

Grape Days 2026



Central Otago

Tuesday 16 June, Marsden Lake Resort, Cromwell

8.00am **Registration**

9.00am **SESSION 1: WELCOME**

New Zealand Wine update
Philip Gregan, New Zealand Winegrowers

Research update
Dr Juliet Ansell, Bragato Research Institute

SESSION 2: INTEGRATING AI INTO VINEYARD MANAGEMENT

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AI case studies from Dairy NZ
Dr Callum Eastwood, Dairy NZ

Real world examples of using AI in the workplace
Panel

10.40am **Morning tea**

SESSION 3: FUNGICIDE RESISTANCE, RESIDUES, AND WINE QUALITY

Powdery mildew fungicide resistance
Dr Cen Liao, Bragato Research Institute

Persistence of elemental sulphur
Dr Leandro Dias Araujo, Lincoln University

SESSION 4: MAKING GOOD DECISIONS IN THE VINEYARD

Where research meets practice: Smarter decisions in the vineyard
Dr Amber Parker, Lincoln University

Making good decisions in the vineyard
Panel

1.00pm **Lunch**

SESSION 5: VINEYARD TO GLASS: PINOT NOIR

Central Otago Pinot noir trial vineyard - genetics, vineyard and wine
Dr Annabel Whibley, Bragato Research Institute

Reductive aromas in Pinot noir
Dr Bruno Fedrizzi, University of Auckland

Cluster thinning Pinot noir - the effect of bunch selection on grape and wine quality
Dr Stewart Field, NMIT

3.15pm **Wrap Up**

Each session finishes with a Q&A. Following the event, workshop materials will be posted to the members section of nzwine.com.