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### **Wine industry recognises viticultural excellence at 2017 Romeo Bragato Wine Awards**

A Cabernet Franc from Canterbury has come out on top at this year's Bragato Wine Awards.

Grown by Lindsay Hill, in the Waipara West vineyard located in Canterbury, The Boneline Cabernet Franc 2016 won the coveted Bragato Trophy for Champion Wine of the Show. The wine also picked up the O-I New Zealand Trophy for Champion Emerging Red Wine.

"This Cabernet Franc was a pleasure to judge, but equally an absolute joy to taste, savour and discuss," said Chair of Judges Ben Glover. "This wine is certainly all about a single site... A real treat".

Fourteen trophies in total were awarded and the geographical spread was diverse, with four going to Marlborough; three each going to Hawke's Bay, Canterbury and Otago; and one going to Nelson.

The Bragato Wine Awards recognise the grower for viticultural excellence and acknowledges that growing excellent grapes is the foundation of making wines of true quality. For the first time in the competition's 23 year history, all wines entered in 2017 had to be single vineyard wines.

"By making the shift to a single vineyard show, we're allowing our industry to express the Turangawaewae of their distinctive sites," said Mr Glover.

The Bragato Wine Awards are held each year as part of the New Zealand Winegrowers Romeo Bragato National Conference. The Champion Wine of the Show was announced at the Conference Dinner last night. For more information visit [www.bragato.org.nz](http://www.bragato.org.nz).

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**Bragato Wine Awards 2017 Trophy Results:**

**Bragato Trophy for Champion Wine of the Show**

The Boneline Cabernet Franc 2016

Canterbury

Vineyard: Waipara West

Grower: Lindsay Hill

**Mike Wolter Memorial Trophy for Champion Pinot Noir**

Ruby Bay Pinot Noir 2016

Nelson

Vineyard: Ruby Bay Vineyard

Grower: Andrew Tamplin

**Alan Limmer Trophy for Champion Syrah**

Coopers Creek SV 'Chalk Ridge' Syrah 2015

Hawke's Bay

Vineyard: Chalk Ridge

Grower: Wayne Morrow

**O-I New Zealand Trophy for Champion Emerging Red Wine**

The Boneline Cabernet Franc 2016

Canterbury

Vineyard: Waipara West

Grower: Lindsay Hill

**Tom McDonald Memorial Trophy for Champion Classical Red Wine**

Saint Clair James Sinclair Cabernet Merlot 2015

Hawke's Bay

Vineyard: Plateau Vineyard

Grower: Neal & Judy Ibbotson

**Richard Smart Trophy for Champion Rosé**

Clark Estate Dayvinleigh Rosé 2017

Marlborough

Vineyard: Dayvinleigh

Grower: Kevin Johnston

**New Zealand Frost Fans Trophy for Champion Sweet Wine**

Villa Maria Reserve Noble Riesling Botrytis Selection 2015

Marlborough

Vineyard: Rocenvin Vineyard

Grower: Christine Fletcher

**Glengarry Trophy for Champion Sparkling Wine**

Akarua Vintage Brut 2011  
Otago  
Vineyard: Cairnmuir Road  
Grower: Mark Naismith

**Friedrich Wohnsiedler Trophy for Champion Riesling**

Waipara Hills Soul Deans Riesling 2015  
Canterbury  
Vineyard: Deans Vineyard  
Grower: Accolade Wines

**Brother Cyprian Trophy for Champion Pinot Gris**

Devil's Staircase Pinot Gris 2016  
Otago  
Vineyard: Rockburn Wines Ltd  
Grower: Chris James, Richard Bunton, Paul Halford

**Nick Nobilo Trophy for Champion Gewürztraminer**

Bladen Gewürztraminer 2016  
Marlborough  
Vineyard: Paynters Road Vineyard  
Grower: Keven and Kerry Tilly

**O-I New Zealand Trophy for Champion Emerging White Wine**

Askerne Viognier 2016  
Hawke's Bay  
Vineyard: Askerne  
Grower: Kathryn and John Loughlin

**Spence Brothers Trophy for Champion Sauvignon Blanc**

Konrad Single Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc 2016  
Marlborough  
Vineyard: Konrad Wines  
Grower: Konrad Hengstler

**Bill Irwin Trophy for Champion Chardonnay**

Domaine Rewa Chardonnay 2015  
Otago  
Vineyard: Domaine Rewa  
Grower: Philippa Fourbet