

## Press release

### Vintage Hallmark plc; final trial in linked investment frauds

The final case in a series of frauds, including wine investments, running into millions of pounds concluded at Harrow Crown Court last week. Richard Gunter has already been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for his part in the fraud. The jury were unable to reach agreement after a six-week trial of another defendant, Robin Grove. The SFO is not seeking a re-trial in this matter.

This brings to an end a series of linked investment scams to be investigated and prosecuted by the SFO.