



# Market Announcement

27 May 2024

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## Australian Vintage Ltd (ASX: AVG) – Suspension from Quotation

### Description

The securities of Australian Vintage Ltd ('AVG') will be suspended from quotation immediately under Listing Rule 17.2, at the request of AVG, pending the release of an announcement regarding a proposed capital raising and debt refinancing in connection with the trading update.

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Dear Ms So

**Request for voluntary suspension  
Australian Vintage Limited (ASX code: AVG) – Listing Rule 17.2**

Australian Vintage Limited (ASX code: AVG) (**Australian Vintage**) requests that voluntary suspension (**Suspension**) be applied to its ordinary shares in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 17.2, effective prior to the commencement of trading on Monday, 27 May 2024.

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 17.2, Australian Vintage provides the following information in support of its request:

- (a) the Suspension is necessary as Australian Vintage is not in a position to make the announcement regarding the trading update as referred to in the Request for Trading Halt made on 23 May 2024 and it now wishes to make an announcement to ASX regarding a proposed capital raising and debt refinancing in connection with the trading update;
- (b) Australian Vintage requests that the Suspension continue until such time as Australian Vintage releases an announcement to ASX in relation to the proposed capital raising, debt refinancing and trading update, which is expected to be on or around 11 June 2024 and expects that the Suspension will be ended by this announcement; and
- (c) Australian Vintage is not aware of any reason why the Suspension should not be granted, nor is it aware of any other information available at this stage that is necessary to inform the market about the Suspension, except Australian Vintage notes that:
  - i. Australian Vintage's net debt is expected to be in the order of \$70 – 75m as 30 June 2024 (compared to prior management expectations and guidance to the market of \$43 – 50m). In addition, \$15 million of existing bank capacity is due to expire at the end of July 2024, reducing Australian Vintages bank capacity, including overdraft facilities, to approximately \$78 million. Given expected working capital requirements in Q1 FY25, Australian Vintage believes that commencing trading would be materially prejudicial to its ability to source additional capital which is critical to support its continued financial viability and operations;



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- ii. as previously announced on 26 February 2024, AVG had entered into preliminary discussions with Accolade Wines (Accolade) in relation to a potential merger, and had undertaken preliminary two-way due diligence, which was largely completed by mid-April 2024. Since the completion of the initial due diligence period, both AVG and Accolade had been engaged with respect to commercial terms and process for more detailed and substantive diligence;
- iii. on the evening of 22 May 2024, AVG received correspondence from Accolade, via its advisors, that Accolade and its Senior Lenders were 'not in a position to continue discussions further at this time'; and
- iv. while Accolade's advisors declined to provide any further detail, AVG notes that this guidance was received shortly after the CCW Co-operative Limited (CCW) Annual General Meeting (AGM), which was held on 21 May 2024, and which voted down a Special Resolution to restructure Accolade's largest grape supply contract, the Preferred Supply Agreement.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alicia Morris', written in a cursive style.

Alicia Morris  
Company Secretary  
Australian Vintage Limited