



Speech by

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WINE INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL

Mr ENGLISH (Redlands—ALP) (5.46 p.m.): Despite what other members have said, I rise to inform the House of the best vineyard in Queensland. This bill is designed to develop our wine industry, and today I will highlight the activities at the Mount Cotton Estate. The property was first purchased in 1985 by Terry Morris, and the winery was first planted in 1995. In 1999, construction began on the supporting facilities; and in just under two years, the vineyard opened on 15 July 2000. The estate, apart from having a winery and all the infrastructure that goes along with that, also has brilliant supporting facilities. It has excellent eating areas, including an excellent restaurant by the name of Lurleen's, which combines superb food with, of course, the local excellent wine.

Mr Choi: Good restaurant.

Mr ENGLISH: Excellent. The Mount Cotton Estate, despite having been open to the public only just over a year now, has already won a number of awards in the Australian wine awards. The 1995 Mount Cotton reserve pinot chardonnay won a silver medal at the Australian Small Winemakers Show in October. The 1999 Mount Cotton reserve shiraz won a silver medal at the Australian Small Winemakers Show in October 2000. The 2000 Stradbroke chardonnay won a bronze medal in the Sheraton/Courier-Mail Wine Awards in November 2000. The 2000 Moreton Bay shiraz cabernet sauvignon also won a bronze medal in the same awards in November last year.

I encourage all honourable members, next time they are in Brisbane—maybe during the next sittings—to take a trip to Mount Cotton Estate. It is only 30 kilometres from town—half an hour's drive, easy. While they are out there they can experience the excellent wine and the excellent food that is on offer. For their information, the address is 850 to 938 Mount Cotton Road, Mount Cotton. Please call for bookings.
