



OUR SPEAKERS

GUEST SPEAKERS

John van der Linden | Futurist

Mike Petersen | Farmer | Former NZ Special Agricultural Trade Envoy

YOUNG VIT WINNERS

2006 | Marcus Wickham | Marlborough

2007 | Emma Taylor | Hawke's Bay

2008 | Simon Bishell | Marlborough

2009 | Caine Thompson | Hawke's Bay

2010 | Stuart Dudley | Marlborough

2011 | Nick Paulin | Central Otago

2012 | Braden Crosby | Wairarapa

2013 | Matt Fox | Gisborne

2014 | Paul Robinson | Hawke's Bay

2015 | Caleb Dennis | Hawke's Bay

2016 | Cameron Price | Hawke's Bay

2017 | Tim Adams | Auckland

2018 | Annabel Bulk | Central Otago

2019 | Simon Gourley | Central Otago

2020 NATIONAL FINALISTS

Tahryn Mason | Auckland

Sam Bain | Hawke's Bay

George Bunnett | Wairarapa

Rhys Hall | Marlborough

Lacey Agate | North Canterbury

Annabel Angland | Central Otago

YOUNG VIT ALUMNI

Nigel Sowman | Marlborough

Mike Saunders | North Canterbury

Nicky Grandorge | National Co-Ordinator

TIME	PRESENTER	TOPIC
9.30am	Nicky Grandorge	Welcome and Introduction
9.40am	Caine Thompson	Greetings from afar
9.45am	John Van Der Linden	Future Vineyard and Future Food
10.15am	Vineyard management and the future	
10.15am	Mike Saunders & Nigel Sowman	Organics - why?
10.25am	Simon Gourley	Biodynamics - a growing option
10.35am	Stuart Dudley	The Elephant in the Room
10.45am		Q&A discussion
10.55am	5 minute break	
11.00am	Tahryn Mason, Sam Bain, George Bunnett, Rhys Hall, Lacey Agate & Annabel Angland	National Finalists' Speeches
11.25am	Morning Tea	
11.45am	Nicky Grandorge	Looking back over the years
11.55am	Sustainability - our competitive advantage and future focus Panel presentations and discussions	
	Emma Taylor (Chair of panel)	The Importance of Sustainability
	Cameron Price	Waste
	Paul Robinson	Water
	Nick Paulin	Soil
	Annabel Bulk	People - How do we attract and retain talent?
12.45pm	Marcus Wickham	Labour shortages and inspiring innovation
12.55pm	LUNCH - group photos	
1.40pm	Nicky Grandorge	Quiz time
1.50pm	Matt Fox & Tim Adams	What makes experience both an asset and a limitation?
2.05pm	Braden Crosby	Is owning your own vineyard still a viable option and what responsibilities come with land ownership?
2.20pm	Simon Bishell - threat Caleb Dennis - opportunity	International investment - a threat or an opportunity?
2.30pm	Caine Thompson & Caleb Dennis	What can we learn from the US as producers and consumers?
2.40pm	Nigel Sowman	Investing in our Future Leaders
2.50pm	Mike Petersen	The Future for New Zealand food and fibre - Bringing an international perspective to the systems, practices and behaviours required for success. <i>Followed by discussion and Q&A</i>
3.25pm	Nicky Grandorge	Conference Close
6.00pm	Celebration dinner, Martinborough Town Hall	