



24 July 2020 ASX Announcement

# **QUARTERLY REPORT – 30 JUNE 2020**

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- WINEDEPOT enjoys 93% order and 98% cases processed volume growth for the quarter
- **WINE**DEPOT generates \$271k revenue for the quarter
- **WINE**DEPOT experiences 111% customer growth in the June quarter
- WINEDEPOT expands its sales and marketing team to accelerate customer growth
- WINEDEPOT's National Distribution Centre up and running
- WINEDEPOT signs up iconic Australian wine producers Henschke & Jim Barry Wines

**Digital Wine Ventures Limited (ASX:DW8) (Company)** is pleased to provide a summary of the activity undertaken in the three-month period ending 30 June 2020.

### WINEDEPOT enjoys solid order and case volume growth for the quarter

The Company is pleased to advise that **WINE**DEPOT processed a total of 7,754 orders in the June quarter up 93% on the previous quarter. The total number of cases processed also grew strongly over the quarter up 98% from 13,371 to 26,507, while the total number of cases shipped in the quarter up 78% on the March quarter to a total of 13,825.

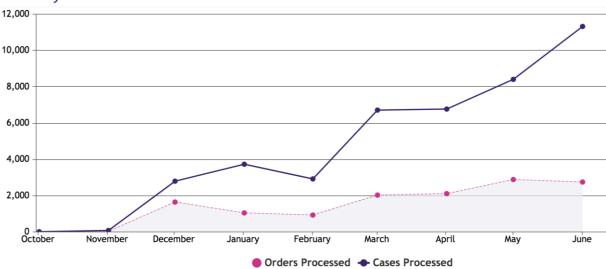
## Monthly Orders Shipped







## Monthly Orders Processed

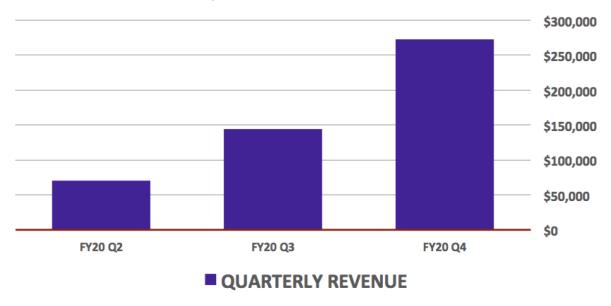


# **WINE**DEPOT generates \$271k revenue for the quarter

The Company is pleased to report that the **WINE**DEPOT business generated total revenue of **\$271k** for the quarter ending 30 June 2020, as increase of approximately 50% on the \$182k revenue reported in the previous quarterly report.

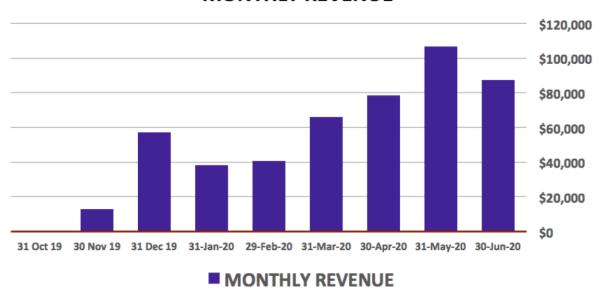
DW8 CEO, Dean Taylor was pleased with the result stating "While revenue generated for the quarter underperformed relative to other key metrics, this was predominantly due to the incentives that were offered to new customers as part of our DTC Support Package as announced on 24 March 2020. The Support Package offer has now expired with most of the incentives now utilised, so we should get a clearer picture of the businesses underlying revenue growth in next quarter's results, which should start aligning with the growth we are seeing in new customer and order volume numbers."

# **QUARTERLY REVENUE**





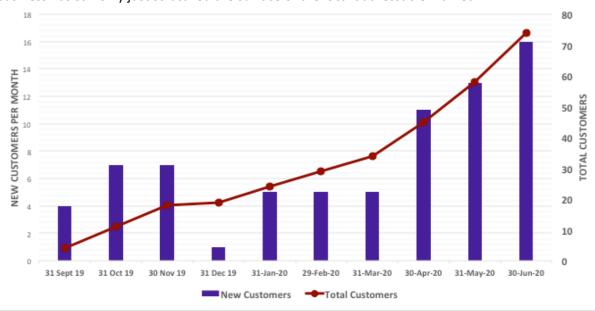
## **MONTHLY REVENUE**



## WINEDEPOT experiences 111% customer growth in June quarter

The Company is pleased to report that a total of **39 new customers** signed up to use **WINE**DEPOT's integrated trading and logistics platform over the quarter representing 111% customer growth compared to the number of customers at the end of last quarter.

This brings the total number of customers to 74 representing just 2.7% of the 2,500+ <sup>1</sup> wineries, 0% of the 2,000+ <sup>2</sup> distributors and 1% of the 250+ <sup>3</sup> craft spirits producers in Australia, showing that the business has still only just scratched the surface of the local addressable market.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.wineaustralia.com/market-insights/australian-wine-sector-at-a-glance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> IBISWorld Industry Report F3606a Liquor Wholesaling in Australia April 2018

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Obtained from the Australian Distillers Association



### Customers acquired since last quarter include:

Henschke
Jim Barry Wines
Brokenwood Wines
Mollydooker Wines
Eden Valley, SA
Clare Valley, SA
Hunter Valley, NSW
McLaren Vale, SA

Chalmers Wines Mildura & Heathcote, VIC

Chateau Picoron Bordeaux, FR

**Delatite Wines** Upper Goulburn, VIC **Koonara Wines** Coonawarra, SA **Holm Oak Vineyards** Tamar Valley, TAS **Patrick of Coonawarra** Coonawarra, SA **Cirillo Estate Wines** Barossa Valley, SA **Marri Wood Park** Margaret River, WA **Oates Ends Wines** Margaret River, WA • **Passing Clouds** Macedon Ranges, VIC **Silver Lining Wine** Adelaide Hills, SA **Tynans View** Padthaway, SA

Manna Gum Vineyard Mornington Peninsula, VIC

Wild Game Wine
 Watkins Family Wine
 Southern Artisans
 McLaren Vale III Associates
 Coonawarra, SA
 Adelaide Hills, SA
 Fleurieu Peninsula, SA
 McLaren Vale, SA

Corang Estate
 Southern Tablelands, NSW

Adelaide Hills Wine Association
 Michelini Wines
 Salena Estate
 Adelaide Hills, SA
 King Valley, VIC
 South Australia

• Stoney Hill Vineyard Mornington Peninsula, VIC

Dominic Wines
 Ubertas Wines
 BABO Wines
 South Australia
 Barossa Valley, SA
 Italian Imported Wines

• The Nimble Vintner South Australia

Amongst the new sign up were a growing number of other beverage producers including:

Eagle Bay Brewing & Winery
 Lord Howe Island Distilling Co
 Old Young's Distillery
 Margaret River, WA
 Lord Howe Island
 Henley Brook, WA

Flying Winemaker
Pure Vision
Goone
Drinkster
ALTD Spirits

**HALO / NWBCo** 

The addressable market has also been widened to include tens of thousands of international wineries after the business signed up **Chateau Picoron** its first French producer last month. Included in the expanded market opportunity are approximately 500 New Zealand wineries, which can fairly easily take advantage of the same benefits offered to Australian wineries by using the platform to service direct-to-consumer orders received from Australian consumers.



### **WINEDEPOT expands its sales & marketing team**

Digital Wines CEO Dean Taylor expects customer growth to accelerate over coming months as the business expands its business development team in preparation for the launch of the Direct-to-Trade Marketplace later this year.

"To date we have managed to achieve what we have with just two business development managers, both located in South Australia and one of those only working 2 days per week. With the recent appointment of **Aaron Brasher** as Head of Marketplace and several other BDM's likely to be recruited over the coming months, I'm very excited to think about what we'll be able to achieve."

"With over 25 years' experience in the wine sector working for some of Australia's most well-known brands including **Penfolds**, **Petaluma and Robert Oatley Vineyards** – Aaron adds yet another layer of credibility and talent to my senior executive team. Having spent most of the last two decades in senior roles within major wine distribution businesses, Aaron brings with him a wealth of knowledge, experience and deep industry relationships, which I expect we will be able to capitalize upon. I super excited to have him onboard."

Aaron joins **WINE**DEPOT from his most recent role as Director Business Development for Robert Oatley Vineyards / Oatley Fine Wine Merchants, one of the countries largest and most respected wine distribution businesses. Prior to this he spent 4 years as the Regional Director for the peak industry body **Wine Australia** developing and implementing marketing strategy and championing the cause of Australian wine in the domestic and international marketplace.

CEO Dean Taylor is confident WINEDEPOT's platform will be able to cope with the expected influx of new customers as the countdown to the Direct-to-Trade Marketplace launch commences.

"With over 6 months trading under our belt now, we have had the chance to iron out the bugs, refine our systems and processes and build up enough data to see how well each part of our business is performing. The trend lines across all key metrics are very encouraging and confirm that our technology and logistics platform is handling the compounding growth in customers, orders and cases shipped extremely well."

"As with any new business it takes a bit of time to find your feet, but I feel that we are now ready to put our foot firmly on the accelerator and start scaling the business."

"To date all of our growth has come from customers using our Smart Logistics Solution. While there appears to be plenty of latent demand for this proposition, the Direct-to-Trade Marketplace will appeal to a much broader audience. Given the current market conditions I expect an influx of wineries signing up to take advantage of our platform to reach trade buyers more cost effectively."

### WINEDEPOT's National Distribution Centre up and running

The Company is pleased to report that **WINE**DEPOT's 10,000 pallet climate-controlled National Distribution Centre (NDC) in Albury-Wodonga has been officially launched

Strategically located on the border of New South Wales and Victoria, **WINE**DEPOT's NDC is centrally located within a large number of major wine producing regions. It also sits almost half way between Sydney and Melbourne on one of the countries busiest freight routes, which is expected to generate substantial efficiencies for **WINE**DEPOT by reducing storage and freight costs while improving depot replenishment times



Existing customer **Casella Family Brands** are one the first customers to embrace **WIN**EDEPOT's National Distribution Centre and have relocated semi-trailer loads of inventory into the facility.

Digital Wines CEO Dean Taylor explains that the National Distribution Centre provides the business with an important resource to support the Direct-to-Trade Marketplace when it goes live later this year.

"Having this additional storage capacity will help us onboard customers and products much more quickly, particularly distributors with large portfolios. It also allows us to increase our presence in the bulk packaged wine storage market, at a time when Wine Australia is warning that the global over supply of wine will be its highest in at least 10 years."

The Company is pleased to report that the National Distribution Centre will not be affected by the recent border closures and orders for all markets including Victoria will continue to be processed from this facility.

### WINEDEPOT signs up iconic wine producers Henschke and Jim Barry Wines

The Company was pleased to report during the quarter that **Henschke** and **Jim Barry Wines** had joined the list of esteemed brands using **WINE**DEPOT's integrated logistics, trading and order management platform.

Henschke is one of Australia's most iconic wine brands, famous for producing exceptional red and white wines from vineyards located in Eden Valley, Barossa Valley and the Adelaide Hills for over 150 years. With an impressive six-generation family winemaking history, the Henschkes are as close you can get to royalty in our industry.

Jim Barry Wines is an iconic Clare Valley winery, famous for producing a raft of highly-rated red and white wines with Riesling, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon the long-term heroes of the range. They are also the current James Halliday's Winery of the Year.

CEO, Dean Taylor is extremely proud to have two members of Australia's First Families of Wine come onboard as a **WINE**DEPOT customers.

### **Related Party Payments**

During the quarter, the Company made payments of \$107,563 to related parties and their associates. These payments relate to the existing remuneration agreements for the Executive and Non-Executive Directors.

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This ASX announcement was approved and authorised for release by the Board of Directors.



#### WINEDEPOT overview

**WINE**DEPOT is a cloud-based SaaS technology platform that empowers direct-to-market sales. It provides users value by removing layers of inefficiency in the supply chain.

The platform consists of three key components:

- Direct-to-Trade Marketplace (to be launched later this year)
- Order Management System
- Smart Logistics Solution

Key benefits for users include:

#### **SUPPLIERS**

Increased Customer Reach
Improved Profit Margins
Quicker & Guaranteed Payments
Reduced Costs and Admin
Reduced Shipping Times
Incremental Sales

#### **TRADE BUYERS**

Single Account Application Streamlined Ordering Broad Product Range Single Invoice & Delivery Flexible Payment Options Early Payment Discounts

Revenue is generated from:

- **Trading Fees** (% of the overall transaction)
- Fulfillment Fees (storage, picking, packing, handling & freight)
- Subscription Fees (platform access fees based on number of users and products)

**WINE**DEPOT plans to solidify its presence in Australia before expanding the platform into other key wine markets such as China, USA, UK, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore and New Zealand.

## **Digital Wine Ventures overview**

**Digital Wine Ventures** (ASX:DW8) is an Australian publicly listed company that invests in technology businesses servicing the \$300 billion global wine industry. **WINE**DEPOT is DW8's cornerstone investment.

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