

**BEFORE THE HEARINGS PANEL FOR THE QUEENSTOWN LAKES
PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management
Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of Hearing Stream 13 –
Queenstown Mapping

BETWEEN **Gibbston Valley Station**

Submitter (#827)

**SUMMARY EVIDENCE OF SASCHA HERBERT
ON BEHALF OF GIBBSTON VALLEY STATION**

INTRODUCTION

1. My name is Sascha Herbert. I am a winemaker for Gibbston Valley Wines (GVW). I have been in this position with GVW since 2006. I have a Bachelor of Agricultural Science with Oenology major from The University of Adelaide, Australia.
2. Evidence was provided by our Chief Winemaker, Mr Christopher Keys in regard to the proposal from Gibbston Valley Station (GVS). I have read his evidence in chief dated 12 June 2017 and confirm that I agree with his comments and findings.
3. I have also reviewed the proposed Structure Plan that identifies the areas shown for Productive Planting (which I understand to be for viticultural or horticultural plantings). I am very familiar with these areas of the station and agree with Mr Keys (paragraph 3.14) that these are the areas of the station that are suitable for viticulture.
4. Mr Keys and I have discussed our current and future Rosé and Methode Traditionelle wine production demands. I agree with Mr Keys in the requirement for a cool climate fruit suitable for these wine styles from the Gibbston sub-region.
5. Gibbston possesses a complex array of grape growing sites, ranging from very good to very unsuitable. I agree with Mr Keys that the areas shown for development on the north side of the highway (areas AA2 and AA5) would be unsuitable for vines.
6. I have been advised that the area of plantings near AA3 relates to a requirement in a resource consent approved to GVS. GVW is proposing to install the infrastructure for these vineyards plantings in preparation for the planting of the grapes in the spring of 2018.

DATED 28 August 2017

Sascha Herbert