



The Silver
Secateurs
*Grape Vine Pruning
Competition*



NEW ZEALAND WINE
PURE DISCOVERY

ROMEO BRAGGATO



2009

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*The National Finals of
the 2009 Silver Secateurs
Grape Vine Pruning Competition
Individual and Team Events*



Saturday 22 August 2009
Mission Estate Winery
Church Road, Taradale, Napier
Rain or Shine

Recognising New Zealand's Best Pruners and Tyers.

Open to Regional Competition Winners and Placegetters.

Contact your Regional Association regarding these competitions.

THE COMPETITION

The national Silver Secateurs Grape Vine Pruning Competition has been run in conjunction with the Romeo Bragato Conference since 1995.

The industry recognises that grapevine pruning is an integral management practice required for quality wines.

The competition has been developed to encourage a high standard and to recognise the skills of New Zealand pruners.

There are three separate events and these include: individual pruning, individual tying and a teams event. Entrants are selected from the wine growing regions in New Zealand.

HOW TO ENTER

Your local association will have details of the regional events from which representatives for the national competition will be selected.

ENTRY FEES

All fees must be paid prior to commencement of the competition. Send fees to:

Silver Secateurs Organiser
Encore Events
PO Box 12097, Ahuriri, Napier 4144

Cheques should be made payable to:
"Romeo Bragato Conference"

Pruners and Tyers \$30 per entrant
Teams \$100 per team

Each entrant should be clothed in his or her regional uniform with sponsors' logo.

JUDGING

The judges will look for quality of work, cane selection and timing.

Competitors must abide by the Competition Rules and the judges' decision in all cases will be final.

NATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR

Cameron Roucher, ph: 021 339 296

RULES IN BRIEF

- All competitors will prune vines to 4 canes and 2 spurs as shown in the display bay and as outlined in the full Competition Rules.
- All entrants must report to the venue by 8.30am for the Briefing.
- Competition starts at 9.30am

Individual Tying Event	9.30am
Individual Pruning Event	10.00am
Teams Event	10.45am
- Each tyer will trim down to 4 canes and tie down with twist ties and leave 2 spurs for replacement.
- Each pruner will prune, strip out surplus wood, and lay down 4 canes.
- The teams event will prune, strip and lay down canes as follows:
 - 1st person will prune, leaving the canes and replacement spurs.
 - 2nd person will strip out the surplus wood.
 - 3rd person will trim and tie, leaving 4 canes.
- All entrants are to provide and use Bahco pruning equipment.
- Safety gear including safety goggles and gloves is required to be worn during competition events.
- Timing - the speed of the entrants will be taken into account and points will be awarded according to how each competitor finishes, relative to the fastest time it took for the event.
- The judges' decisions will be final.

\$1000 WORTH OF TRAVEL VOUCHERS

In addition to the cash prize, the winner of the National Champion Pruner title will win \$1000 worth of travel vouchers to be used as they wish.

All entrants are to provide and use Bahco pruning equipment.

Kindly sponsored by Bahco Tools

SAFETY

Competitors must acknowledge that the following hazards may exist at the competition venue;

- tools and machinery
- stored fertiliser and chemicals
- access bridge and tracks
- fencing and gates including electric
- vehicles
- other competitors

In taking these hazards into account and in providing their own safety equipment, it is assumed that the competitor takes responsibility for his/her own safety on the day.

REFRESHMENTS

Lunch tickets will be provided for each competitor to Regional Associations, who are responsible for the distribution of the tickets to all their national finals entrants.



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SILVER SECATEURS COMPETITION

A display bay will be marked out for pruners and tyers to follow

9.30am Individual Tying Trophy
Each region will be represented by a maximum of 2 individuals.

10.00am Bahco Individual Pruning Trophy
Each region will be represented by a maximum of 2 individuals.

10.45am Fruitfed Supplies Team Event Trophy
Each region will be represented by a maximum of 2 teams.

12.30pm Prizegiving at Mission Estate Winery.

TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Tying Trophy

1st \$500
2nd \$250
3rd \$100

Pruning Trophy

1st \$500
2nd \$250
3rd \$100

Team Trophy

1st \$600
2nd \$300
3rd \$150

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PRUNING

1. Wood

- Condition and health of canes
- Origin of canes
- Size and shape of canes
- Correct number and length of canes
- Condition and health of spurs
- Origin of spurs
- Size and number of spurs

35 points

2. Technique

- Position of cuts relative to node
- Angle of cuts
- Clean head and canes
- Placement of prunings
- Vines in balance

25 points

3. Tying

- Correct form
- Cane secure to wire
- Cane trimming
- Work finish

20 points

4. Timing

20 points

100 points

TYING

1. Tying

- Correct form
- Cane secure to wire
- Cane trimming
- Work finish

20 points

2. Timing

20 points

40 points

TEAMS EVENT

Will be judged as Pruning above

100 points

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