



Barossa Seminar and Site Tour: Increased vineyard productivity through application of compost

Thursday 26th April 8am – 12pm.

This seminar and site tour shows what's possible with good organics management in the vineyard in lifting yields and improved consistency. The latest soil monitoring and application techniques will also be presented.

- Michael Eyres and Ed Scott of Field Systems Australia and Oli Madgett of Platfarm will describe precision compost application and demonstrate their application at Torbreck using recent soil mapping and other testing undertaken by Nigel. An examination and description by Michael of the residual and commercial effects of organic carbon at depth using soil pit evaluation will also be an opportunity to discuss potential carbon sequestration opportunities for wine grape growers, which AORA seeks to facilitate.
- Site tour with Nigel Blieschke, Viticulturist at Torbreck Vintners. Nigel will describe the benefits to his vineyards achieved by applying compost over the last three years, techniques he has used to monitor soil health and in applying compost to achieve his success. Results have included increased microbial activity in soil and overcoming soil variability, which have in turn resulted in significant water savings and increases in yield.
- Opportunities to meet SA Australian Organics Recycling Association Processing Members and learn more about their products and services. Growers can continue to liaise with SA AORA branch through a Community of Practice and receive guidance on best practice for compost application. A case study will be developed based on Nigel's experience as well as gauging need for other resources to assist the regions growers in monitoring and lifting soil carbon.

EVENT DETAILS

When: Thursday 26th April 8am – 12pm.

Where: Starting in the CWA Hall 70 Murray Street, Tanunda for presentations, morning tea and opportunity to meet Processing AORA Memembrs (8am – 10:15am) then site visit at Torbreck Vintners, Barossa Valley, 348 Roenn Feldt Road, Marananga (10:30am – 12pm)

Cost: \$25 AORA Members and \$35 Non-Members. A cap of 40 in order to make things manageable and safe during the site tour. Please RSVP to Uma via who will send a booking and payment link sasecretary@aora.org.au

Event Sponsor

SA AORA Branch kindly acknowledge the support of National Landcare, Regional Landcare and the Adelaide Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management Board, AMLR NRM Board which has enabled this event and subsequent case study and engagement with Growers possible.

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