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New Zealand wine industry loses stalwart Ivan Selak

New Zealand wine industry stalwart Ivan Selak lost his battle with cancer this week aged 67.

Ivan was instrumental in building the Selaks brand and business and made a number of contributions to the wine industry. Early in his career, Ivan was a member of the Young Winemakers Club alongside other then aspiring notabilities of the industry with the aim of improving the quality and style of New Zealand wines. Ivan also served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Wine Institute 1995-98.

Ivan was much more than a vibrant and popular personality among the wine people of his time, said Philip Gregan, CEO of New Zealand Winegrowers. "Ivan was also admired for his passion for viticulture and winemaking, for his innovation, his willingness to pitch in on industry occasions, and his ever-ready willingness to share his enthusiasm and talent with fellow winemakers."

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