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In 2011, Max's book *The Future Makers: Australian Wines for the 21st Century* was named Best International Wine Book at the Louis Roederer Wine Writers Awards. In 2013, he was awarded a State Library of Victoria Creative Fellowship to research the relationship between early Victorian winegrowers and Aboriginal communities and in 2018, he was named Australian Wine Communicator of the Year.

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