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Hydrosmart
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Eleven years back we installed three Hydrosmart units on three of our vineyards due to experiencing blockages and issues caused by iron and salts from minerals in our irrigation bores.

We needed to constantly remove and clean the drippers and this took a great deal of time and effort which had significant labour cost when doing tens of thousands of drippers and noticed some vines were stressed due to salt levels.

The levels of iron, salts and minerals vary from 600 to 2,000 EC and we have seen a gradual and consistent improvement to all the treated vineyards over the period of time the systems have been on.

The improved behaviour of the vines, soil and grape health in Hydrosmart treated vineyards when compared with the untreated vineyards was sufficiently noteworthy that a decision was made to get two more units a few summers back to address the other bores not being treated.

I am happy to recommend use of Hydrosmart to any grower considering adapting it to their sites water as it has added real value to our business. After using it for well over a decade we plan using Hydrosmart on all d'Arenberg bores well into the next successful decade of growing and winemaking.

Our founder Mr. d'Arry Osborn still tells the tale of using bore water in his home bathroom and how hard and staining it used to be. Once he applied the first Hydrosmart he really was amazed that the bath and shower water was softer with far less staining while the lawns and gardens around the house all perked up and showed good growth improvements and vigour as they have ever since.

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