



IN THE VINES: Imogen Mulholland is a student at Marcellin Technical College and has started a new viticulture program which includes learning how to sample and pick grapes. H0334058

Growing the future

ABOARD a tractor among the vines of McLaren Vale **Imogen Mulholland** found her calling.

The 19-year-old is one of six Marcellin Technical College students taking part in a new horticulture program that includes placements at southern vineyards.

"I've been tasting wine since I was about 12 and drinking it since I was about 15 – I've always loved it," Ms Mulholland, of Magill, said. "It made sense for me to do something I love."

As part of the program, which started last month, Ms Mulholland will spend two years with The Terraces Vineyard Management, learning how to sample and pick grapes, as well as driving tractors and forklifts.

Her work in the vineyard will be counted towards her SACE, in

combination with a research project and trade study.

If she performs up to the company's expectations, she may be offered a full-time position at the end of her second year.

Ms Mulholland said she was not deterred by the early mornings and late nights during vintage, which is expected to be in full swing this week.

"Picking can happen at various times during the day and night – some picking started the other day at 1am.

"It depends on what sort of grapes are being picked but it's all part of the job."

The Terraces Vineyard Management operations manager **Troy Elliker** said McLaren Vale was always in need of more good viticulturists.