

# RED EARTH FARMS

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Considering the future path the wine tax will go, we feel it very important to continue to honour existing contracts for a period of 3 years.

Without assistance to honour these contracts we may not be able to survive that period.

All businesses sign supply contracts based on the relevant laws at the time the agreements are made to protect their business.

To repeal this situation would be very unsatisfactory.

Going forward we would like to see all wine packaged or bottled by a winery for a specific customer, remain eligible to retain the WET rebate. This would assist small wineries and producers to remain in the wine industry.

Without some assistance for smaller producers the wine industry may deteriorate in a similar fashion as has the dairy farmers in Australia where too few players control the market.

I trust you will consider our views.

Yours Sincerely

RED EARTH FARMS (RIVERLAND)