



## New Zealand Winegrowers Research Centre signs MoU with the University of Auckland and Lincoln University

New Zealand Winegrowers Research Centre (NZWRC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with both the University of Auckland and Lincoln University. This sets the framework for future collaboration between NZWRC and the two universities, with the joint objective of working together to support the New Zealand wine industry.

The signing of the MoU agreements was announced today by Mark Gilbert, NZWRC Chair, at the Romeo Bragato Conference, New Zealand Winegrowers' annual industry conference.

"NZWRC looks forward to collaborating with the University of Auckland and Lincoln University, giving us the opportunity to support education and engage the next generation of New Zealand researchers with the New Zealand wine industry, through the provision of learning, educational support and opportunities," said NZWRC CEO MJ Loza.

The University of Auckland views the MoU as an opportunity to build on a long history of co-operation and association with New Zealand Winegrowers, says Dean of Science Professor John Hosking. "I am delighted we have this opportunity to extend and deepen our relationship with NZW, including developments with the NZWRC," he says. "We share a goal of excellent science and research to significantly contribute to the growth of this important export industry and working more closely together is the best way to realise that goal."

"Lincoln University is delighted to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the newly established NZ Winegrowers Research Centre. The Centre's establishment recognises the increasing importance of wine as a major export commodity for the nation, and we are keen to ensure that Lincoln's long-standing research expertise in the field helps all parties involved deliver innovative research and education solutions to benefit the whole sector" said Dr Roland Harrison, Head of Wine, Food and Molecular Sciences Department at Lincoln University.

NZWRC is receiving up to \$12.5m in funding from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment over four years and is run as a limited liability company, owned by New Zealand Winegrowers Inc. Regionally based in Marlborough, the Centre will have a national focus, and global reach, providing world-leading research and innovation for commercial grape and wine production.

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