Fact Sheet

Roseworthy Old Collegians Association Inc.

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University of Adelaide Alumni Fellow Honour

Dr Louisa Rose

(B.App.Sc. WineSc 1993, Dr.Univ. Honoris Causa - 2024)

ROCA member, Louisa Rose (B.App.Sc. WineSc 1993) was awarded an Alumni Fellow Honour by the University of Adelaide ceremony in 2023.

A renowned winemaker and recipient of the ROCA Award of Merit in 2021 and honorary degree Doctor of the University (honoris causa) by the University of Adelaide 2024.

Louisa Rose is head of sustainability and brand ambassador at Hill Smith Family Estates.

The Alumni Fellow honour bestowed by the University of Adelaide acknowledged her leading contributions to the University of Adelaide's Alumni Council.

Louisa Rose grew up in Melbourne and spent her weekends on the family vineyard in the Yarra Valley. She completed a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in physics at Melbourne University, then relocated to South Australia and the University of Adelaide's Roseworthy Campus to study winemaking where she was Dux of her graduating group.

She joined Yalumba in the Barossa Valley in 1992 and became the Hill-Smith Family Estates' head winemaker from 2006-2023. Louisa Rose has been a driving force in sustainability, natural yeast and bacteria to make wine, with the Estates' wines becoming vegan in 2012.

Louisa Rose has been recognised by her wine industry peers several times, including in 2014 when she was voted the best winemaker in Australia by 100 industry leaders.

She has been a director of the South Australian Wine Industry Association, in addition to chair of the Australian Wine Research Institute. and is a long-term member of the University of Adelaide's Alumni Council, having served as chair from 2014 to 2023.