

## Minister Geoff Brock

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### Wolf Blass expansion to create 30 new jobs

A major expansion of Treasury Wine Estates' Wolf Blass winery and packaging facility in Nuriootpa will create 30 new jobs.

Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock today announced a \$2 million grant from the State Government's Regional Development Fund towards the \$23 million expansion.

"This investment represents a substantial commitment to the Barossa, Light and Lower North region and beyond," Mr Brock said.

"The expansion will help create and sustain employment by delivering both economic and social benefits.

"This is a significant project by Treasury Wine Estates creating 30 new full time positions when the expansion is complete, as well as employing another 120 people during the construction phase.

"The overall expansion project will see some components of the bottling line move from Victoria to South Australia, and then integrated into the state of the art packaging facility.

"The RDF grant will specifically support construction of the Wolf Blass Winery extensions, the fit out of a new bottling hall/warehouse, as well as initial construction and installation of sparkling pressure tanks and the extension of waste water treatment facilities.

"The expansion will also have flow on effects throughout the region for associated industries such as growers, engineers, logistics and transport.

"Treasury Wine Estates is one of the world's largest publicly listed wine companies and produces some of the nation's oldest and most iconic wine brands," Mr Brock said.

Peter Taylor, Director Wine Production ANZ from Treasury Wine Estates, said the project would help optimise the company's Australian wine production and packaging network.

"The choice to enhance and expand our flagship Wolf Blass Winery/Packaging precinct in the Barossa Valley was the most efficient option," Peter said.

"This expansion will significantly improve the operation of our supply chain, and increase the amount of wine processed in the Wolf Blass packaging centre for both domestic and export purposes.

“This development will bring together our sparkling wine and still wine processing capability into one modern bottling and packaging plant.”

The State Government’s economic priorities include ‘Premium food and wine produced in a clean environment and exported to the world’, ‘South Australia – a growing destination choice for international and domestic travellers’ and ‘Growth through innovation’.

The Regional Development Fund drives economic growth and productivity by offering grants to boost investment in regional infrastructure and to create jobs and new opportunities for the regions.

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