

# A guide to the alcohol industry in Australia:



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# Introduction.

This is a brief guide to the major alcohol companies in Australia and how they fit into the global alcohol industry. It outlines the companies and the alcohol products they produce, own, distribute or market.

There have been significant changes in the global alcohol industry in recent years. In 2020, Carlton & United Breweries (CUB) was acquired by Asahi Beverages from Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB InBev) for \$16 billion.<sup>1,2</sup> This change in ownership resulted in movement of a number of brands between Asahi, CUB, AB InBev, and Heineken.<sup>3</sup> While AB InBev remains the world's leading brewer,<sup>4</sup> Asahi (incl. CUB) and Lion are the big players in the Australian market with 53.5% and 29.6% of the beer manufacturing market share respectively.<sup>5</sup>

Evidence indicates that the alcohol industry actively works to influence alcohol policy in Australia. 6–10 It is important for researchers, practitioners, and decision–makers working in alcohol policy to understand the nature of the alcohol industry and how companies seek to influence governments. A key part of this is knowing who produces, distributes and promotes the major alcohol brands in Australia, and recognising the extent to which the Australian alcohol industry is owned and controlled by multinational companies headquartered overseas.

The information has been collated and summarised from a wide range of sources including alcohol company websites, annual reports and industry publications. Due to some companies' extensive product lists, we have not included all products in this guide.

As the industry is constantly changing, this document should be taken as a guide only. The information is accurate to the best of our knowledge and we welcome any comments or feedback. We will endeavour to regularly update the information.

#### **Abbreviations used**

RTD: Ready-To-Drink.

Alternative names include alcopops or pre-mixed drinks.

#### Legend

Related by ownership

 Related by partnership/agreement/ distribution licence

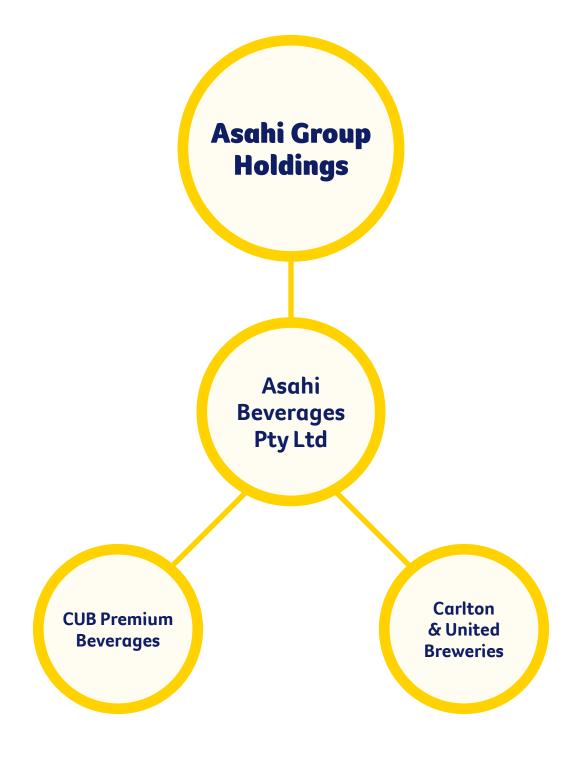


# **Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB InBev)**

- World's largest beer company, selling beers produced across 260 breweries in over 100 countries.<sup>11,12</sup>
- Operates in over 50 countries and across nine geographic zones: Africa, Asia Pacific North, Asia Pacific South, Europe, Latin America COPEC, Latin America North, Latin America South, Middle Americas, North America.<sup>11,12</sup>
- Owns more than 500 beer brands, including four of the most valuable beer brands in the world – Corona (1), Budweiser (3), Bud Light (4), Modelo (5).<sup>13,14</sup>
- History of major acquisitions:
  - » In 2008, AB InBev was created when InBev (formed in the 2004 merger of Interbrew and AmBev) merged with Anheuser-Busch.<sup>15</sup>
  - » In 2013, AB InBev αcquired Grupo Modelo.<sup>16</sup>
  - » In 2016, completed acquisition of SABMiller, of which Carlton & United Breweries was a subsidiary.<sup>17</sup> The European Commission agreed to AB InBev's acquisition of SABMiller under the condition they sell SABMiller's European businesses.<sup>18</sup>
  - » In 2017, they completed the disposal of SABMiller's Central and Eastern European businesses.<sup>19</sup>

- » In June 2020, AB InBev completed the sale of Carlton & United Breweries to Asahi Group Holdings. As part of the sale AB InBev allowed Asahi Group Holdings to commercialise AB InBev's portfolio in Australia.<sup>20</sup>
- As of December 2020, Altria Group (parent company of tobacco company Philip Morris USA) had a 9.97% share in AB InBev and two seats on AB InBev's Board of Directors.<sup>21,22</sup>
- Generated a total revenue of US\$57.8 billion (~AUD\$86.5 billion) in 2022.<sup>23</sup>
- Member of the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking.<sup>24</sup>
- Global headquarters: Leuven, Belgium.

Brands include Beck's and Stella Artois (distributed in Australia by Heineken), and Budweiser and Corona (distributed in Australia by Asahi Beverages).



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# **Asahi Group Holdings Ltd**

- Global beer, spirits, soft drinks and food company.<sup>25</sup>
- Revenue of ¥2 236.1 billion (~AUD\$25.5 billion) in 2021.<sup>26</sup>
- Member of the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking.<sup>24</sup>
- Headquarters: Tokyo, Japan.

# **Asahi Beverages Pty Ltd**

- The Oceania regional hub of Asahi Group Holdings.<sup>27</sup>
- Comprises three trading Business Divisions<sup>28</sup>:
  - » Asahi Lifestyle Beverages (formerly known as Schweppes Australia).
  - » Carlton & United Breweries (including CUB Premium Beverages).
  - » Asahi Beverages New Zealand.

# **CUB Premium Beverages**

- Formerly Asahi Premium Beverages, changed after acquisition of Carlton & United Breweries in June 2020.<sup>29</sup>
- Recent history:
  - » In 2017, acquired brands Vodka O, Tequila Blu, Spicebox Whisky and VDKA 6100 from ASM Liquor.<sup>30,31</sup>
- Held 14.3% spirit manufacturing market share in Australia in 2022.<sup>32</sup>
- CUB Premium Beverages predominantly focuses on the ciders, spirits, RTDs, Wine and Seltzers portfolio.<sup>33</sup>
- Revenue of AUD\$4.5 billion as of the end of 2021.<sup>31</sup>
- Industry partner of Retail Drinks Australia.<sup>34</sup>
- Member of Alcohol Beverages Australia, Drinks Association and Australian Hotels Association.<sup>35–37</sup>
- Headquarters: Melbourne, Australia.

Brands include Bulmers, Mercury, Pure Blonde, Somersby, Actual Vodka Seltzer, Brookvale Union, Good Tides, Lexington Hill, Riot Wine Co, Vodka Cruiser, Black Douglas, Cougar, Woodstock, Nikka Whisky, Tequila Blu, Untold Spiced Rum and Vodka O.

# **Carlton & United Breweries (CUB)**

- · Recent history:
  - » In 2011, CUB (formerly Foster's Group) was acquired by SABMiller.<sup>38</sup>
  - » In 2016, SABMiller was acquired by AB InBev.<sup>38</sup>
  - » In August 2020, CUB was acquired by Asahi Group Holdings and combined with Asahi Premium Beverages.<sup>39</sup>
  - » In October 2020, CUB announced plans to divest from brands Strongbow, Little Green, Bonamy's, Stella Artois and Beck's. The acquisition of these brands by Heineken fulfilled Asahi Beverages' obligations under the ACCC's approval of the acquisition of CUB.<sup>31</sup>
- Revenue of AUD\$2.7 billion in the 2023 financial year.<sup>40</sup>
- Held 53.5% of the beer manufacturing market share in Australia in 2023.<sup>40</sup>
- Financially contributes to DrinkWise.<sup>41</sup> Industry partner of Retail Drinks Australia.<sup>34</sup>
- Member of Drinks Association, Brewers Association of Australia, Australian Hotels Association, and Australian Association of National Advertisers. 36,37,42,43
- Headquarters: Melbourne, Australia.

Brands include 4 Pines, Asahi Super Dry,
Balter, Budweiser, Carlton Draught, Carlton
Dry, Cascade, Corona, Crown, Great Northern
Brewing Company, Green Beacon, Lexington
Hill Cocktail Club, Matilda Bay, Mercury,
Mountain Goat, Nikka Whisky, Peroni, Pirate
Life, Pure Blonde, Riot Wine Co, Somersby, The
Black Douglas, Victoria Bitter, Vodka Cruiser,
Woodstock Bourbon and Yak Brewing.

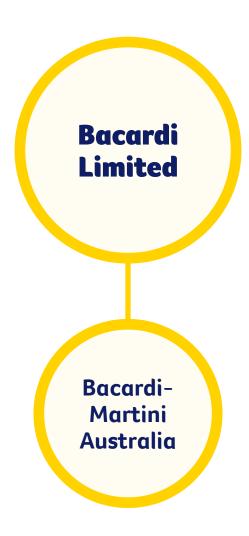
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# **Australian Vintage Limited**

- "A world leading" wine company.44
- Operates in Australia, Asia, Americas and Europe.<sup>45</sup>
- One of the largest wine producers in Australian and crushes approximately 7% of total Australian annual grape production.<sup>44</sup>
- Holds 4-5% of the wine production market share in Australia.<sup>46</sup>
- Generated a total revenue of AUD \$274 million in the 2021 financial year.<sup>45</sup>
- Financially contributes to DrinkWise.41
- Member of Drinks Association.<sup>36</sup>
- Headquarters: Adelaide, Australia.

Brands include Barossa Valley Wine Company, McGuigan Wines, Nepenthe, Passion Pop and Tempus Two.



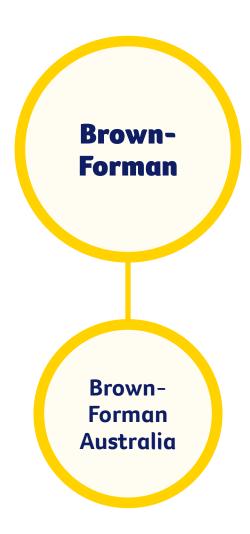
#### **Bacardi Limited**

- World's largest privately held spirits company.<sup>47</sup>
- Has more than 200 brands and labels sold in more than 170 global markets;<sup>47</sup> operates 23 production facilities in 10 countries.<sup>48</sup>
- Member of the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking.<sup>24</sup>
- Headquarters: Hamilton, Bermuda.

#### **Bacardi-Martini Australia**

- Launched in 2016 following the end of the 13 year Bacardi Lion joint venture between Bacardi Limited and Lion.<sup>49,50</sup>
- Is a 100% owned, standalone subsidiary of Bacardi Limited.<sup>50</sup>
- Financially contributes to DrinkWise.41
- Member of Drinks Association and Spirits and Cocktails Australia.<sup>36,51</sup>
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

Brands include 42 Below Vodka, Bacardi, Bombay Sapphire, Dewar's, Eristoff, Grey Goose, Martini, Patron and St Germain.



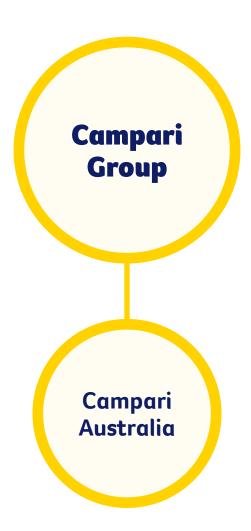
#### **Brown-Forman**

- "The largest American-owned spirits and wines company and among the top 10 largest global spirits companies by value".<sup>52</sup>
- Sells over 40 brands in over 170 countries, and has over 25 production facilities across Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe, Middle East, North America and South America.<sup>53</sup>
- In the 2022 financial year made US\$5.1 billion (~AUD\$7.6 billion) in net sales.<sup>54</sup>
- Member of the International Alliance for Repsonsible Drinking.<sup>24</sup>
- Headquarters: Kentucky, USA.

#### **Brown-Forman Australia**

- Generated a total revenue of AUD\$285.4 million in 2021.<sup>55</sup>
- Financially contributes to DrinkWise.<sup>41</sup> Industry partner of Retail Drinks Australia.<sup>34</sup>
- Member of Alcohol Beverages Australia, Drinks Association, and Spirits and Cocktails Australia.<sup>35,36,51</sup>
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

Brands include BenRiach, Chambord, Diplomatico, El Jimador, Finlandia, Fords, GlenDronach, GlenGlassaugh, Gin Mare, Herradura, Jack Daniel's, Jagermeister, Old Forester, Slane and Woodford Reserve.



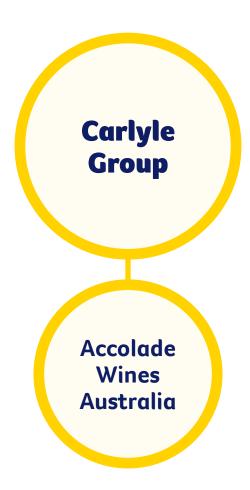
# **Campari Group**

- Davide Campari-Milano N.V. is the parent company of Campari.<sup>56</sup>
- Campari Group owns 23 manufacturing plants worldwide, and markets and distributes over 50 brands in over 190 countries.<sup>56</sup>
- The Campari group has acquired 30 different brands since 1995.<sup>57</sup>
- Net\* sales of €2.7 billion (~AUD\$4.5 billion) in 2022.<sup>56</sup>
- Headquarters: Milan, Italy.

# Campari Australia

- Net sales of €124.9 million (~AUD\$206.9 million) in 2022.<sup>57</sup>
- Holds 3-4% of the spirit manufacturing market share in Australia.<sup>58</sup>
- Financially contributes to Drinkwise.<sup>41</sup> Industry partner of Retail Drinks Australia.<sup>34</sup>
- Member of Alcohol Beverages Australia, Drinks Association and a corporate partner of the Restaurant and Catering Association.<sup>35,36,59</sup>
- Asia Pacific headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

Brands include Aperol, Appleton Estate, Campari, Cabo Wabo, Cinzano, Glen Grant, Grand Mariner, Frangelico, La Mauny, Mondoro, Ouzo, Riccadonna, Skyy Vodka and Wild Turkey.



# **Carlyle Group**

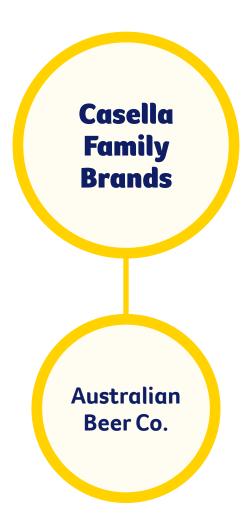
- A global investment firm partnering with, and investing in, various companies specialising in technology, healthcare, industrial and transportation, infrastucture, energy, real estate, consumer, media and retail.<sup>60</sup>
- Headquarters: Washington D.C., USA.

#### **Accolade Wines Australia**

- Owns over 50 brands and exports over 100 million litres of wine to more than 130 countries annually.<sup>61</sup>
- Five key regions: Australia/New Zealand; UK/ Ireland; Europe, Middle East and Africa; Asia; and Americas.<sup>62</sup>
- History:
  - » In 2011, Constellation Brands Inc sold 80% of Constellation Australia to CHAMP Private Equity, who renamed the company Accolade Wines Holdings Australia.<sup>63</sup>

- » In 2016, Accolade Wines announced its acquisition of Lion Australia's premium wine business, Fine Wine Partners.<sup>63</sup>
- » In 2018, Accolade Wines was fully acquired by The Carlyle Group LP for AUD\$1 billion.<sup>63</sup>
- Generated total revenue of AUD\$547.6 million in 2019.<sup>63</sup>
- Financially contributes to DrinkWise.<sup>41</sup>
- Member of Sommeliers Australia and Drinks Association.<sup>36,64</sup>
- Headquarters: Adelaide, Australia.

Brands include Amberley, Banrock Station, Bay of Fires, Berri Estates, Brookland Valley, Cupio, Eddystone Point, Goundrey Homestead, Grant Burge, Hardys, Houghton, House of Arras, Katnook Estate, Leasingham, Mud House, Omni, Petaluma Croser, Renmano Premium, Reynella, St Hallett, Stonier, Tatachilla, Waipara Hills and Yarra Burn Sparkling.



# Casella Family Brands

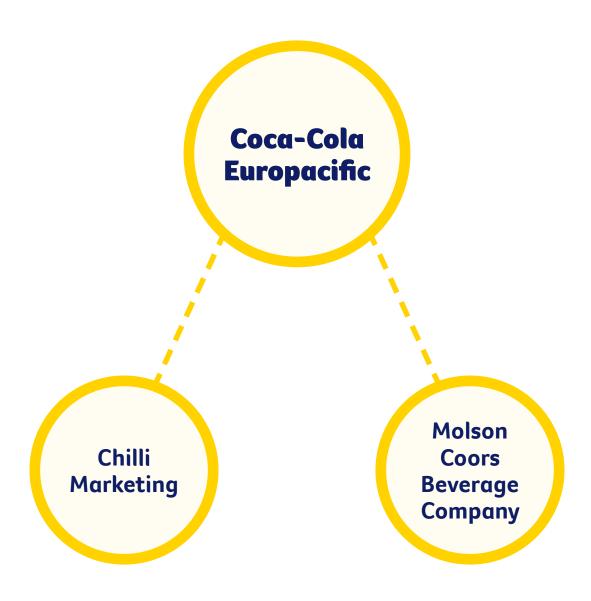
- Revenue of AUD\$518.9 million in the 2019-2020 financial year.<sup>65</sup>
- Held 7.5% of wine production market share in Australia in 2023.<sup>65</sup>
- Financially contributes to DrinkWise. 41
- Member of the Drinks Association.<sup>36</sup>
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

Brands include Baileys of Glenrowan, Brand's Laira of Coonawarra, Casella Family Wines, Morris of Rutherglen, Peter Lehmann, [yellow tail] and The Magic Box wine collection.

#### Australian Beer Co.

- Changed their registered business name to Yenda Brewing Co in December 2019.<sup>66</sup>
- Australian Beer Co was the product of a joint venture between Casella Family Brands and Coca-Cola Amatil which launched in 2013 that brews and markets beer and cider.<sup>67</sup>
- In 2022, Coca-Cola Europacific withdrew from the Australian Beer Company/Yenda Brewing co., selling their remaining share to Casella Family Brands who now have full ownership.<sup>68</sup>

Brands include Alehouse, Pressman's and Yenda.



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# Coca-Cola Europacific Partners

- Manufactures, distributes and markets alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages in the Asia Pacific region.<sup>69</sup>
- Operates across Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Samoa.<sup>70</sup>
- Recent history:
  - » In 2011, signed a new 10 year deal with Beam Inc.,<sup>71</sup> extending the partnership to 2025 in 2015.<sup>72</sup>
  - » In 2016, entered a long-term agreement with Molson Coors International to manufacture, import and distrbute a range of Molson Coors' products in Australia.<sup>73</sup>
  - » In 2017, signed a distribution agreement with C&C Group, allowing for the distribution of Magners Irish Cider in Australia.<sup>74</sup> WA brewery Feral Brewing was also purchased.<sup>75</sup>
  - » In 2018, signed a long-term distribution agreement with Abro, the global brand owner of Rekorderlig Cider, and assumed full responsibility for the distribution and marketing of Rekorderlig Cider in Australia.<sup>76</sup>
  - » In 2021, Coca-Cola Amatil was acquired by Coca-Cola European Partners to become Coca-Cola Europacific Partners.<sup>77</sup> Later this year they announced that they were exiting the beer and cider market in Australia, and would not be renewing their agreement with Molson Coors to distribute Coors beer brands.<sup>78</sup>
  - » In 2022, the arrangement with the C&C Group ended.<sup>79</sup> Coca-Cola and Molson Coors entered the RTD seltzer market in Australia with Topo Chico Spirited.<sup>80</sup>
- Revenue from alcohol spirit manufacturing in Australia was AUD\$341.3 million in 2022.81
- Held 15.5% of the spirit manufacturing market share in Australia in 2022.<sup>82</sup>
- Held 10.5% of the RTD mixed spirit production market share in Australia in 2022.<sup>82</sup>

- Financially contributes to DrinkWise.<sup>41</sup>
- Member of Retail Drinks Australia, Drinks Association, the Australian Beverages Council, the Australasian Association of Convenience Stores, and the Australian Hotels Association. 34,36,37,83
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

Brands include Ardmore, Auchentoshan, Bati Rum, Basil Hayden's, Bowmore, Canadian Club, Courvoisier, El Tesoro, Feral Brewing, Hakushu, Hibiki, Jim Beam, Kilbeggan, Knob Creek, Laphroaig, Legent, Maker's Mark, Midori, Pinnacle Vodka, Rekorderlig, Roku, Sauza, Sipsmith, Suntory, Teacher's, Topo Chico seltzer and Yamazaki.

# **Molson Coors Beverage Company**

- A publicly traded company that offers a range of beverages including beer, cocktails, canned wine, kombucha and cider.<sup>84</sup>
- Coca Cola Amatil (now Europacific)
  manufactured, imported and distributed a
  range of Molson Coors' products in Australia.<sup>73</sup>
- They are the 5<sup>th</sup> largest beer company in the world, making ~USD\$10.7 billion in net sales revenue in 2022 (~AUD\$16 billion).<sup>85</sup>
- Member of the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking.<sup>24</sup>
- Headquarters: Denver, USA.

Brands include Aspall, Birra Roma, Blue Moon, Bodega Bay, Caffrey's, Carling, Cobra, Coors, Miller Genuine Draft, Miller High Life, Molson Canadian, Sharp's, Staropramen and Worthington's.

# Chilli Marketing

- Markets and develops the Rekorderlig Cider brand, Abro Lager, Cusquena Lager, and Saint Lager throughout UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand and Asia.<sup>86</sup>
- Australian headquarters: Sydney.



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# **Coopers Brewery**

- Largest Australian family-owned brewery.<sup>5</sup>
- A large-scale producer and exporter of malt extract, and supplier of home brewing ingredients and equipment.<sup>5</sup>
- Recent history:
  - » In 2011, Coopers Brewery began brewing and selling the Japanese beer, Sapporo.<sup>87</sup>
  - » They also secured a partnership with Carslberg and Kronenbourg to brew and distribute both beers in Australia.<sup>87</sup>
  - » In 2022, Coopers entered a long term manufacturing contract with Molson Coors Beverage company, following the disband of their agreement with Coca-Cola Europacific.<sup>88</sup>
- Coopers Brewery sold 79.4 million litres of beer and made a total revenue of AUD\$268 million during 2022.89
- Financially contributes to DrinkWise.41
- Member of Brewers Association of Australia, Drinks Association and Australian Hotels Association.<sup>36,37,42</sup>
- Headquarters: Adelaide, Australia.

Australian brands include Coopers; international brands include Carlsberg, Coors, Holsten, Kronenbourg 1664, Mythos, Sapporo, Thatchers Gold Cider and Yebisu.

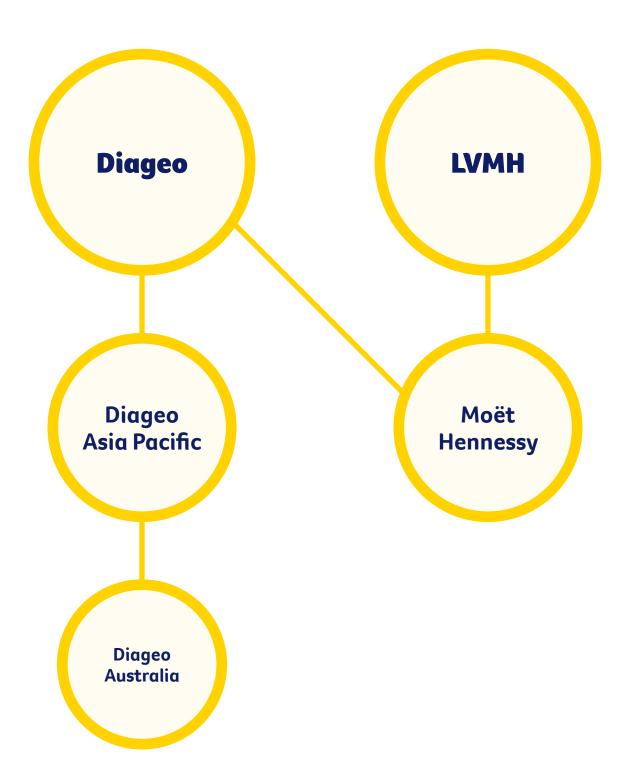
# **Coopers Premium Beverages**

- Renamed from 'Premium Beverages' in December 2019.90
- · Subsidiary of Coopers Brewery.
- Headquarters: Melbourne, Australia

# **Carlsberg Group**

- Beer brands are sold in over 100 countries.<sup>91</sup>
- A Former Chairman of the Board of Directors of British American Tobacco is a director on Carlsberg's Board.<sup>92</sup>
- In 2022, made a net revenue of DKK\$70.3 billion (~AUD\$15.3 billion).<sup>93</sup>
- Member of the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking.<sup>24</sup>
- Headquarters: Copenhagen, Denmark.

Brands include Carlsberg, Kronenbourg 1664 and Somersby Cider.



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# Diageo

- Over 200 brands sold in 180 countries across five geographical regions: Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America and Caribbean, and North America.<sup>94</sup>
- Net sales of £9.4 billion (~AUD\$17.5 billion) and an operating profit of £3.2 billion (~AUD\$6 billion) in the second half of 2022.95
- Owns one of the world's ten largest spirits brands by retail sales value, Johnnie Walker.<sup>96</sup>
- Member of the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking.<sup>24</sup>

# Diageo Asia Pacific

 Comprises India, Greater China, Australia & New Zealand, North Asia, South East Asia, and Travel Retail Asia and Middle East.<sup>96</sup>

# Diageo Australia

- "Australia's leading premium spirits company".<sup>97</sup>
- Generated a total revenue of AUD\$708.6 million in 2022.98
- Had 25.5% of spirit manufacturing market share in 2022.<sup>98</sup>
- Financially contributes to DrinkWise.<sup>41</sup> Industry partner of Retail Drinks Australia.<sup>34</sup>
- Member of Alcohol Beverages Australia, Australian Hotels Association, Spirits and Cocktails Australia and Drinks Association.<sup>35–37,51</sup>
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

Brands include Bell's, Buchanan's, Cardhu, Cragganmore, Glenkilchie, Haig club, J&B, Johnnie Walker, Mortlach, Oban, Grand Old Parr, Talisker, Vat 69, Whitehorse, Windsor, The Singleton, Caol Ila, Royal Lochnagar, Clynelish, Dalwhinnie, Glen Elgin, Lagavulin, Bulleit, Crown Royal, Ciroc, Ketel One and Smirnoff.

#### LVMH

- Multinational group possessing a portfolio of over 70 luxury goods. Only group present in all five major sectors of the luxury market: wine & spirits, fashion & leather goods, perfumes & cosmetics, watches & jewellery and selective retailing.<sup>99</sup>
- Owns 66% of Moet Hennessy.<sup>100</sup>
- Headquarters: Paris, France.

#### **Moët Hennessy**

- Spirit and wine subsidiary of LVMH group.
- Diageo owns 34% of Moet Hennessy.<sup>100</sup>
- Moet Hennessy and Diageo joint ventures are responsible for the importation, marketing and sales of the wines and spirits brands owned by LVMH and Diageo.<sup>101</sup>
- Moet Hennessy Australia is a member of Drinks Association, Sommeliers Australia and Spirits and Cocktails Australia.<sup>36,51,102</sup>
- Member of the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking.<sup>24</sup>

Brands include Ardbeg, Belvedere, Cape Mentelle, Chandon, Cloudy Bay, Dom Perignon, Glenmorangie, Hennessy, Krug, Moet & Chandon, Newton, Ruinart and Veuve Clicquot.

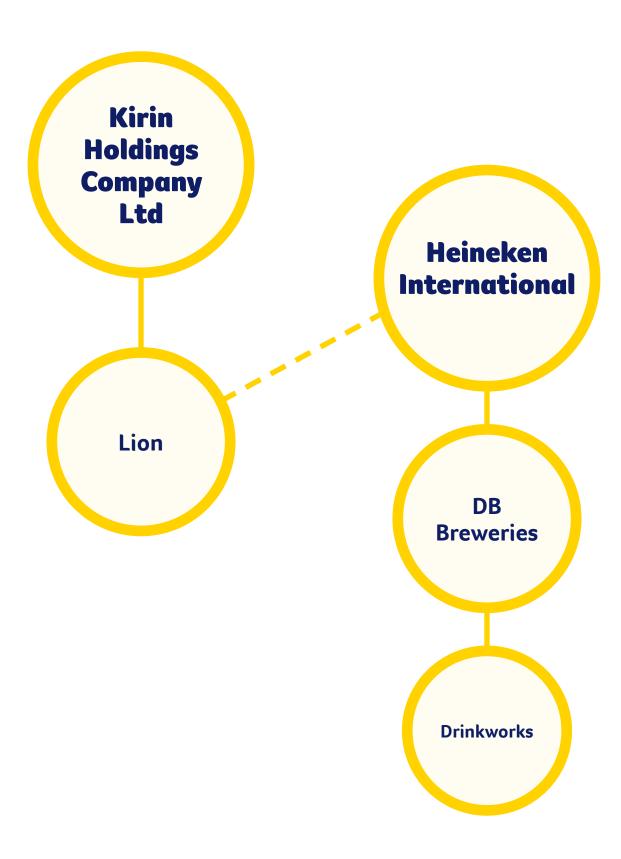
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# **Gage Roads Brewing Co**

- Western Australian idependent brewer.<sup>103</sup>
- Listed as Good Drinks to encompass the other brands that have been acquired.<sup>104</sup>
- In 2009, Woolworths acquired a 25% share in Gage Roads Brewing Co; Gage Roads bought back the shares in 2016.<sup>105</sup>
- In 2018, they acquired 100% of Matso's Broome Brewing Pty Ltd.<sup>103</sup> They also became the exclusive supplier of beer and cider to Optus Stadium.<sup>103</sup>
- In 2022, Good Drinks announced distribution agreements with Molson Coors and Magners Cider, where they will now solely represent brands such as Miller Chill, Coors, etc.<sup>106</sup>
- Good Drinks made a revenue of AUD\$70 million in the 2022 financial year.<sup>107</sup>
- Member of the Independent Brewers Association.<sup>108</sup>
- · Headquarters: Perth, Australia.

Gage Roads Brewing Co brands include Alby, Hello Sunshine, Little Dove, Matso's, Pipe Dreams Coastal Lager, Side Track All Day XPA, Single Fin Summer Ale, Sleeping Giant and The Bay XPA.



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# **Kirin Holdings Company Ltd**

- Range of businesses including food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, pharmaceuticals and biochemicals.<sup>109</sup>
- Member of International Alliance for Responsible Drinking.<sup>24</sup>
- Headquarters: Tokyo, Japan.

#### Lion

- Leading brewer and distributer in Australia, and New Zealand's largest alcohol beverage company.<sup>110</sup>
- · Brief history:
  - » Formed in 2009 when Kirin Holdings assumed 100% ownership of Lion Nathan and merged it with National Foods (owned by Kirin since 2007).<sup>111</sup>
  - » Lion acquired Little World Beverages (owner of Little Creatures Brewery) in 2011, Byron Bay Brewing Co and Brew Strong Ltd in 2016.<sup>111</sup>
  - » The joint venture between Heineken International and Lion, established in 2004, dissolved in October 2017.<sup>112</sup>
  - » In 2018, Lion UK acquired a UK Brewing company, Fourpure Holdco Ltd, and a New Zealand craft brewer – St. Andrews Holdings Ltd.<sup>111</sup>
  - » In 2019, Lion acquired 100% of Magic Rock Brewing Company and New Belgium Brewing, and 50% of Four Pillars Gin in 2019.<sup>113</sup>
  - » In 2021, through the subsidiary Lion Beer, Spirits and Wine Pty Ltd they acquired the Australian craft brewer, Fermentum Pty Ltd.<sup>111</sup>
  - » In 2022, Lion announced the sale of UK based breweries – Fourpure and Magic Rock.<sup>114</sup>
  - » In 2023, Lion completed its acquisition of Four Pillars Gin. They now own 100% of the company.<sup>115</sup>
- Revenue of AUD\$2.2 billion in 2021.<sup>111</sup>

- Held 29.6% of the beer manufacturing market share in Australia in 2023.<sup>110</sup>
- Financially contributes to DrinkWise.<sup>41</sup> Industry partner of Retail Drinks Australia.<sup>34</sup>
- Member of Alcohol Beverages Australia, Brewers Association of Australia, Drinks Association, Australian Association of National Advertisers and Australian Hotels Association.<sup>35–37, 42, 43</sup>
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

Brands include 5 Seeds, Bevy, Birra Moretti, Brooklyn, Byron Bay, Emu, Eumundi, Fermentum, Four Pillars Gin, Furphy, Guinness, Hahn, Heineken, Iron Jack, James Boag, James Squire, Kilkenny, Kirin, Kosciuszko, Little Creatures, Malt Shovel Brewers, Panhead, Swan, Southwark, Tiny Mountain, Tooheys, Voodoo Ranger, West End Draught, White Claw Hard Seltzer, White Rabbit and XXXX.

#### **Heineken International**

- L'Arche Green N.V. (88.93% owned by the Heineken Family) holds the majority of Heineken Holding N.V. which is the holding company who operate Heineken N.V.<sup>116</sup>
- The number two brewer in the world; owns, markets and sells more than 300 brands to at least 190 markets.<sup>117</sup>
- Brief history:
  - » In 2012, Heineken acquired Asia Pacific Breweries, increasing their presence in North Asia, Southeast Asia, and Oceania.<sup>118</sup>
  - » In 2017, Heineken and Lion's joint venture (Heineken Lion Australia) was dissolved and replaced with a licenced distribution agreement. This distribution agreement allows for Lion to continue to distribute Heineken and Birra Moretti within Australia.<sup>112</sup>
  - » In January 2021, Heineken acquired brands Strongbow, Little Green, Bonamy's, Stella Artois and Beck's from Asahi Group.<sup>119</sup>
  - » Heineken acquired Distell, Africa's leading producer, and Namibia Breweries in 2022.<sup>120, 121</sup>

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- In 2022, produced 256.9 million hectolitres of beer and delivered a net revenue of €28.7 billion (~AUD\$46 billion).<sup>122</sup>
- Member of the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking.<sup>24</sup>
- Headquarters: Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Brands include Amstel, Beck's, Birra Moretti, Bonamy's, Bulmers, Heineken, Little Green, Orchard Thieves, Sol, Stella Artois, Strongbow and Tiger.

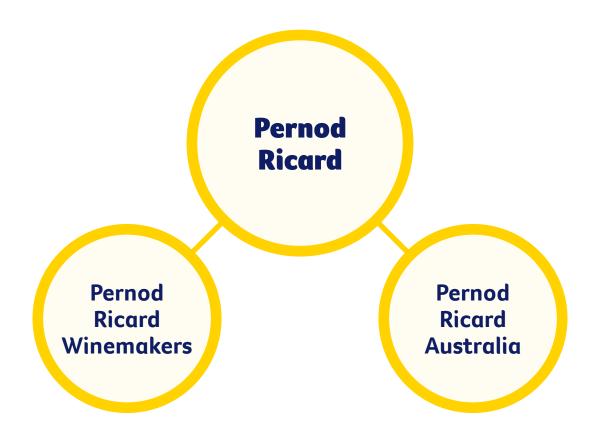
#### **DB Breweries**

- New Zealand beer and cider company.<sup>123</sup>
- Brief History:
  - » DB established sDrinkworks Australia in 2007. 124
  - » In 2013, DB's parent company, Asia Pacific Breweries, was purchased by Heineken, making DB a wholly owned subsidiary of Heineken.<sup>49</sup>
  - » In 2014, DB acquired Redwood Ciders.
- Headquarters: Auckland, New Zealand.

#### **Drinkworks**

- Established in 2007, Drinkworks is 100% owned and operated by DB Breweries.<sup>124, 125</sup>
- Acts as the Australian sales and marketing branch, distributing DB Breweries' and Heineken brands to the Australian market.

Brands include Beck's, Bintang, Bonamy's, Dos Equis, Heineken, Kingfisher, Little Green, Monteith's, Orchard Thieves, Sol, Stella Artois, Strongbow, Tecate, Tiger, and Tui.



#### **Pernod Ricard**

- World number two in the wine and spirits industry.<sup>126</sup>
- 96 production sites in 24 countries,<sup>126</sup>
  distributed in 160 markets in regions including
  Asia, North America, Latin America, Europe,
  the Middle East and Africa.<sup>127</sup>
- Reported €10.7 billion (~AUD\$17.5 billion) in net sales in the 2022 financial year.<sup>126</sup>
- Member of the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking.<sup>24</sup>
- Headquarters: Paris, France.

#### **Pernod Ricard Winemakers**

- The winemaking business that sits within the Pernod Ricard Group.<sup>128</sup>
- Financially contributes to DrinkWise.<sup>41</sup>
- Member of Alcohol Beverages Australia.<sup>35</sup>
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

Brands include Brancott Estate, Campo Viejo, Church Road, Jacob's Creek, Kenwood Vineyards, Mumm Napa, St Hugo, Stoneleigh and Ysios.

#### **Pernod Ricard Australia**

- The Australian and New Zealand subsidiary of Pernod Ricard.<sup>129</sup>
- Revenue of AUD\$665 million in the 2022 financial year.<sup>129</sup>
- Industry partner of Retail Drinks Australia.34
- Member of Drinks Association and Spirits and Cocktails Australia.<sup>36,51</sup>
- · Head office: Dulwich, South Australia

Brands include Aberlour Whisky, Absolut Vodka, Avion, Ballantine's, Beefeater Gin, Brancott Estate, Campo Viejo, Carrington, Chivas Regal, Church Road, Deutz, George Wyndham, G.H.Mumm, Havana Club, I Am George, Jameson, Jacobs Creek, Kahlua, Lawson's, Lillet, Longmorn, Malibu, Martell, Monkey 47, Pe rnod, Perrier Jouet, Plymouth, Poets Corner, Redbreast, Ricard, Richmond Grove, Royal Salute, Scapa, St Hugo, Stoneleigh, The Glenlivet, Trilogy, Wyborowa and Wyndham Estate.



# **Proximo Spirits**

- Global spirit brand marketer and product producer. 130
- Operates in the United States, Ireland, Canada, United Kingdom and Australia.<sup>130</sup>
- Headquarters: Jersey City, New Jersey

# **Proximo Australia Pty Ltd**

- Previously known as Island2island Beverage Company before being acquired by Proximo Spirits in 2017.<sup>131</sup>
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

Brands distributed include 1800 Tequila, Boodles, Bushmills Whiskey, Hangar 1 Vodka, Jose Cuervo, Kraken, Three Olives Vodka and Tincup.



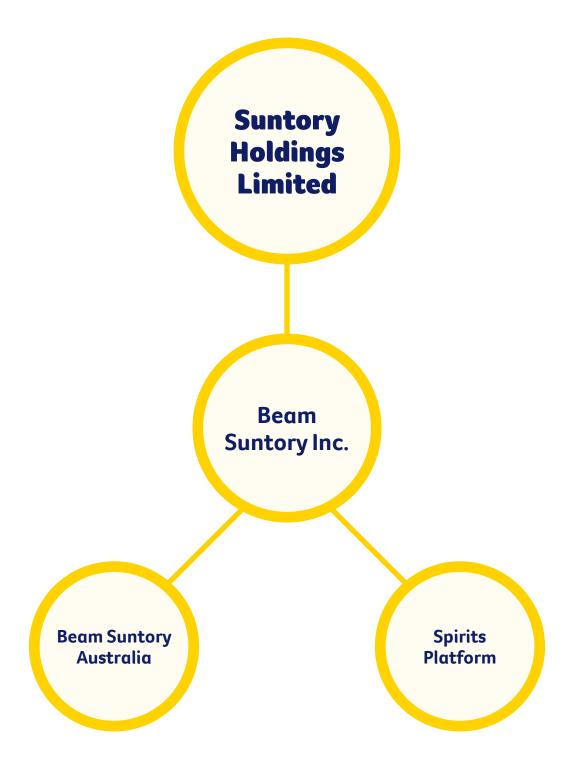
# Sazerac Company

- Independent, American family-owned company. 132
- Headquarters: Louisiana, USA.

# SouthTrade International

- Sales, training and marketing company.<sup>133</sup>
- Acquired by Sazerac Company in 2016; previously controlled by Pinnacle Drinks.<sup>134</sup>
- Headquarters: Sydney, NSW.

Brands include Adelaide Hills, Agwa De Bolivia, Alize, Armanda De Brignac Brut, Blanton's American Whiskey, Buffalo Trace, Cape Grim 666 Vodka, Dictador, Dubliner, Eagle Rare, Fireball, Green Fairy, Hayman's of London Gin, The Liberties Irish Whiskey, Marie Brizard, Monte Alban Tequila, Mr Black, Old Pulteney Scotch Whisky, Old Rip Van Winkle, Opihr Gin, Paul John Indian Whisky, Rampur Indian Whisky, Sazerac, Seagram's V.O, Scapegrace Gin, Southern Comfort, Starward, Thomas H Handy, Tuaca and William Larue Weller.



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# **Suntory Holdings Limited**

- Owns 270 group companies across Europe, Asia, Oceania, Japan and the Americas.<sup>135</sup>
- Business sectors include alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, food, health and wellness products, restaurants and flowers.<sup>136</sup>
- · Headquarters: Tokyo, Japan.

# **Beam Suntory Inc.**

- Created in 2014 when Suntory Holdings acquired Beam Inc.<sup>137</sup>
- In 2020, acquired On the Rocks Premium Cocktails.<sup>137</sup>
- Funder of Drinkaware UK and member of the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking.<sup>24, 138</sup>
- · Headquarters: Chicago, USA.

# **Beam Suntory Australia**

- Total revenue of AUD\$254.4 million in 2020.<sup>139</sup>
- Financially contributes to DrinkWise.41
- Member of Alcohol Beverages Australia, Spirits and Cocktails Australia, and the Australian Association of National Advertisers.<sup>35, 43, 51</sup>
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

Brands include: Ardmore, Auchentoshan, Basil Hayden's, Bowmore, Canadian Club, Courvoisier, El Tesoro, Hakushu, Hibiki, Jim Beam, Kilbeggan, Knob Creek, Laphroaig, Legent, Maker's Mark, Midori, Pinnacle Vodka, Roku, Sauza, Sipsmith, Suntory, Teacher's and Yamazaki.

# **Spirits Platform**

- Australian sales, marketing and distribution company established following the merger between Beam and Suntory.<sup>140</sup>
- Extended operations to Western Australia in 2020.<sup>141</sup>
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

Brands managed include: Bruichladdich, Chartreuse, Cointreau, Finsbury Gin, Highland Park, Louis XIII, Naked Grouse, Nant, Opal Nera, Ouzo by Metaxa, Passoa, Remy Martin, Sierra, Sierra Milenario, St-Remy The Botanist, The Famous Grouse, The Glenrothes, The Irishman, The Macallan, Tia Maria and Zucca Rabarbaro.

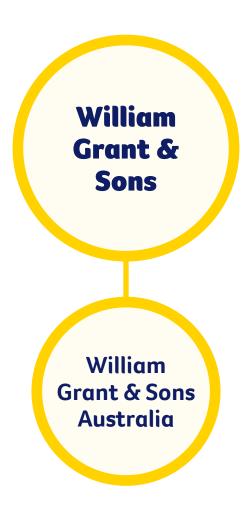
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# **Treasury Wine Estates**

- Australian-owned global wine company with over 70 brands sold in more than 70 countries.<sup>142</sup>
- In 2005, Foster's Group acquired Southcorp Limited, combining it with their existing subsidiary Beringer Blass to form Foster's Wine Estates. Following the demerger of Foster's wine and beer assets in 2011, Treasury Wine Estates was formed.<sup>142</sup>
- In 2015, Treasury Wine Estates acquired the majority of Diageo's wine business.<sup>142</sup>
- In 2021, Treasury Wine Estates began operating under a new model, led by three standalone brand portfolio divisions – Penfolds, Treasury Premium Brands (TPB), and Treasury Americas.<sup>142</sup>
- Business is focused on four principal regions: Australia & New Zealand, Americas, Asia and Africa, and Europe.<sup>142</sup>
- Total revenue of AUD\$2.5 billion in the 2022 financial year.<sup>142</sup>
- Estimated 17.2% of wine production market share in Australia in 2020.<sup>46</sup>
- Financially contributes to DrinkWise.<sup>41</sup> Industry partner of Retail Drinks Australia.<sup>34</sup>
- Member of Alcohol Beverages Australia, the Australian Hotels Association, and the Drinks Association.<sup>35–37</sup>
- · Headquarters: Melbourne, Australia.

Brands include 19 Crimes, Annie's Lane, Blossom Hill, Coldstream Hills, Devil's Lair, Fifth Leg, Heemskerk, Jamiesons Run, Killawarra, Leo Buring, Lindeman's, Matua, Maison de Grand Esprit, Penfolds, Pepperjack, Rawsons Retreat, Rosemount Estate, Saltram, Samuel Wynn & Co, Secret Stone, Seppelt, Squealing Pig, Wolf Blass, Wynns Coonawarra and Yellowglen.



#### William Grant & Sons

- Family-owned premium spirits company. 143
- Has nearly 200 markets in over 50 global locations.<sup>143</sup>
- In 2021 the company made £325.3 million (~AUD\$609.2 million) in revenue.<sup>144</sup>
- Member of the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking.<sup>24</sup>
- Headquarters: Scotland, UK.

#### William Grant & Sons Australia

- Fully owned subsidiary of William Grant & Sons formed in 2011 to manage and distribute products.<sup>145</sup>
- As of July 2022, William Grant and Sons began distributing De Kuyper liquers.<sup>146</sup>
- Industry partner of Retail Drinks Australia.34
- Member of Drinks Association and Spirits and Cocktails Australia.<sup>36,51</sup>
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

Brands include Beluga, Glenfiddich, Grant's, Hendricks, Milagro, Monkey Shoulder, Sailor Jerry, The Balvenie and Tullamore.



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# **Woolworths Group Limited**

- Publicly listed Australian company that covers food & grocery, liquor, tobacco, petrol, general merchandise and hotels.
- In 1998, Woolworths acquired the Dan Murphy liquor chain.<sup>147</sup>
- Prior to the demerger of its liquor business, Endeavour Group, in July 2021, held approximately 40% of the liquor retailing market share.<sup>148</sup>
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

# **Endeavour Group Limited**

- In 2019, Woolworths announced the intention to demerge its liquor business. This was post-poned in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>149</sup>
- Endeavour Group was formed in 2020 during the merger of Woolworths' liquor business (Endeavour Drinks) and Australian Leisure and Hospitality Group.<sup>150</sup>
- In July 2021, Woolworths demerged Endeavour Group but retained a 14.6% interest in the business.<sup>151</sup> In December 2022, Woolworths sold an additional 5.5% of its remaining shares, retaining 9.1% interest.<sup>152</sup>
- Endeavour Group comprises multiple retail brands including Dan Murphy's, BWS, Cellarmasters, Shorty's Liquor, and Jimmy Brings.<sup>153</sup>
- Endeavour Group reported \$11.6 billion in revenue in 2022, of which \$10.1 billion was from retail sales.<sup>154</sup>
- Financially contributes to Drinkwise.<sup>41</sup> Industry partner of Retail Drinks Australia.<sup>34</sup>
- Member of Alcohol Beverages Australia.<sup>35</sup>

#### **Pinnacle Drinks**

- Established in 2012, Pinnacle Drinks manages over 700 of its own and exclusive brands on behalf of Endeavour Group Ltd.<sup>155</sup>
- Has over 300 global partnerships.<sup>155</sup>
- Headquarters: Sydney, Australia.

Brands include 1495 Scotch Whisky, Arc Valley Beer, Baily & Baily, Balliamo, Ballini, Balthazar, Bay Estates, Buckeye, Castaway Cider, Cat Amongst the Pigeons, C'est La Vie, Champagne Duperrey, Chancellor & Co, Ciao Bella, Cleanskin, Cockatoo Ridge, Cocolada, Cow Bombie, Craftsman, Diamond Nights, Dumont, Finnlaigh Irish Whiskey, Houndstooth Gin, John Boston Beer, Lobster Reef, Louis Auger, Lovers Not Toredors, Macho Gaucho, Marlborough Sounds, Mato Bay, McAllister, Mi Casa, Midnight Collective, Minchinbury, Mishka Vodka, Natures Harvest, Nelson County Kentucky Bourbon, Nevado, Ole!, Once & Well, Palladium, Pasconi, Porta Dante, Riddoch, Rollins Tennessee Whiskey. Sail and Anchor, Santa Compana, Santaro, Sentado, Steersman, Tequila 125 and Tun Beer.

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# **Vok Beverages**

- Established in 2002 as an independently owned and operated alcohol company; sister company to Bickford's Australia.<sup>156</sup>
- In 2009, Vok entered a joint venture with Treasury Wine Estates; however, this ended in 2012.<sup>157</sup>
- In 2011, Vok's nine year distribution partnership with Diageo ended.<sup>158</sup>
- Headquarters: Adelaide, Australia.

Brands include Andrew Garrett, Bearded Lady American Boubon, Beenleigh, Beresford, Black Bottle, Boronia, Fox Hat, Galway Pipe, Inner Circle Rum, Olympus Ouzo, Press + Bloom, Real McCoy, Rebellion Bay, Three Oaks Cider, Vale Brewing, Vicker's and Vok.

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