



Welcome to our monthly *Vine to Wine* newsletter! **Oregon Wine Research Institute** faculty and staff work to provide research-based viticulture, enology and wine business information for the advancement of the Oregon wine industry, and this newsletter allows us to extend that information to you along with other news and events. We welcome industry questions, so contact **OWRI team members** with input, feedback or challenges you face in the vineyard, cellar, or tasting room.

The Willamette Valley Viticulture and Enology Technical groups started a new program in 2019 to directly engage group members and researchers for a collegial exchange of information to encourage more targeted research. The **Adopt-a-Researcher Program** fosters researcher-industry dialog by pairing industry members with Oregon Wine Research Institute researchers. Learn more about the new initiative [here](#).

Did you miss the latest edition of the OWRI Technical Newsletter? The fall 2019 release contains research updates and a comprehensive list of publications summarizing research conducted by the faculty of the Oregon Wine Research Institute at Oregon State University. Learn more in our latest issue [here](#).

Season's greetings and warm wishes for a happy new year!

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## Research Focus



**Pinot noir can be spur pruned without yield losses** - Dr. Patty Skinkis, OSU Professor and Viticulture Extension Specialist, conducted research comparing cane and spur pruning in Oregon Pinot noir. Read more about the research [here](#).



**Absence Labels: How does information about production practices impact consumer demand?** Lead author Nadia Streletskaya, an applied economist at OSU who collaborated on the research with colleagues at Cornell University, provide insight on a study published for paying for organic wine. [Read more](#)

## Stakeholder Meeting

**Industry Input on Smoke Exposure for USDA Grant** - Elizabeth Tomasino (Oregon State University) with Tom Collins (Washington State University) and Anita Oberholster (UC Davis), are collaborating on a research grant proposal to address smoke impacts on grapes and wine. This Oregon meeting in Portland, immediately following the OR Wine Symposium, will be specifically designed to get your input on issues and problems related to wildfire smoke. We seek input from individuals throughout the industry including but not limited to viticulturists, winemakers, owners, legal aspects, consumer perception, sales/marketing, distribution, etc.

**When:** February 13, 2020, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Where:** OSU Portland Center, 555 SW Morrison St., Suite 2100, Portland, OR

You are encouraged to attend in person so that we may better capture your input. However, if this not possible, Zoom video conferencing will be available through your computer.

**Attendance is free but you must register to participate** (including through Zoom). No walk-ins allowed. [Register here](#) to reserve your spot, space is limited.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Questions? Contact Dr. Elizabeth Tomasino [elizabeth.tomasino@oregonstate.edu](mailto:elizabeth.tomasino@oregonstate.edu)

## Articles



### **Pinot noir crop load wine technical tasting challenges yield-quality relationship**

The OWRI research team and industry collaborators held a technical tasting on December 5, 2019 featuring wines from the study. The take home message - there is no magic number of tons/acre to ensure consistency and quality from vintage to vintage. Learn more about the event [here](#).



**Dormant pruning weights can help monitor vine growth across seasons** - Dr. Patty Skinkis, OSU Professor and Viticulture Extension Specialist, recommends that pruning weights be collected each year during dormancy to compare vine size, growth, and health across vintages. To get started, check out the how-to guide, [How to Measure Dormant Pruning Weights of Grapevines](#).

## Opportunity for Industry Members

**Love learning about viticulture and enology research?** Being a part of the American Society for Enology and Viticulture (ASEV) provides you access to current and past research that can help you improve your grape and wine production. The society also provides you with networking opportunities and welcomes industry into the community of viticulture and enology professionals. There are opportunities for all industry members and all stages of the career path. [Join today!](#)

## Education

**Bordeaux Sciences Agro short courses** - Bordeaux Sciences Agro is the agricultural university of Bordeaux with great expertise in viticulture, enology, terroir and sensory analyses. They have an international team of professors, who are not only acclaimed scientists, but who also have close connections with the industry. In 2020, they offer three short courses in English:

- [Bordeaux Winemaking Specificities](#), February 26
- [Terroir and Vineyard Management](#), March 20
- [Sensory Analysis: a tool for monitoring winemaking](#), April 7

**Assemblage Symposium** - Join national wine industry leaders for a dynamic two-day symposium at Linfield College on January 14-15. For the first annual Assemblage Symposium, Women in Wine Industry will collaborate over two days of seminars, workshops, and keynote addresses featuring topics ranging from current issues affecting women in winemaking & vineyard management to person finance & career development. Assemblage's mission is focused on the advancement, education, and empowerment of women and diverse communities in wine. Tickets on sale now, visit

## Extension Resources

**How to Measure Dormant Pruning Weights of Grapevines** - Pruning weights are the best way to monitor vine growth and vine size changes across vineyards and seasons. It is easy to gather these data during dormant pruning.

### Winter OSU Viticulture Extension How-To Videos

- [How to cane prune grapevines](#)
- [How to spur prune grapevines](#)
- [How to renew a grapevine cordon](#)
- [Transitioning Grapevines from Cane to Spur Pruning](#)
- [How to Scout for Grapevine Trunk Disease in Vineyards \(cane pruned\)](#)
- [How to Scout for Grapevine Trunk Disease in Vineyards \(spur pruned\)](#)

## Upcoming Events

**Unified Wine & Grape Symposium** | February 4-6, 2020, Sacramento, CA

**Oregon Wine Symposium** | February 11-12, Portland, OR

**Washington Winegrowers Convention & Trade Show** | March 2-5, Kennewick, WA

**Southern Oregon Grape Symposium** | March 10, Central Point, OR

**ASEV National Conference** | June 15-18, Portland, OR

## Stay Connected



Have a particular topic or question you would like to see addressed in the *Vine to Wine?* Please [contact us](#).

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