

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Specialist book on grapevine diseases co-authored by NMIT tutor**

Dion Mundy has spent his working life helping the wine industry.

Starting out on his family's Canterbury winery Dion's had a ring side seat to observe the industry develop and grow. As a scientist his research in to understanding and managing grapevine diseases has made a significant difference to how grapes are grown in New Zealand and how they succeed overseas.

A Senior Scientist at Plant & Food Research in Blenheim, Dion has written numerous articles and papers throughout his career and is a highly respected authority on grapevine diseases.

Dion's first book, co-authored with Ian Harvey from PLANTwise Services, Lincoln, *Grapevine Diseases of New Zealand* is a valuable guide to everyone involved in the wine or grape growing industry. It is the first book dedicated to the identification and management of grapevine diseases in New Zealand.

*Grapevine Diseases of New Zealand* is being launched on **Thursday 29 April, at the Marlborough Research Centre Theatre, 85 Budge Street, Blenheim at 3.30pm**. He and his co-author will be present at the launch.

The book is extensively illustrated with colour photographs of both the disease symptoms and the causal organisms (mainly fungi).

Following its release, the book will become the main text for teaching diseases in grapes at NMIT, Lincoln University and EIT.

NMIT is fortunate to have Dion as a tutor on the [Viticulture and Wine degree programme](#) based at the Marlborough campus.

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