

The treatment of grape varietal names is a critical concern for Australian Grape & Wine. The immediate risks are associated with listed grape variety names such as Prosecco and Picpoul di Pinet, but there are also potentially significant risks for other varieties in the future if a precedent of disallowing the use of grape variety names by Australian growers and winemakers is set.

As a contract Winemaker, I make wines from many emerging varieties and noble varieties as requested by clients. If I was to be penalised from making Prosecco then there would be a loss of future business to me with respect to this grape variety. I am steadily growing my contract winemaking and Investing in winemaking equipment, supplies, infrastructure and people.

I object to the goal posts being moved so that a grape variety can be changed to a geographical location.

