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### Judges gearing up for Bragato Wine Awards 2016

A 13 strong judging team, including international judges Andrea Frost and Nick Ryan, is gearing up to judge over 600 entries for this year's Bragato Wine Awards in Auckland on 16 and 17 August.

Andrea Frost is an award winning wine writer, columnist and author based in Melbourne, Australia. In 2013, Andrea was named Wine Communicator of the Year and her first book, 'Through a Sparkling Glass, an A-Z of the Wonderland of Wine', was awarded Best Wine Publication. In 2012 and 2013, Andrea was named Wine Business Monthly's '50 Stars' of the year.

Fellow countryman Nick Ryan is a wine writer, judge and educator based in Adelaide. Nick used the knowledge he had gained from raiding his father's wine cellar to land a job with one of Sydney's leading wine merchants. Realising that writing about it was easier than lifting it has led him to where he is now. Nick is a regular contributor to Men's Style Australia and Gourmet Traveller Wine, and has judged in many Australian and international wine shows.

Leading the Bragato Wine Awards team is Chair of Judges Ben Glover, Group Winemaker for Accolade Wines New Zealand.

"This is always a wonderful opportunity and privilege to view, assess and reward our industry peers' wines", said Mr Glover. "The Bragato Wine Awards is a unique forum on the wine industry calendar that champions the grape grower, recognises the vineyard and awards viticultural excellence."

The Bragato Wine Awards, held each year as part of the New Zealand Winegrowers Romeo Bragato National Conference, recognises that exceptional grape growing is the foundation of making wines that express true quality of place. Judging takes place on 16 and 17 August at AUT in Auckland City.

The trophy winning wines will be revealed at the Bragato Dinner at the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre in Marlborough on 25 August.

For more information visit [www.bragato.org.nz](http://www.bragato.org.nz)

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Judging Team:

Chair of Judges - Ben Glover

Judges – Rod Easthope, Helen Masters, James Millton, Helen Morrison, Simon Nunns, Barry Riwai, John Saker

International Judges – Andrea Frost (Australia), Nick Ryan (Australia)

Associate Judges – Lauren Swift, Liz Wheadon, Stephen Wong MW

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