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THREE SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED FOR WINE INDUSTRY

Three new scholarships have been announced by the Bragato Trust today, giving recipients the opportunity to research further into New Zealand's grape and wine industry.

The scholarships include an undergraduate award of up to \$3,500, a postgraduate scholarship of up to \$15,000 and a research fellowship also up to \$15,000. Applications are now being called for all three scholarships, which are due to be awarded in 2009.

Trustee of the Bragato Trust, Kevyn Moore, said he was delighted to announce the new scholarships and looks forward to receiving applications from around New Zealand.

"These latest scholarships and the Bragato Trust's ongoing development are possible thanks to a bequest from the estate of the late Jan Colville, granddaughter of Romeo and Laura Bragato and also a grant from New Zealand Grape Growers Council Inc.

"We encourage all exceptional undergraduates and graduates to apply," said Mr Moore.

Applications close 28 February 2009. Those interested can download the details and application forms from www.bragato.org.nz or contact:

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About the Bragato Trust

The aims of the Trust are:

- (a) To provide scholarships for New Zealand resident graduates and exceptional undergraduates to gain further qualifications or experience, in New Zealand or elsewhere, in subjects of relevance to the viticulture and wine industry
- (b) To promote the development and dissemination of viticulture knowledge and practice in New Zealand;
- (c) To carry out any such other purposes in New Zealand (as may be decided upon by the Trustees from time to time) which purposes are charitable for the purposes of the Tax Act and the Charities Act.

About Romeo Bragato

The Bragato Trust was formed in memory of a man who arrived on New Zealand shores on February 19, 1895. Fresh from Italy with his Diploma in Viticulture and Oenology in hand, the New Zealand Government escorted Romeo Bragato from one end of the country to the other to visit and advise on our local vineyards.

He was one of the fathers of the Victoria, Australia wine industry where he was viticulturist 1888 – 1901. He visited New Zealand in 1895 and 1901 before moving to New Zealand in 1902.

Regrettably his work was not acted on and lay forgotten for over 60 years. Dusted off by a few pioneers in the 1970s and early 1980s, many of the recommendations of Romeo Bragato form the basis of modern New Zealand viticulture practices.