

# truefood guide



## **Alcoholic drinks edition 2009**

Keeping Australia GE-free

## Are your drinks GE-free?

Alcoholic drinks in Australia do not require labelling for ingredients derived from genetic engineering (GE). That's where the Truefood Guide comes in. It's your guide for an informed choice of GE-free drinks.

The Guide rates brands as:

## **Green (GE-free) or Red (may contain GE-derived ingredients)**

Alcoholic drinks in Australia may contain GE-derived ingredients such as imported GE soy and corn, dairy, egg, and manufactured ingredients such as corn syrup, glucose syrup, maltodextrin, aspartame, colourings, flavourings and preservatives.

Genetic engineering is risky for human health. It has not been adequately tested, and tests that have been undertaken raise serious concerns. GE is also creating environmental problems worldwide, and raises concerns for farming and food security.

Most Australian brewers, winemakers and distillers are responding to consumer concerns by removing GE-derived ingredients from their products.

You can help by asking companies with red-listed brands to adopt a non-GE policy. See our website for more information and contacts.

To search our extensive database of over 1300 food and drink brands, find more information on GE, get monthly email updates and to help keep Australia GE-free, join the Truefood Network at: www.truefood.org.au



Green These companies have a clear policy on excluding GE-derived ingredients, including oils derived from GE crops, and crops. (Note: We do not rate on processing aids and enzymes that are processed in a open environment.)

## May contain GE 🗶



**Red** rated brands that may include GE-derived ingredients in their products. This includes brands that either:

- contain GE derived ingredients; and/or
- have no clear policy on GE-derived ingredients; and/or
- have ignored or refused Greenpeace requests for information regarding their policies on GE-derived ingredients.



#### Ross Brown, CEO, Brown Brothers

"Brown Brothers has a zero tolerance on this issue. There is so much tradition associated with wine, and GM would fly in the face of that. Perception is so important. This could become a runaway train that neither the industry or Brown Brothers would want to be or should be involved with."

#### Rob Glastonbury, De Bortoli Wines

"Aside from the unknowns in the use of GE products, the concept that the food chain can be tied up in patents or intellectual property rights is repugnant"

#### Dallas Cuddy, The Verge Bar and Restaurant, Melbourne

"I feel that we as a nation and especially the hospitality sector should not use GM foods as this is possibly the best way to dilute the quality, flavour and diversity of produce that is available to us seasonally."

#### Max Allen, Wine Editor, Australian Gourmet Traveller, and, The Weekend Magazine Wine Column

"Genetic Engineering of grape vines and yeasts, currently being researched, is not the answer to the challenges facing Australia's wine industry. Drought-tolerant grape varieties have developed over centuries in hot, dry parts of the southern Mediterranean that produce delicious wines with naturally moderate alcohol. And innovative viticultural techniques such as biological, organic and biodynamic farming have been shown to improve soil health, increase soil carbon and moisture retention, and boost the vine's natural resilience. Ethical and environmental issues are becoming increasingly important for consumers, too, not less important, particularly in key markets such as the UK. The Australian wine industry would be taking a huge risk by choosing to adopt GM technology. We just don't need it. "





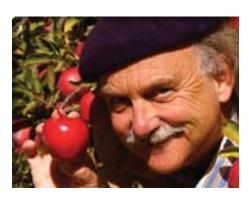
## Vanya Cullen, Cullen Wines

"Why would you want to risk reducing diversity and potential quality of wine by using GM yeast and wine grapes when nature already does it so beautifully. We cannot control nature anyway."



**lan Parmenter,** Winemaker and former presenter, ABC TV's Consuming Passions

"GE crops may pose risks to the environment and the economy and should not be grown."



Travis Fuller, Casella Wines

"Maintaining the integrity and natural foundation on which wine is produced remains Casella Wines aim. We are committed to maintaining a GE free product for consumers"



Mark Davidson, Managing Director/ Winemaker, Tamburlaine Wines

"GM is not only unnatural and unstable, but unintelligent to boot. Science like round-up ready GM crops, which has the end result of increased residual weed poisons in the food chain, is a madness beyond belief. The future health of our species is being jeopardized by today's GM experiments. Let's hope it stays well away from the wine industry, which simply doesn't need it."





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#### Beer

Amstel

Asahi Super Dry Barefoot Radler

Bass

Raltika

Barons

Beck's

Blue Bitter

Blue Ice

Bluetongue

Bluetongue Ginger Beer

Boag's

Bondi Blonde

**Buckleys Beer** 

Budweiser

Carbine Stout

Carlsberg Beer

Castle

Emu

Eumundi Lager

Gold Bitter

Grimbergen

Grolsch

Guinness

Gulf Lager

Hahn

Heineken

Hoegaarden

Ice Beer

James Boag's

James Squire

Kent Old Brown

Kirin Ichiban

Knappstein Reserve Lager

Kronenbourg 1664

Leffe

Belle-Vue Kriek

Birrell (Coopers)

Carlton

Cascade

Coopers (Coopers)

Corona (import)

Crown Lager

Fosters

**KB** Lager

Matilda Bay

Melbourne Bitter

Miller Draft (SAB Miller)

Naked Ale

Northern Territory Draught

Pacifico

Pepperjack Beer

Power's

Pure Blonde

Redback

Resch's

Shanghai Lager

**Sheaf Stout** 

VB







Nail Ale & Stout

Peroni Nastro Azzurro

Red Angus

Red Bitter

Encounter Bay Southerly Buster

Steinlager

Stella Artois

The Barefoot Radler

Toohey's

West End

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#### **Bitters**

Peychaud's Bitters

**Ciders** 

Weston's Organic Apple Cider

Weston's Organic Pear Cider

Weston's Old Rosie Scrumpy

Weston's Premium Irish Cider

Weston's Stowford Ciders

Weston's Vintage Reserve Oak

Liqueurs

Amarula Cream

Father O'Leary's Hazlenut Heaven

Father O'Leary's Velvet Cream

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All red listed beers and ciders are brewed by Foster's, except where otherwise noted in brackets

#### Angostura Bitters

Bulmer's Original

Mercury Cider

Strongbow Cider

Viper Cider

100 Pipers

Akropolis Oyzo

Baileys

Continental Liqueurs

Godiva Liqueurs

Romana Sambuca

Safari





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#### **Spirits**

Bacardi Rum

Bacardi Black

Bacardi Breezer

Bacardi Carta Blanca

Bacardi Limon

Bacardi Oro

Bacardi 151

Bombay Sapphire Gin

De Kuyper

Dewar's Scotch

Dewar's Signature

Dewar's 18 year old

Dom Benedictine

Fristoff

Freixenet

Grey Goose

Inner Circle Rum

Inner Circle Rum & Cola

Inner Circle Rum Grev

Martini

Martini Asti

McKenna Bourbon

Absolut Vodka

Archers

Barossa Brandy

Bell's Whiskey

Benmore Whiskey

Bertrams VO

Black Jack Bourbon

Black & White Whiskey

Buchanan's

Bulleit Bourbon

Bundaburg Rum

Cardhu Whiskey

Chatelle Napoleon

Cinzano Spirit

Ciroc

Cougar Bourbon + Rum

Coyote Tequila

Cragganmore

Crown Royale

Dalmore Whiskey

Dalwhinnie

Dimple Pinch

Glen Ord

Gilbey's Gin

Goldschlager

Gordon's Gin

Haig

Hennessey

Jose Cuervo

Karloff Vodka

Kirov Vodka

Knockando

Lagavulin

Oban

Orinoco Rum

Prince Albert Gin







## May contain GE X



Royal Lochnagar

SKYY Vodka

Talisker

Prince Albert Gin

Rumple Minze

Rusky

Smirnoff

Tanqueray

The Black Douglas

The Tall Blonde Vodka

**UDL** 

### Wine, fortified wines, sparkling wines & champagne

Brands Laira Coonawarra

Brown Brothers

Carlei Estate

Carlei Green Vineyards

Casella

Cloudscape

De Bortoli

Deen Vat

**Demeter Wines** 

Dowie Doole

Double Barrel

Everton - Brown Brothers

Fifth Generation

Frank Senior Port

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**Gulf Station** 

Hooley Dooley

Kalleske

Knappstein

LedaSwan

Leeton Selection - Toorak Wines

Lillydale Estate

Lost Block

McWilliam's

Mallee Point

Moore's Creek

Mount Peasant

Mallee Point

Noble One

Melba

Petaluma

Pfeiffer Wines

Retief Organic Wines

Rococo

Rufus Stone

Sacred Hill

Second Nature

Smithbrook-Pemberton

St Hallett

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Sunstone

Tamburlaine Wines

Tatachila Growers

Tatachila Partners

Tatachila Kevstone

Tatachila McLaren Vale

Toorak Wines

Trevi

Tyrrell's

Tyrrell's Old Winery

Wildstone Organic and Preservative Free Wine

Willandra Estate Toorak Wines

Windy Peak

Windy Ridge

Wither Hills

X&Y Margaret River

Yellowtail

Yendah

Zibibbo

3 Tales