

**Question on Notice**

**No. 490**

**Asked on 2 April 2019**

**MR M HEALY** ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise if the criteria for Growing Queensland's Food Export program is for raw unprocessed food only or is there an opportunity for wine makers in the program?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for the question.

The Growing Queensland's Food Exports pilot program has co-funded 15 export development projects covering both fresh and processed food products.

The project guidelines specified that any food business (fresh or processed) and businesses in the food supply chain, were eligible to apply.

I am pleased to say that the program has funded a Queensland wine export development project with Kominos Wines, which is a well-known winery based on the Granite Belt.

This project will focus on building Queensland wine exports to the growing markets of China and Taiwan. By better understanding the target markets, they will establish wine style preferences and target communication messages to achieve increased interest and sales of Queensland wines.

Kominos Wines uses their own grapes and also source grapes from other wine grape producers in the region. Increased export sales will not only benefit Kominos Wines, but also the wider wine grape industry on the Granite Belt.