

WINE GRAPE INFORMATION FOR PENNSYLVANIA AND THE REGION

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Reminder: pruning workshop at Nimble Hill Vineyard in NE PA, near Tunkhannock this Saturday, February 21 from 10-1. For info and registration, contact Bill Pencek at (570) 836-3196.

California Notes: NGWI, Unified Symposium, Santa Cruz Mountains, Santa Barbara County were all part of a recent swing through California. My notes and observations are attached.

Sensory Defects Workshop: Vinquiry is one of the most respected names in wine analysis in the nation. They have offered to host a Wine Sensory Defects workshop on Friday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center in Lancaster, PA. The instructors are Samantha Kollar and Jonathan Katchmer. Our noses are among the most sensitive detection instruments available in wine making but they need to be trained to sniff out problems. This workshop will help participants to recognize problems, often before they get out of control. Cost is \$125 (not \$200 listed on the flyer). Please register directly with Vinquiry. See attachment.

The new viticulture book titled WINE GRAPE PRODUCTION GUIDE FOR EASTERN NORTH AMERICA, edited by Dr. Tony Wolf at Virginia Tech is now available for purchase. This is the sequel to the Mid-Atlantic Grape Grower's Guide and now the definitive book on wine production in the East. It costs \$75 but is oh-so worth it! You can order a copy at http://www.nraes.org/nra_order.taf?_function=detail&pr_id=178&_UserReference=984C6AECD119477349933F97

The 2009 New York and Pennsylvania Pest Management Guidelines for Grapes is also available purchase. This is the bible of disease, pest and weed control in the Eastern U.S. Whether you are growing grapes with traditional, sustainable or even organic methods, this is a book you need to know the products available in order to grow defect free wine grapes. Now is a good time to review last year's spray program and performance and to plan this year's disease and pest control program. It costs \$18 but it is oh-so worth it! To order a copy, go to http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/pmep/shop/index.php?main_page=index

Attachments:

[CA_Report_Jan09.doc](#)
[VinquryDefectsFlyer.pdf](#)

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