



Vine to Wine

Oregon Wine Research Institute

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Welcome to our monthly *Vine to Wine* newsletter! **Oregon Wine Research Institute** faculty 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 wine business.

August Communications and Outreach Update

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At OWRI we seek to address current and relevant issues in vineyards and cellars in Oregon. Seminars and webinars are an effective way to deliver a quick lesson on a particular topic. While we normally focus on viticulture and enology, our new wine economics and business research program allows us to expand our reach into the critical area of operating a sustainable vineyard or winery business. Earlier this month Nick Gans and Lacey Menasco from USDA Risk Management Service offered a webinar entitled "*Multi-peril Crop Insurance and Whole Farm Revenue Protection.*" Most people have a sense of how commodity crops take advantage of government subsidy and insurance programs, but often wine growers miss this opportunity. Insurance will not cover the total cost of a crop loss event, but it will help to dampen the blow until the next vintage arrives. This webinar explains what is covered, how to purchase and the cost of insurance, and the information necessary to choose the right policy for your vineyard. Please click [here](#) to watch this presentation.

OWRI joined with Oregon **LIVE** to host a field day at Ponzi Vineyards on August 7. About 80 industry members listened to presentations including a comparison of sustainable, organic and biodynamic winegrowing systems (Dr. Glenn McGourty, Univ. of California Extension), vineyard nutrition (**Dr. Paul Schreiner**, USDA-ARS), the process of producing clean plants (Dr. Scott Harper, Washington State Univ, and Geoff Hall, Erath Vineyard), and vineyard mechanization (Joey Meyers, Vinetenders and Chris Deckelmann, Vitis Ridge Vineyard), that included a tasting of mechanically harvested wines from Ponzi and Ken Wright. The organizers would like to thank Ponzi Vineyards for hosting the event.

Research Update

Dr. Alexander D. Levin, Assistant Professor of Viticulture, Department of Horticulture, OSU-SOREC, gives an update on his research on the Management of vine water status under irrigated and non-irrigated conditions. [Read more](#)

New Research Publication

Spur Pruning May Be A Viable Option for Oregon Pinot noir Producers Despite Industry Fears of Lower Productivity

Skinkis, P.A. and K.M. Gregory. 2017. Spur Pruning May Be a Viable Option for Oregon Pinot

noir Producers Despite Industry Fears of Lower Productivity. Am J Enol Vitic. 1:62-72. [Read more](#)

Faculty Focus

[Dr. Laurent Deluc](#), Associate Professor, Dept. of Horticulture at OSU received the [2017 Family Friendly Faculty Award](#) for supporting the unique needs of students with children, providing much needed accommodations in support of the dual roles of students and parent.

Vine nutrition sampling at véraison can help you identify issues

Dr. Patty Skinkis, Viticulture Extension Specialist & Associate Professor, OSU
Dr. R. Paul Schreiner, Research Plant Physiologist, USDA-ARS

Véraison nutrient sampling may be more helpful in determining certain nutrient issues in the vine and fruit than bloom-time sampling. [Read more](#)

Upcoming Events

[Table Grape Field Day](#)

September 13 | Learn about growing table grapes and see many varieties in a field trial from 1-4:30PM at North Willamette Research & Extension Center in Aurora, Oregon.

[38th Annual Crown Gall Conference](#)

October 7-8 | Hosted by OSU's Chang and Ream labs and held on the OSU campus, Corvallis, OR. The conference attracts some of the world's leading researchers who study Agrobacterium and crown gall disease. Stay tuned for more details.

OWRI Seminar Series

Crown Gall on Grapevines: Management strategies based on current understanding of pathogen biology

[Dr. Thomas J. Burr](#), Professor, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Cornell University
Friday, October 6 | 12:00PM PST
[OSU Kidder Hall 202](#)

Education

[Chemeketa Wine Studies & Agriculture Fall Course Offerings](#)

A suite of credit and non-credit courses and workshops are available this fall. Industry relevant topics include sprayer calibration, pruning, pesticide applicator license training, and vineyard and winery management courses.

[Standard Wine Sensory Course](#)

October 21-22 | Designed for novice and advanced wine connoisseurs alike, Standard Wine Sensory course aims to help participants gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the essential aspects of sensory evaluation that are often overlooked in most wine tastings.
Instructor: [Dr. Elizabeth Tomasino](#), OSU Sensory Scientist.

[Sparkling Wine Sensory Course](#)

December 9-10 | You'll learn an in-depth introduction to wine tasting, how red and white wines are made, understanding taste, smell and mouthfeel of wine, how to identify wine spoilage, and how to accurately evaluate wine and communicate that information to others. Instructor: [Dr. Elizabeth Tomasino](#), OSU Sensory Scientist.

Resources

Oregon Tilth Seeks Old and New Growers for Mentorship Program

Oregon Tilth seeks growers for their Farmer-to-Farmer Organic Mentorship Program in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. [Read more](#)

Extension Publications

Grapevine Red Blotch Disease

This guide is a must-have guide for identifying symptoms, diagnosis, and management of this important grapevine virus. Produced by Oregon Department of Agriculture.

2017 Pest Management Guide for Wine Grapes in Oregon

As late season fungal disease pressure increases, look to this guide for pest management guidelines and fungicide efficacy information amongst other pest guidelines. Produced by OSU Extension.

Grapevine Nutrition

Nutrient disorders may be more visible late season. This online guide contains information on vine nutrient deficiencies, toxicities, and sampling procedures for evaluating vine nutrient status. Produced by OSU Extension.

Analytical Laboratories Serving Oregon

Looking for a lab for your vineyard testing needs? This guide provides a list of labs and services for analysis of soil, plant tissues, and water. Produced by OSU Extension.

Field Monitoring for Leafroll Virus and Mealybug in Pacific Northwest Vineyards

Late summer and fall are important for monitoring vineyards for virus and insect vectors, and this guide provides details on scouting and identification of problem areas. Produced by OSU Extension.

A Detailed Guide for Testing Fruit for Presence of Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) Larvae

While SWD have not been a major concern for grapes in Oregon, this guide provides information on how to monitor berries for presence. Produced by OSU Extension.

From the Archives

Grapevine Red Blotch Disease in Oregon: An Update

A summary of research efforts amongst the OWRI faculty and collaborators (January 2017). [Read more](#)

Preparing for the Upcoming Harvest

Dr. James Osborne, Enology Extension Specialist and Associate Professor, OSU, summarizes the many things to prepare for in the winery before the fruit starts arriving during harvest. [Read more](#)

Powdery Mildew Rescue: Send your grapes to a spa! Dr. Jay Pscheidt, OSU Extension Plant Pathologist, summarizes steps to dealing with powdery mildew epidemics in the vineyard, *September 2011 Vineyard Notes*. [Read more](#)

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



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