



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.

Research Focus

What's new with malolactic fermentation - Associate Professor and Enology Extension Specialist Dr. James Osborne reports on research conducted in his lab investigating various aspects of MLF.

Pest Alert: Grape Cane Borer - As there have been an increasing number of reports of grape cane borer presence and damage in vineyards throughout the Willamette Valley this winter, OSU's researchers are working to address the most salient points for your awareness this winter.

Events

Oregon Vintage Report - March 2

The 2019 Oregon Vintage Report takes a detailed look at winegrowing trends from the most recent vintage. This year's event will be co-hosted by Fruition Sciences, Linfield College, and ETS Labs and will include an advanced focus on the Willamette Valley. Learn more [here](#).

Vineyard Management Training (Online) - March 31

Looking for opportunities to increase your or your staff's viticulture or winegrape production knowledge? This online, non-credit course will be taught in spring 2020 by Dr. Patty Skinkis, OSU Professor and Viticulture Extension Specialist. The course covers key concepts in vineyard management and focuses on the importance of making informed management decisions in the vineyard by understanding impacts on grapevine physiology and economics. **Early bird registration closes March 2, 2020** and increases substantially from March. Class begins March 31! Registration is required, and space is limited. Learn more about the class [here](#).

Exploring the terroir of Willamette Valley Pinot noir - May 14

Join Dr. Elizabeth Tomasino in exploring the terroir of Willamette Valley Pinot noir. Dr. Tomasino recently completed a 5-year study on Pinot noir qualities unique to each sub-AVA of the Willamette Valley. Learn what makes Pinot noir wine from these areas unique. Discover your favorite Oregon Pinot noir AVA or new ones to explore. The event will be held May 14, 5:30 PM (social with refreshments and beverages); 6:00 - 7:00 PM (seminar presentation) at the OSU Portland Center. Registration is \$15 per person. [Register here](#). If you have any issues with registration, contact Susan at 541-737-5759 for assistance.

Articles

OWRI invites you to attend the 2020 American Society for Enology & Viticulture National Conference in Portland! We welcome all industry to join us in the premier viticulture and enology research event in the US. The OWRI faculty are preparing their research summaries to be presented at this event and are foregoing our annual Grape Day to ensure that you can attend this important conference in Portland, OR. Read more [here](#).

Oregon Red Blotch Disease Survey 2020- the OWRI Red Blotch Study Team is working to understand the status of Red Blotch Disease in the state and industry needs as we develop future research and outreach into the disease. Please complete a brief online survey [here](#) by April 1, 2020.

WSU Sprayer Technology Survey- do you directly work with or manage the use of sprayers in a wine grape vineyard in Oregon, Washington, or Idaho? We are trying to reach sprayer operators, equipment managers, and owner/managers to determine the current knowledge and usage of canopy sprayers in grape production in the Pacific Northwest. Information from this study will be used in the development of extension curriculum and outreach programs. [Please complete the survey online here](#)

Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research RFA - now OPEN!

A Request for Applications for FY 2020 funding for small fruits research from the Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research (NCSFR), funded by the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) has been released. Deadline for submission is March 13, 2020. [Research Grant Request for Applications](#).

Extension Resources

Preparing your pest management program for 2020

Use the following resources when developing your pest management spray programs:

- [Pest Management Guide for Wine Grapes in Oregon](#)
- [Plant Disease Management Handbook](#)
- [Insect Management Handbook](#)
- [Weed Management Handbook](#)
- [Pesticide Safety](#)
- [Effective Vineyard Spraying](#)

Upcoming Events

Oregon Vintage Report | March 2, McMinnville, OR

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

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

Umpqua Valley Winegrowers Greatest of the Grape | March 21, Roseburg, OR

OSU Vineyard Management Training | March 31, Online

Sparkling Symposium | April 22, Salem, OR

LIVE Annual Meeting | April 28, Newberg, OR

Exploring the terroir of Willamette Valley Pinot noir | May 14, Portland, OR

Invasive Pest Symposium | June 16, Portland, OR (ASEV)

ASEV National Conference | June 17-18, Portland, OR

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

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