

## **Ms Louisa Elizabeth Rose**

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present to you an outstanding candidate for admission to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University (honoris causa): Ms Louisa Elizabeth Rose.

Louisa is one of Australia's most respected winemakers and industry leaders.

She grew up and was educated in Melbourne, spending weekends in the Yarra Valley helping out on the family vineyard.

She completed a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in physics, at Melbourne University, and then relocated to South Australia and the University of Adelaide's Roseworthy campus to study winemaking, where she was dux of her class.

Louisa worked the 1992 vintage as a cellar hand at Yalumba – Australia's oldest family-owned winemaker – in the Barossa and returned to join the team in January 1993. She never left.

Since then, she has been involved in almost every facet of viticulture, winemaking and management. She was Hill-Smith Family Estates' head winemaker from 2006 to 2023, and is currently the winery's Head of Sustainability and Brand Ambassador.

From the beginning, Louisa has been a champion of Viognier and Riesling from Hill-Smith Family Estates' Eden Valley vineyards. She describes them as her passion and forte.

She has also been a driving force in sustainability and the use of natural yeast – wild or feral - and bacteria to make wine. Under her stewardship, all Hill-Smith Family Estates wines, from vintage 2012, are vegan and made without the use of animal-based fining agents.

Louisa has won many awards for her work: 1999 Barossa Winemaker of the Year, 2004 International Woman in Wine at the International Wine & Spirit Competition in London, 2008 Gourmet Traveller WINE Magazine Winemaker of the Year; 2008 Wolf Blass Award for contribution to the development and promotion of Riesling, and 2013 Winemaker of the Year by the Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology.

In August 2014, Louisa was voted the best winemaker in Australia by 100 of her peers: winemakers, sommeliers and wine buyers from around the country. She judges Australian and international wine shows, and was named a Fellow of the Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology in 2017. In 2019, Louisa was elected as Grand Master of the Barossa wine fraternity Barons of Barossa and, in 2020, received the Hill-Smith Family Estates' highest honour, being named the signatory for The Signature cabernet shiraz 2016. In 2021 Louisa was awarded the Roseworthy Old Collegians

Association Award of Merit, and in 2023 she received a University of Adelaide Alumni Fellows Award.

Louisa was a Director of the Australian Wine Research Institute from 2011 and Chair from 2014 to 2022 and is currently a Director of the South Australian Wine Industry Association.

Louisa has also contributed significantly to the University over many years. She currently sits on the University's 150th Celebrations Steering Committee and is a long-term member of the Alumni Council, serving as Chair from 2014 to 2023. Her dedication to the Alumni Council fostered meaningful engagement with the University's large and diverse global community of alumni.

The Academic Procession Marshal enters from the Western side of stage to hand the Honorary Doctorate folder and cylinder to the Chancellor. The Academic Procession Marshal then exits the stage.

The Vice-Chancellor and President is to wait until the Chancellor is ready before proceeding.

Chancellor, I am pleased to present to you Ms Louisa Elizabeth Rose, Bachelor of Applied Science, Wine Science, and Bachelor of Science, Physics, to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University (honoris causa).