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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.

## Outreach and Communication

The **OSU Grapevine Red Blotch Disease Webinar Series** recordings and slides are available. We hope you found the research findings from Oregon-based studies conducted by researchers at OSU's Oregon Wine Research Institute and partners at the USDA-ARS informative. It was great to host so many interested people and receive so many great questions. If you missed sessions in the series, you can [view online](#).

The OWRI delivers our information in a variety of ways. Our programs, workshops, website, seminars, and Extension materials are designed to communicate useful, accurate and relevant information. The OWRI also houses a network of informational and educational materials within our website that distributes our faculty's research. Read to learn more about our different [communication methods](#).

We welcome your engagement, so don't hesitate to reach out to the [faculty](#) or [myself](#). We extend our very best wishes for a happy holiday season!

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## Research Focus



**Loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP) for grapevine red blotch disease (GRBD) diagnosis.** Plant pathologist Dr. Achala KC conducted research in her lab at the Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center comparing the accuracy of three GRBD detection methods in samples collected from a commercial vineyard.

## News

**Oregon issues stop-use notice for organic herbicide additive** All growers must cease use of Agro Gold WS, a biological amendment often sold and used with Weed Slayer. The amendment was found to contain synthetic herbicides. [News Release](#)

## Winter Topics



**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](#)

## Weed Management

A team of scientists from UC Davis, Oregon State University, and Cornell invites you to participate in an online survey about weed management practices and novel technologies. This survey will help plan research and extension projects that will address stakeholder concerns regarding future weed management. If you are a tree fruit, tree nut, berry, or grape grower, please complete the 5-10 minute online survey. All the information is confidential, and your participation is voluntary. Thank you for your partnership in this important effort. [Click here to start the survey.](#)

## Education



The 2021 **Oregon Wine Symposium** virtual event, presented by the Oregon Wine Board and the Oregon Winegrowers Association, will take place Feb 16-19, 2021. The two-day schedule will include a daily session on viticulture, enology, and wine business. Registration is now open. For additional information on the preliminary program, visit [oregonwinesymposium.com](http://oregonwinesymposium.com).

## 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, and this guide gives you step-by-step instructions.

### How-To Videos by OSU Extension

- [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 \(can pruned\)](#)
- [How to Scout for Grapevine Trunk Disease in Vineyards \(spur pruned\)](#)

## Upcoming Events

**WAVE Webinar Series: Does Mechanization Pencil out for You?** | January 20, 2021 (virtual)

**Unified Wine & Grape Symposium 2021** | January 26-29 (virtual)

**Oregon Wine Symposium 2021** | February 16-19 (virtual)

**Washington Winegrowers WineVit 2021** | March 15-18, Kennewick, WA

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