemaker at Casella Wines for more than 10 years, with his winemaking team growing from two to 13 winemakers during this time. The crush capacity has also grown from 200 tones in 1996 to over 180,000 tones in 2011.

Alan's initial interest in winemaking grew from his passion for chemistry. After completing a Science degree at the University of Sydney, he then graduated with a degree in Wine Science from Charles Sturt University, in Wagga Wagga.

Alan's career in the wine industry began in 1992 at Miranda Wines in Griffith, where he was QA Winemaker. He joined Casella Wines in 1996 and remained until after the 2000 vintage. Alan then worked as Chief Winemaker/Manager for Southcorp's giant Karadoc winery in the Riverland, near Mildura before returning to Casella in 2002.

By cultivating a close working relationship with the growers and viticulturists in all of Casella's vineyards and growing regions, Alan's ongoing goal is to provide quality wines for the domestic and international markets.