

Grape Days 2026



Hawke's Bay

Thursday 18 June, Napier Conference Centre

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: DRIVING VINEYARD PRODUCTIVITY

Next Generation Viticulture - Early results and what they mean for growers
Dr Paul Epee, Bragato Research Institute

**The effect of root carbohydrate reserves on productivity
- was there a yield hangover from 2025?**
Dr Stewart Field, NMIT

SESSION 4: VINEYARD TO GLASS: 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

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

1.00pm **Lunch**

SESSION 5: MAKING GOOD DECISIONS IN THE VINEYARD

Where research meets practice: Smarter decisions in the vineyard
Dr Damian Martin, Bioeconomy Science Institute

Making good decisions in the vineyard
Panel

3.00pm **Wrap Up**

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