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2017 Bragato Wine Awards to be a single vineyard wine competition

A 13 strong judging team is gearing up to review over 500 wines entered in this year's Bragato Wine Awards. The twist on this year's Awards is that all wines entered must be single vineyard wines, a first in the competition's 23 year history.

"We've worked hard in past few years to enable the Bragato Wine Awards to evolve into a single vineyard show", says Ben Glover, Chair of Judges and Owner/Winemaker of Glover Family Vineyards. "The Bragato Awards are focused on recognising that exceptional grape growing is the foundation of making wines that express a true quality of place."

"By making the shift to a single vineyard show we're allowing our industry to express the Turangawaewae of their distinctive sites. This change highlights the Bragato Awards as being truly unique among New Zealand wine shows."

Australian judge David Stevens-Castro will add an international perspective to the 2017 judging team. Mr Stevens-Castro is currently a stage two student in the Institute of Masters of Wine programme, the Wine & Beverage Manager at IHG's Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise, and owner of PAIRED Media.

Judging of the 2017 Bragato Wine Awards will take place over 16 and 17 August at Mt Smart Stadium in Auckland. Trophy winning wines will be revealed at the New Zealand Winegrowers National Romeo Bragato Conference in Marlborough, held from 30 to 31 August. Competition results can be viewed from 1 September on www.bragato.org.nz.

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Additional information:

- The Bragato Wine Awards are held each year as part of the New Zealand Winegrower's National Romeo Bragato Conference.
- The Awards recognise that exceptional grape growing is the foundation of making wines that express true quality of place.
- For more information visit www.bragato.org.nz

Judging Team:

Chair of Judges - Ben Glover

Judges – Rod Easthope, Francis Hutt, Jeremy MacKenzie, James Millton, Helen Morrison, Simon Nunns, Barry Riwai, Liz Wheadon

International Judge – David Stevens-Castro (Australia)

Associate Judges – Hannah Burns, Jordon Hogg, Lauren Swift

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