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Technical Workshop, Postponed

New Zealand is currently dealing with the Covid-19 Delta strain outbreak. Whilst there is optimism that the government's 'go hard, go early' approach will slow the spread of this elusive variant, NZ must remain vigilant as levels decrease.

The New Zealand Society for Viticulture and Oenology (NZSVO) committee met last week to review the plan for their Alternative Varietals workshop scheduled for 21 October. It was determined that the organisation would not run this workshop until the country was back to Covid Alert Level 1. "It is disappointing of course, but we can not in good conscience progress our workshop on its original date," says Jeff Sinnott, NZSVO's Chair. "It is critical that we protect our colleagues and industry from any potential risk."

The NZSVO will closely follow notices from the NZ government, determining when they will be able to proceed with the next edition of their popular Technical Workshop series. "Our commitment to providing engaging and innovative educational experiences to the NZ wine industry is unwavering but we must do so only when we know our colleagues will be safe," says Jeff. "Speakers have been contacted and our programme will be temporarily put on ice."

Delegates will continue to be provided updates via email. Refunds will be offered to any delegate unable to attend the revised timing of NZSVO's technical workshop.

"Until then, keep safe," says Jeff. "Kia pai te mai."

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About New Zealand Society for Viticulture and Oenology:

The NZSVO is a non-profit organisation established in 1985 for the promotion and dissemination of technical information in viticulture, oenology and related sciences for the benefit of the grape and wine industries of New Zealand. The NZSVO encourages the continuation of education in viticulture and oenology, and helps to ensure and maintain the highest standards of quality for such educational objectives. Membership includes people with a common desire to gain increased knowledge about all aspects associated with the wine industry. Annual technical workshops are open to members and non-members alike.

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