

Winetech

Wine Industry Network of Expertise and Technology
Netwerk van Kundigheid en Tegnologie vir die Wynbedryf

INTRODUCTION

WINETECH operates as a network of participating institutions and individuals that, in one way or the other, have a strong interest in improving the competitive position of the South African wine industry. In other words, the primary interest of WINETECH's leadership is to build a strong and healthy South African wine industry through co-operative (participative) R&D initiatives, rather than building a strong WINETECH organisation as such.

MISSION OF WINETECH

To provide the South African Wine Industry with a sustainable basis of forefront technology and human resources in order to strengthen both local and international competitiveness and profitability.

CORE FUNCTIONS

The facilitation and oversight responsibility for sustainable and responsible natural resources usage.

The facilitation and coordination of relevant wine industry related research & development and technical innovation, addressing the Winetech specific value chain and the effective transfer of such technology for the benefit of all.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Winetech's main source of funds comes from the Statutory Research and Development Levy paid by industry members of SALBA, VinPro and WCSA.

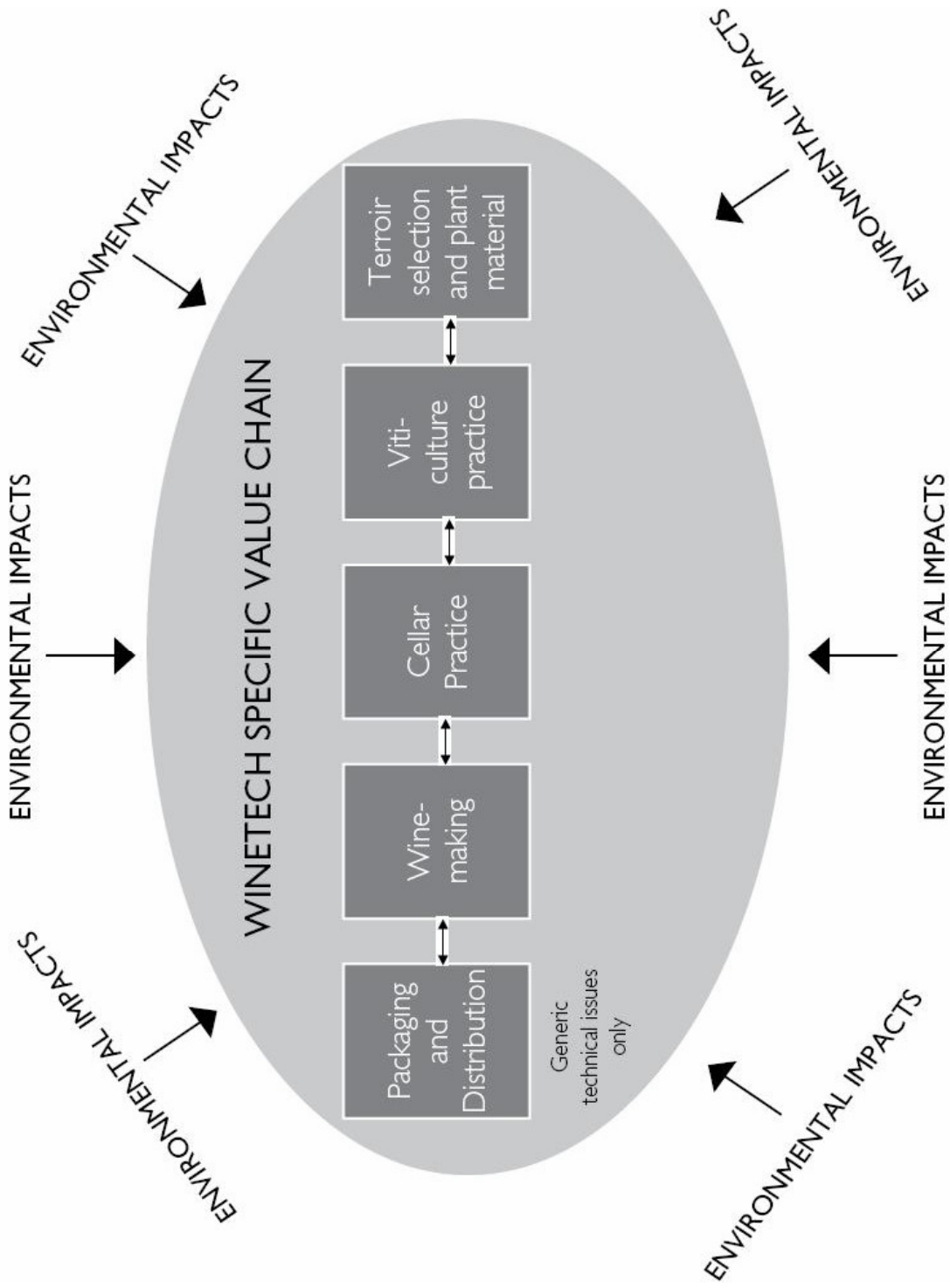
OBJECTIVES OF WINETECH

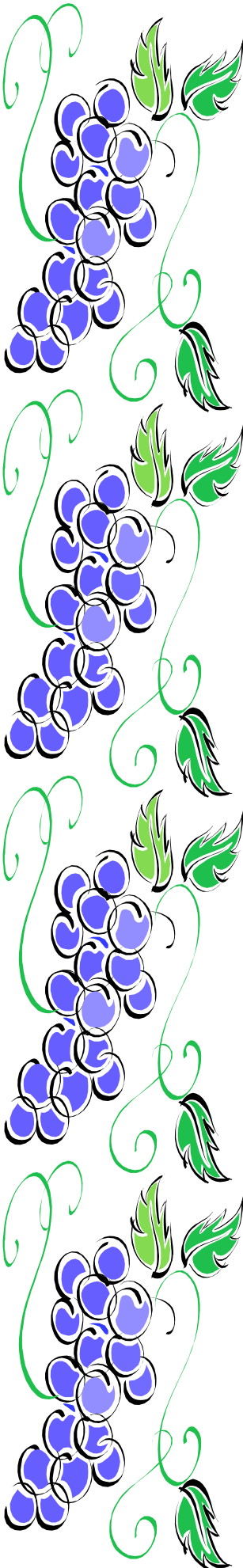
According to its constitution, the objectives of WINETECH are sixfold, namely:

- To support relevant wine industry with expertise, enabling it to be cost effective while producing quality wines and other grape based products through the application of environmentally friendly technologies.
- To support the training and education of individuals for the industry – at all levels in terms of skills, knowledge and insight development – in order to ensure the practical implementation of the best knowledge and most advanced technologies in viticulture, wine making and other grape based products.
- To establish a culture of technological innovation, to ensure the ongoing utilisation of the best technology within the industry, and to facilitate its dissemination to all the sectors of the industry.
- To facilitate the development of resource poor and previously disadvantaged producers and to improve their access to the industry by making appropriate cutting edge technology available to such producers.
- To establish world leadership in selected niche areas of the wine industry through WINETECH'S network of scientific and technological expertise.
- To commission relevant and thoroughly planned research, technology development and technology transfer in the promotion of the industry's technological capabilities and in the attainment of the other objectives.

Members of Winetech

The members of Winetech are the members of SALBA, VinPro and WCSA as well as other identified stakeholders.





Additional Role Players

WINETECH strives to have R&D done by the most competent people and institutions to get the best and most cost effective results.

Winetech`s Council is responsible for the effective operational functioning of Winetech. The Council comprises of experts in Viticulture, Oenology, Technology-transfer, Training and other representatives.

Technical committees for viticulture, training, technology-transfer and oenology exists with specialist technical sub-committees for viticulture and oenology. These committees of experts are responsible for identifying research needs, prioritising research needs, evaluating the merits, progress and funding or not of research projects.

WEBSITE

Winetech`s website was launched in the beginning of 2001. The following information is available on the website:

- Winetech`s constitution
- Latest annual report
- Table of finished and running projects as well as contact details of project leaders
- Application forms for funding
- Research results etc.

Visit our website at www.winetech.co.za

DATABASE

Winetech in collaboration with the SAWIS Wine Industry Library set up a Database of all completed and current projects that were funded by Winetech since 1999. The database is available for free on the SAWIS Industry Library web

www.sawislibrary.co.za.

WYNBOER

An ongoing technology transfer activity is the monthly publication of the *Wynboer* section in *WineLand magazine*. Apart from popular scientific articles, this also contains *Winetech Nuus/News*.

The scientific articles that are published in *Wynboer* and in English on the *WineLand* website, www.wynboer.co.za, are compiled and published yearly in a *Technical Yearbook*. This glossy publication has elicited very positive feedback. From the producer`s point of view, it is very handy to have a book that contains all the articles that were published in the course of a year.

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