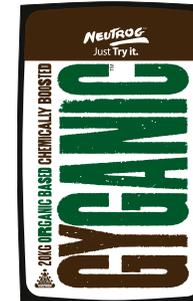




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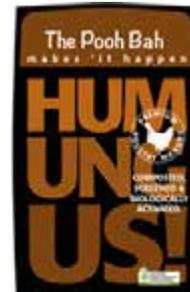
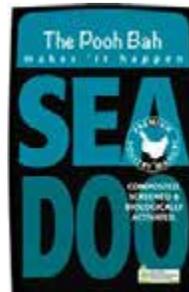
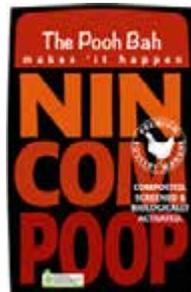


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Hobbs Vintners Angaston SA



Australian owned and operated, Hobbs Vintners is tucked away in the cool, beautiful Barossa ranges in Angaston. Their philosophy is simply to nurture the vines and concentrate on preserving the complex balance of flavours and acids as the grapes mature.

Hobbs wines are quickly gaining recognition as being amongst the world's best red and dessert wines, as owners Allison and Greg Hobbs give the hundred-year-old vines the care and respect they deserve, carefully nurturing the soil and crafting each picking to create wines with exceptional flavours and character.

Grapes are taken from vines grown on their own family-held vineyard. Production is limited – in fact the largest volume of any wine produced at Hobbs is 600 dozen which is a drop in the ocean by today's standards, but everything they produce is the very best it can be. Their desire to make only wines of exceptional quality, are fast making Hobbs one of Australia's true premium labels.

Hobbs vineyard has just 15 acres of vines, and is home to some of the Barossa's oldest Shiraz, planted at the turn of the last century. The cool climate and distinct soil structure provide ideal conditions to produce quality fruit. This unique soil structure allows the old vines to be dry-grown, and watering is only done in extreme conditions to help maintain the health of the vines. The cooler climate ensures long, mild ripening conditions, resulting in the typically characteristic flavour and acid balance of the fruit.

In striving to maintain the delicate balance between nature and agriculture, Greg and Allison have embraced an organic and bio-dynamic approach in managing the vineyard. Each vine is hand-pruned, and the fruit is picked by hand. With careful pruning over the years they have been able to remove the dead wood from the old vines, re-establishing their original shape. The result is renewed vitality, giving the vines the potential to flourish for another 100 years. The trellising in the vineyard has been lifted to give the vine canopies greater expanse. Increased sunlight exposure and air flow helps to minimise disease pressure, as well as enhancing fruit ripening and flavour.

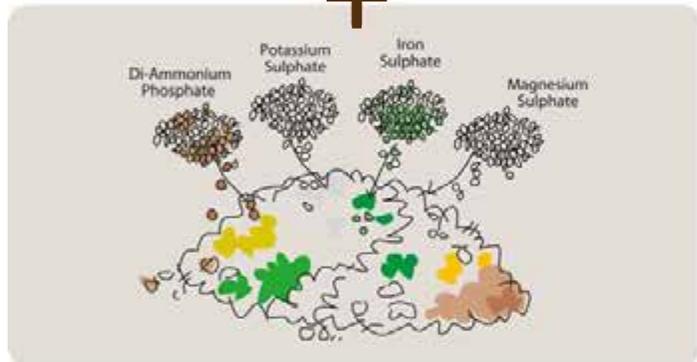
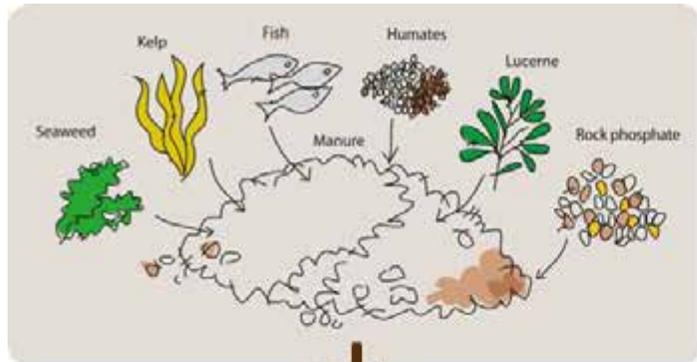
Greg applied Seamungus for the first time in September last year. "It went really well" said Greg. "It wasn't an easy summer, but the quality of fruit has been sensational". Following on from the success of Seamungus last year, Greg will be trialling GOGO Juice, and will apply across the entire vineyard this month.



A selection of Hobbs wines are available for tasting at the Artisans of Barossa cellar door (Cnr Magnolia and Light Pass Road, Vine Vale, near Tanunda) 7 days a week 11am till 6pm, or you can order online at www.hobbsvintners.com.au 

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Gyganic is an organic based, biological, chemically boosted complete fertiliser with the full range of nutrients in an organic form, coupled with chemically boosted levels of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K), iron (Fe) and magnesium (Mg).

Microbes have been added to Gyganic's unique organic base of manure, seaweed, kelp, fish, humates, lucerne and rock phosphate to breakdown these organic materials, ensuring the full range of organic nutrients are available when applied.

This nutritious organic base high in organic carbon and containing naturally occurring growth hormones is then blended homogeneously with the inorganic compounds (di-ammonium phosphate, potassium sulphate, iron sulphate and magnesium sulphate) to boost the levels of those essential elements.

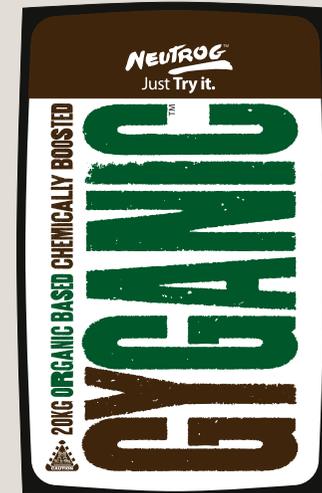
It is then pelleted. Pelleting removes the potential for nutrient segregation and allows for easy, uniform nutrient application.

When introduced to the soil the living micro-biology helps in breaking down the organic materials within the soil, unlocking nutrients and generating greater levels of organic carbon. The organic carbon helps in retaining the inorganic nutrients within the soil and aids in regulating their uniform uptake by plants. The natural growth hormones enhance plant growth both above and below the ground. This increased root mass provides a greater soil surface area from which to draw nutrients and moisture from, increasing the plants ability to withstand heat stress and frost.

Happy, healthy soils and plants are more resistant to pests and diseases.

For more information on Gyganic trials on Lucerne, Potatoes, Citrus, Almonds and Onions [click here](#).

Applying Gyganic

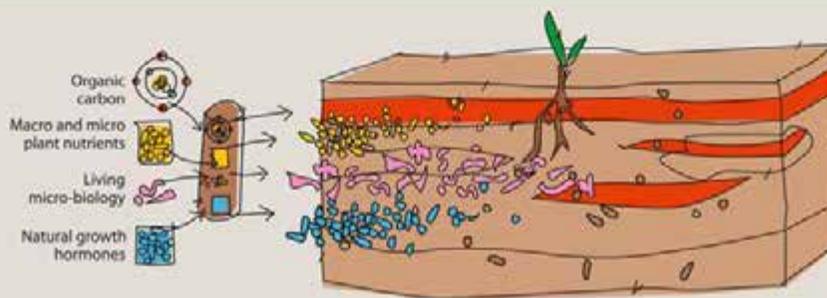


Gyganic is ideal for all fruit and vegetable crops (including chloride sensitive crops) and particularly those where a premium is paid for consistent and uniform fruit and vegetable size.

Most horticultural crops require good organic matter for optimum performance. Gyganic offers the organic matter required to increase nutrient uptake as well as the benefit of increased nutrient.



Each pellet contains equal quantities of plant nutrients along with organic carbon, living micro-biology and natural growth hormones.



When applied, these pellets provide the full range of macro and micro nutrients, whilst the organic carbon introduced helps in retaining the boosted water soluble nutrients within the soil and aids in regulating their uniform uptake by plants.

Visit from Vietnam



Recently we were host to the distributor of Neutrog products in Vietnam. Director of Vietrade, Nguyen Tien Anh made a trip to Neutrog operations in South Australia with his son, Ahn junior. Neutrog's leading commercial product, Rapid Raiser, has been exported to Vietnam since 2004 and another 400 tonne of Neutrog products is heading there this month including Bounce Back, Seamungus and Kickback.

This photo was taken in front of one of the twenty shipping containers being packed, when Managing Director, Angus Irwin took the pair on a tour of the factory.

To read a recent article about Neutrog in Vietnam click here. [here](#).

Staff News

Induction into the prestigious SANFL Hall of Fame



John Paynter, one of Neutrog's South Australian commercial representatives, has recently been recognised with induction into the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Hall of Fame.

John started his SANFL football career at Glenelg in 1980 and from 1983 played for the Sturt Football Club. Over his ten years there he played 246 games, kicked 249 goals, served two years at the helm as Captain and was awarded Sturt's best-and-fairest trophy four times. John is a Sturt Football Club and SANFL Life Member and has represented South Australia six times.

Retiring from SANFL Football in 1992 he has continued to be involved with the game on a number of levels including the role of playing coach at St Peter's Old Collegians, and is currently the Club Coach of the Adelaide University Blacks.

We are very proud of John's most recent accolade and offer him our congratulations.

SPOTLIGHT

GOGO Juice is literally teeming with beneficial microbiology and is essentially a pro-biotic for soils and plants.

The naturally selected microbes have been proliferated utilising complex carbohydrates and sugars through a unique aerobic brewing system in which kelp, seaweed, fish, humic acid and manure have been digested by the beneficial bacteria.

The resultant liquid product will supply your soil and plants with a huge boost of the living microbiology necessary for them to perform at their optimum level, increasing their ability to resist pest and disease and to withstand heat and frost stress.

For more information on GOGO Juice click [here](#).



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As the largest consumer of poultry manure in the country, Neutrog is able to offer a range of poultry manure based products at very competitive prices – from bulk raw and composted poultry manure, to a range of composted products whose formulations have been specifically developed to meet the needs of commercial growers who rely upon optimum product performance to earn their living.

Bulk composts now available

All of our products can be custom blended to meet your special requirements – be it adding specific nutrients or other organic material such as seaweed or humates. Read more [here](#).

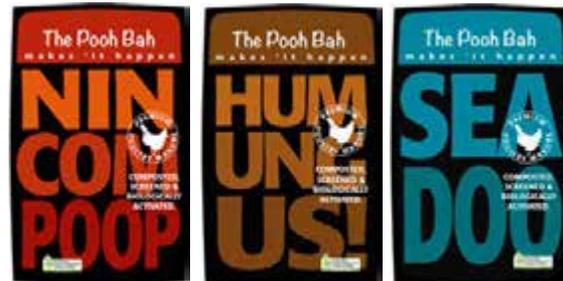


Stop Press News:

Petaluma has been in the news recently as they have opened their new state of the art winery. The purpose built \$14M winery and cellar door near Woodside, in the Adelaide Hills, boasts some of the most advanced technology in the Southern Hemisphere.

The new facility gives the winery increased efficiency, streamlining the vintage, production and bottling at the one site. It is expected that the production of Petaluma and Croser branded wines will increase to 1.2 million bottles per year.

It has been a while since we featured Petaluma in our newsletter. The vineyards use a mix of Neutrog products depending on the individual needs of the vines and soil at differing sites. These include Bounce Back, Seamungus, Gyganic and a new custom blended compost product, SeaDoo. Stay tuned for a further update in a future e-feedback edition.



Nincompoop is a premium poultry manure product – 100% organic, composted, screened and biologically inoculated.

Humungus Biologically inoculated poultry manure humus, composted with added carbon and humic acid.

SeaDoo Biologically inoculated poultry manure with the added benefits of seaweed.



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