



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.

### **Program Coordinator Report**

Old timers in the Oregon wine community like me remember a seminal event in the history of Oregon wine that almost certainly helped to create the robust wine industry of today. In 1991, a group of wine industry leaders and OSU research faculty met at the Silver Falls Conference Center for two and a half days to brainstorm and hammer out a research strategic plan that would guide grape and wine improvement in the future. At that time, viticulture and enology research at OSU consisted of Porter Lombard, Steve Price, and Barney Watson, and there were probably about 50 wineries and a thousand or so acres of vineyards in the state.

Since then, the wine industry has grown and matured immensely. At OWRI we have at any one time 15-20 research and extension faculty working on wine and grape related issues, and we recently added economics and business. Yet, for a dynamic and competitive industry such as wine, in Oregon and elsewhere, and a priori value is that we seek to continuously improve the quality, productivity and sustainability of grapes and wines produced in Oregon. In order to do so, leadership in all areas from industry to academia need to create a vision of what the future of the wine industry looks like, and how research and extension can help it to achieve its objectives. To my knowledge, no metrics were gathered after Silver Falls, and one may argue that the results speak for themselves. But there was an assumption among the participants that it was a valuable exercise that delivered a positive outcome.

The research leaders at the Oregon Wine Board have proposed another research retreat in November. In order to gather valuable industry research opinion, they are hosting research listening sessions around the state next week. At OWRI, the results of this process could help inform our research agenda as we move forward, and allow us to better serve the wine industry. If you care about research and the progress of the wine industry, we hope you will participate in a focus group meeting in your area. The registration information can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

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### **Research Focus**

**Resistance is Futile? Strobilurin resistance presence and persistence.** Research Plant Pathologist, Walt Mahaffee is conducting research on Strobilurin resistance to determine how long to rotate away from using chemistries with resistance and how to determine when

we can use them again. [Read more](#)

## Faculty Focus: Dr. James Osborne



James Osborne, a microbiologist and core researcher in Oregon State University's Oregon Wine Research Institute, focuses on a universe of tiny living things - the microorganisms and chemicals that make such a big difference in the quality of wine. For more information on how Dr. Osborne's work impacts Oregon's wine industry, view his [YouTube research video](#).

## Grapevine Viruses: Monitoring for Symptoms in Fall

It is important to monitor grapevine health throughout the growing season. However, grapevine issues may often begin to show during fall. [Read more](#)

## Summer Happenings: OWRI's Faculty Reach Industry Across the State



OWRI's Extension faculty were busy offering informational and educational events for industry in July 2018. [Read more](#). Mark your calendar for the next Extension event on Aug. 29 at Chemeketa Yamhill Valley Campus to learn research results on bud fruitfulness. [Sign up for news about future events!](#)

## Resources from OSU Extension

**Field Monitoring for Grapevine Leafroll Virus** (Also available in [Spanish](#)): This publication describes methods for identifying virus-infected vineyards and the presence of vectors that is particularly important for preventing spread at harvest.

**Scheduling Irrigation with a Pressure Chamber:** A two-part video series on how to use a pressure chamber to determine when to irrigate. [Part 1: the concepts](#) and [Part II: how-to guide](#). Author: Dr. Alex Levin, assistant professor (viticulture), OSU-Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center.

## Oregon Wine Board Research Listening Tour



The OWB Research Committee is inviting interested industry members to attend one of a series of listening sessions to be held around the state in late August. The purpose is to invite your candid comments, ideas and suggestions for making the OWB's viticulture and enology research program as responsive as possible to the industry's present and emerging needs. These are important sessions at which your opinion and guidance will help the OWB dial in research initiatives our industry must undertake to grow and thrive in the decades ahead. [See the schedule and register for a session near you.](#)

## Flavors of Chile & Argentina with the OSU Alumni Association

Join Oregon Staters in [Chile and Argentina April 2019](#) trying pinots to chardonnay - and everything in-between. Contact the OSU Alumni Association at 541-737-2351.

## Events

**August 27 | OWB Listening Sessions, Eugene and McMinnville**

**August 28 | OWB Listening Session, Walla Walla, WA**

**August 29 | From the Bud to Bin: Vineyard Management Effects on Yield (OSU Workshop), McMinnville, OR.**

**August 29 | OWB Listening Sessions, Hood River and Roseburg**

**August 30 | OWB Listening Session, Central Point**

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



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