

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. 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.



Thank you to the wine industry members who submitted grape and wine samples for the presence of wildfire smoke compounds. Oregon State University collected 85 samples for the Regional Smoke Exposure Study, including 11 cultivars from vineyards in 18 winegrowing regions. **As of October 23, OSU is no longer accepting industry samples for smoke testing.** We have shifted to analyzing the grape and wine research samples collected for the special project. Results will be made available to the industry through the Oregon Wine Board and Erath Family Foundation. Resources on other testing facilities can be found on the [OSU Extension](#) website and [Oregon Wine Board](#) website. As our research on smoke impact continues, updates are posted to the [OWRI Smoke Exposure Team](#) website.

We had excellent attendance of 95 participants in our fall 2020 Red Blotch Disease Webinar Series. Thank you for attending the presentation and we hope that you found it informative. The October 20 webinar presented by Dr. Alec Levin is available on the [OWRI website](#) and can be viewed anytime. Our upcoming webinar, "*Efficacy of vineyard management practices for mitigating the effects of Grape Red Blotch Disease*," will take place on October 27. Registration details can be found below. We hope you will join us.

Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your support during this time. Stay healthy and safe.

Cheers,

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## Research Focus



**Can altering canopy shape increase productivity of Pinot noir: A new experiment at OSU's Research Vineyard** - Research Plant Physiologist Paul Schreiner addresses improving vineyard production efficiency by altering the most common Pinot noir training system. This research will improve Pinot noir wine grape growers' profitability by increasing yield per acre. [Continue to article](#)

## Insure Your Wine Grape Crop in 2021

**Multi-Peril Crop Insurance** for grapes is a federally subsidized program that protects producers against lack of production due to naturally occurring perils, including smoke

impact. The deadline to sign up for the 2021 crop year is November 20, 2020. Here is a short testimonial [video](#) highlighting several wine grape growers' experiences with crop insurance.

## Grapevine Red Blotch Disease

### Red Blotch Disease - What to know and how to test

Post-harvest is an ideal time to scout vineyards for Red Blotch Disease as well as nutrient deficiencies and other vine health issues. Red Blotch Disease is most visible in infected vineyards later in the season, with symptoms first showing up on basal leaves at véraison. Learn more about what to look for when scouting, when to analyze tissue samples, and where you can submit samples for analysis by reading the following articles on [Red Blotch Disease](#).

### Red Blotch Disease Survey

The [OWRI Red Blotch Study Team](#) wants to understand the status of Red Blotch Disease in the state and industry needs as they develop future research and outreach. If you have not done so already, please complete the brief [online survey](#).

## Dr. Patty Skinkis receives national Extension award



Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP), the national honor society for Extension professionals, awarded Dr. Skinkis the western region [Mid-Career Service Award](#) for her leadership and excellence in Extension program planning, delivery, and evaluation for over 10 years. The award was announced in May and presented during the ESP National Conference in early October 2020.

## New OSU Extension Resources & Publications

### High Speed Hand Washing resources

With High Speed Hand Washing and some practice, groups of 20-30 adults can get their hands washed in 5 minutes or less! This resource is developed for use in the workplace and provides lesson plans and posters in English and Spanish.

### Sanitizer Basics for the Food Industry

Cleaning and sanitizing are critical to maintaining quality and safety in food industry operations. This publication serves as a training tool for those who conduct cleaning and sanitizing on the job.

### Nonlethal Bird Deterrent Strategies: Methods for reducing fruit crop losses in Oregon

This publication was released in September 2020 and provides a number of methods to be considered for bird deterrents in vineyards.

### Unmanned Aerial Systems: A guide for finding the right system for your Oregon farm

This article provides information on how this technology can help save time and increase profits for Oregon agricultural operations.

## Calendar of Events

### American Society for Enology & Viticulture (ASEV) - Invasive Pest Webinar Series | Oct 22

In lieu of the national conference, ASEV is offering monthly keynote presentations online through November. A full list of [ASEV webinars](#) can be found online. Don't miss your chance to learn about invasive vineyard pests, new innovations, and award-winning research! Registration is required.

### Oregon Winegrowers Association Webinar | Oct 22

The OWA is hosting a one-hour webinar to address how to prepare for future years in the event of a wildfire or excessive smoke, and efforts underway to secure federal assistance. The webinar will focus on USDA crop insurance and whole-farm revenue protection, contracting language and addendums, the claims process, and what federal assistance might be available. [Submit questions](#) for the speakers and [register](#) for the webinar.

### **OSU Grape Red Blotch Disease Webinar Series - Tuesdays this Fall | Oct 27**

Join us for a webinar series this fall, starting Oct 20. Members of the [OWRI Red Blotch Study Team](#) at OSU will present research results from studies conducted in Oregon and summaries of our current understanding in disease epidemiology, vine physiology, and impacts on fruit and wine. Webinars are free, and [registration](#) is required in advance. Many seminars also provide ODA pesticide recertification credits.

### **WAVEx Webinar Series | Dec 3**

WAVEx is a condensed version of the annual research seminar, but with more practical application. WAVEx allows the Wine Commission and WSU to tailor viticulture and enology research programming for specific wine regions. Save the date! WSU Associate Professor of Enology, Dr. Jim Harbertson will present the virtual seminar, [Working with the Phenolic Analysis Model](#), December 3 at 3:00 PM.

### **Northwest Small Fruits Research Conference | Dec 14-16**

This year the Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research (NCSFR) will be holding their [annual conference](#) on Dec 14-16. Further details and registration coming soon.

### **Unified Wine & Grape Symposium | January 26-29, 2021**

The event, which will be presented online as a virtual conference and tradeshow, will take place on January 26-29, 2021. Registration for the [2021 Unified Symposium](#) opens November 3.

### **Washington Winegrowers WineVit | March 15-18, 2021**

New name, same great event. Registration for the [2021 WineVit](#) (formerly Convention & Trade Show) will open in the late fall. Attendees will hear about the State of the Industry, attend the industry's top trade show, network, learn from the latest research, and more.

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