

Fall Viticulture Conference

“Recent Advances in Viticulture Research”

Shisler Conference Center-OARDC, Wooster

November 6th, 2009

The Deadline for early registration for the Viticulture Conference is quickly approaching. The cost is \$80 if you register before October 30, 2009 and \$100 if you register after October 30, 2009. The conference will include presentations from 6 renowned Viticulturists from around the country, continental breakfast (7:30 am) and lunch. **Registration is open now!** The sessions will begin at 9:00 am and will end by 5:00 pm. This is a golden opportunity to have this group of Viticulturist in Ohio and learn what they have to say. Remember that there is not going to be the **Ohio Grape and Wine Conference** this year due to budget cutbacks. It is imperative that we get an idea of the number of people planning on attending this conference so that we can make the necessary preparations. **Please**, if you are planning on attending do not wait until the last minute to sign up. There is a monetary benefit as well to signing up early. Let’s sign up and show the Viticulturist that Ohio growers are some of the best in the country!



Announcement of OSU Fall Viticulture Conference: “Recent Advances in Viticulture Research”

By *Imed Dami, HCS-OARDC*

The OSU Viticulture program is pleased to announce the organization and hosting of a “Fall Viticulture Conference”. This educational event has come to fruition due to the cancellation of the 2010 Ohio Grape and Wine Conference, thus provide an educational opportunity for our grape growers in Ohio. The conference theme will be on “recent advances in viticulture research” to be presented by an outstanding “Dream Team” of viticulturists from across the country, who happen to be in Ohio for a national business meeting (NE-1020). Here are brief introductions to the conference speakers, in alphabetic order, and topics they will present:

Dr. Nick Dokoozlian: World-renowned viticulturist who is one of the leading experts in canopy management. Dr. Dokoozlian is currently the Vice President of Viticulture at Gallo Winery in Modesto, California. Prior to his current position, Dr. Dokoozlian held an Associate Professor position in the Department of Enology and Viticulture at the University of California-Davis. Dr. Dokoozlian will share his expertise on canopy management and the influence of sunlight on fruit quality. He will also present his research and experience on monitoring fruit ripening to optimize fruit quality and produce consistent vintages.

Dr. Stan Howell: Emeritus Professor of Viticulture at Michigan State University who spent 30+ years of his career working with grapes in the cool climate of Michigan, which is similar to Ohio. His expertise is on determining optimum crop load of important winegrape varieties grown in the East by maximizing fruit and wine quality and minimizing winter injury. Dr. Howell has also conducted several variety and clonal trials. In this conference, he along with Dr. Paolo Sabbatini will share their research results of growing Pinot noir clones in Michigan from canopy management to wine making. This information is valuable to our producers since Pinot noir is gaining popularity in northeast Ohio for its quality wine and better than expected winter hardiness especially following the recent freeze episode in January.

Dr. Bruce Reisch: Grape Breeder in the Department of Horticultural Sciences at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, New York. His breeding program focuses on the genetic improvement of grapevines while integrating traditional and novel techniques. Interspecific hybridization is used to select wine grapes with cold hardiness, high yield, disease resistance and high wine quality. Some may not be familiar with Dr. Reisch’s name, but you likely grow one of his released cultivars such as [Traminette](#), GR 7, [Corot noir](#), [Noiret](#), Valvin Muscat, and Chardonel to list a few. Dr. Reisch will share with us the old, the new and the upcoming cultivars and selections from his program with a focus on winegrapes. As you know, we have several of his selections and cultivars being evaluated in Ohio and many have been recommended for planting and many new ones also have promise for future release.

Dr. Paolo Sabbatini: Assistant Professor of Horticulture with research and extension responsibilities in viticulture. His activities focus on wine and juice grapes physiology under Michigan cool climate conditions. The main objective is identifying environmental, physiological and cultural factors that limit vine growth and development, fruit maturity and quality. His ultimate research goal is to solve whole plant physiological problems that will optimize grape productivity and fruit quality in the field. Dr. Sabbatini will talk about how to grow Pinot noir from years of research and experience in Michigan.

Dr. Justine Vanden Heuvel: Assistant Professor of Viticulture in the Department of Horticultural Sciences at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, New

York. Her research interests include cultural practices and physiology affecting development of flavors and aromas in wine grapes, with a particular emphasis on production/degradation of these compounds in cool climates. Before joining Cornell University, her research as an Extension Assistant Professor at the University of Massachusetts focused on optimizing yield fruit composition in cranberry. Dr. Vanden Heuvel will present talks titled: "The impact of canopy management on fruit composition and wine quality" and "Viticultural impacts on green aromas in red wine grapes".

Dr. Dan Ward: Extension Specialist at the Rutgers Agricultural Research & Extension Center. Dr. Ward specializes on tree fruit and small fruit, including wine grapes, throughout the state of New Jersey. His research is applied and emphasizes creating and maintaining fruit quality of peaches and wine grapes as well as plant growth regulator use on fruits. He will share his recent study on utilizing mulches and herbicides in newly established vineyards.

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REGISTRATION FORM

\$80/person by October 30th (postmarked) and \$100/person after October 30th
(Registration includes breakfast, lunch and printed materials)

NAME _____

AFFILIATION _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE: Office _____

Cell _____

Make checks payable to: “The Ohio State University-FVC”

Please mail registration form and checks to:

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Please make sure the registration is submitted by October 30th, 2009 for discounted rate. You may e-mail or Fax the form in advance of payment to the attention of Dave Scurlock.

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Payment may be made on-site at the meeting