

ROCA AWARD OF MERIT 1993 – Robert Baker

Bob Baker (RDOen, 1943) continued studying in 1946 to 1947 at Davis University, California, Bob then worked in wineries in related areas of California. He was appointed Oenologist at the College in 1965 following experience as Senior Winemaker and Distiller at Renmark Growers' Distillery Ltd and ten years as Technical Manager with Loxton Co-op Winery & Distillery.

Bob Baker was awarded the Rudi Buring Memorial Scholarship for graduate study of Oenology in California and Europe in 1970, and the ACTIM Scholarship awarded by the French Agency for Technical, Industrial and Economic Cooperation in 1981, for cooperation with the Viticultural and Wine Industries. In 1982, Bob was granted Emeritus Membership of the American Society of Viticulture and Oenology.



At Roseworthy, Bob encouraged the use of gypsum to increase the acidity prior to fermentation, to control the growth of flor film in sherry production. He was particularly involved with fortified, sparkling and table wine production, and stressed the importance of distillation. He also managed the winery.

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