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Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries

The Honourable Mark Furner

* **Funding boost for Granite Belt wine exporter**

* A Granite Belt winery will soon be conquering the Asian market with funding from the Palaszczuk Government to help grow their enterprise.

* Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries Mark Furner said

* Kominos Wines was one of eight diverse food companies to receive second round funding from the *Growing Queensland's Food Exports* program

* "The Granite Belt is known as Wine Country for a good reason, and if you don't believe me, get yourself a bottle of Kominos," Mr Furner said.

* "Tony and Mary Comino have enjoyed over twenty years exporting direct to China, Taiwan and Japan and we want to see that continue to grow.

* "Funding will ensure they remain competitive on the international export market, particularly in Asia."

* *Growing Queensland's Food Exports* supports regional producers already exporting or ready to export break in to lucrative overseas markets and supply chains.

* The \$1.3 million pilot program aims to boost Queensland's food exports, delivering jobs and economic growth in regional areas.

* "This a big win for Kominos and its employees because with increased demand, of course comes increased supply," Mr Furner said.

* "I'm proud to see Kominos become just another international success story of Queensland horticulture."

* By providing matching grants of up to \$100,000, the Palaszczuk Government is supporting producers and food businesses to improve their export competitiveness through better understanding of their markets.

* "So far, we've assisted macadamia, mango, melon, strawberry, sweet corn and pork producers to build their business capability to take advantage of opportunities to grow exports," Mr Furner said.

* The *Growing Queensland's Food and Exports* program focuses primarily on horticulture as Queensland is Australia's largest producer of vegetables and the second largest producer of fruit and nuts.

* More than \$550,000 had already been allocated under the program