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### Riverlink releases viticulture research updates

Viticulture growers and industry representatives can now access research project updates through a new Riverlink publication.

*Riverlink Viticulture Research, Development and Extension 2006* provides a comprehensive overview of Riverlink wine grape, dried grape, table grape and general viticulture research currently underway or recently completed within the Sunraysia-Riverland region.

Riverlink Program Leader – Viticulture, Peter Clingeffer said, “Research, development and extension projects have been developed in conjunction with industry representatives. There are a range of viticultural issues currently being addressed, from rootstock breeding to best practice management, and irrigation benchmarking to market development.

“The Sunraysia-Riverland region is a major contributor to viticulture grown in Australia with over 50% of Australian winegrapes, 75% of Australian table grapes and almost all of Australia’s dried fruit production.

“Riverlink collaborative research aims to utilise funding and resources in the most effective manner to provide benefits directly to the viticulture industries,” Mr Clingeffer said.

The unique Riverlink network enhances collaborative research through Federal and State government research agencies. New South Wales Department of Primary Industries, Victorian Department of Primary Industries, CSIRO Plant Industry, South Australian Research and Development Institute, and the Primary Industries and Resources South Australia are all a part of Riverlink.

Through Riverlink the government research agencies work together, sharing resources and expertise, to improve the research and development services provided to Australian horticultural industries.

*Riverlink Viticulture Research, Development and Extension 2006* is a communication tool aimed to provide viticulture industries with an insight into project advancement and outcomes.

“The publication is an excellent resource for growers to gain information and utilise as a reference regarding research developments in their industry,” Mr Clingeffer said.

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