



## **Winetopia Auckland presented by Singapore Airlines - Postponement to 28 & 29 October 2022**

Winetopia Auckland presented by Singapore Airlines, New Zealand's biggest celebration of wine, has now been postponed to 28-29 April, in line with ongoing Government restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The decision was made due to the uncertainty of when Auckland will be moved out of the red traffic light setting, which was making planning difficult for all involved. Winetopia wants to ensure that they can provide the best possible experience for visitors, so they have the confidence to attend in safety and comfort.

Winetopia Founder Rob Elliott says, *"It was with a heavy heart that we made the decision to move the Auckland event, however, it was proving exceptionally difficult for our sponsors, wineries, and exhibitors to set any plans in stone. While the past two years have been an incredibly difficult time for the events industry, we look forward to the next chapter ahead. We will be using the extra planning time for the Winetopia Auckland event to create the biggest celebration of New Zealand wine yet, and we can't wait to share the best of the fantastic recent vintages in October."*

**The new dates of Winetopia Auckland are 28 – 29 October 2022.** The venue remains as Shed 10, Queens Wharf, Auckland.

Tickets will automatically be valid on the new dates. If a ticketholder cannot make the new dates then a refund will be offered, so long as the request for refunds has been received before 30 April 2022 at [ticketing@lemongrassproductions.co.nz](mailto:ticketing@lemongrassproductions.co.nz)

**The Winetopia Wellington & Christchurch events remain at their previously scheduled dates:**

- Winetopia Wellington (1-2 July)
- Winetopia Christchurch (26-27 August)

[www.winetopia.co.nz](http://www.winetopia.co.nz)

**-Ends-**

### **Notes to editors**

For those who have already purchased Winetopia Auckland tickets (for the previously scheduled date in May), tickets will automatically be valid on the new dates. If a ticketholder cannot make the new dates, then a refund will be offered, so long as the request for refunds has been received before 30 April 2022 at [ticketing@lemongrassproductions.co.nz](mailto:ticketing@lemongrassproductions.co.nz).

For further information, press tickets or for feature/ interview opportunities, please contact Ashley Miln at Rochester PR Group: [ashley.miln@rochesterprgroup.com](mailto:ashley.miln@rochesterprgroup.com) / 0204-051-3769.

**For high-res images visit:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cwiojs70zywww2r/AAARqL5G4v3Rm480YfeilKCIa?dl=0>

**About Winetopia**

Winetopia was created by the team at Lemongrass Productions who continues to nurture it today. Lemongrass Productions has decades of experience in creating fantastic event environments. We specialise in taking people to the very heart of a subject that they are most excited about. Food, wine and new experiences are also our passions, so you'll find them intertwined in Winetopia and everything we do.

Winetopia above all else is a community - a collective of winemakers, presenters, educators, entertainers and passionate amateurs coming together each year to share their love of this scene with thousands of wine lovers like you! You'll know how to pick the key personalities - they'll have a glint in their eye at our events, like this is their calling and aside from being out on the vineyard, Winetopia is their happy place. We love every one of them for pitching in to make Winetopia the wonderland of wine it is at each and every outing.

### **About Singapore Airlines**

Singapore Airlines has proudly connected New Zealand to the world for more than 45 years and has continued to keep New Zealand connected during the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing customers to undertake essential travel and those needing to return home to do so in a COVID-safe manner. The Airline is currently operating services from Auckland and Christchurch to Singapore, connecting to 97 destinations around the world with the support of low-cost carrier, Scoot.