

WINE GRAPE INFORMATION FOR PENNSYLVANIA AND THE REGION

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2007 Grape Disease Meeting in Lancaster

Jim Travis, Bryan Hed (Erie), Noemi Halbrendt and Brian Lehman (FREC) will lead a grape disease meeting next Tuesday, April 10 from 9-4 at the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster. The program includes:

- Focus on Powdery Mildew: what happened in 2006?
- Botrytis and Black Rot research at the Lake Erie Grape Research Station
- Ripe Rot Research at FREC
- Adjusting management practices to cultivar susceptibility
- Cultural management practices for disease control
- Developing your 2007 fungicide spray schedule
- Achieving optimal spray coverage
- Spray program review session

As we head into the new season this information will be very valuable to ALL wine growers. The program offers 7 category and 1 core pesticide credits. Please bring your applicator's license number with you. Also, please bring your spray program from 2006 and/or 2007 if you want to have Jim and Bryan review it with you. The cost of the workshop is \$20 and pre-registration is required. Call Marilyn at 717-394-6851.

PWA Annual Meeting in Harrisburg

The annual meeting consists of wine marketing and making, and viticulture sessions. Topics this year include: entertainment events at wineries, getting the most from your marketing budget, local brand building, winery/grower relations, winegrape IPM, winery sanitation and spoilage microorganisms, phenolic management, maximizing market potential and the awards banquet and auction. The list of speakers this year is very impressive. The whole industry should turn out for this meeting. Please come not just to learn but for the fellowship and networking opportunities. Please contact the PWA office for information and registration materials at 717-234-1844 or info@pennsylvaniawine.com.

Distance Viticulture Learning

Delaware Valley College is currently developing continuing education certificate programs in Viticulture and Enology. We would like to invite you to provide some input in this process so that we may develop a program that best suits the needs of these industries in the region. Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey. The information you provide will be helpful with our program development and all information will be kept strictly confidential. **DVC Viticulture/Enology Education Survey link:** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=884623434739>. Please complete this survey by April 22nd.

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Grape Pesticide Posters

Jeanette Smith has over 20 years of experience in Eastern US viticulture both in extension and industry. She now runs a consulting firm in Virginia called VineSmith. As a service to her clients and the wine industry each year Jeanette produces a very practical and easy-to-use grape fungicide poster that illustrates the products and uses. This year she has supplemented the grape disease poster with an insect control poster. Both are very user friendly and gives a one-glance view of the spray needs in a vineyard. Of course, it is up to each grower to apply these products according to IPM practices and the needs of their vineyard. You can order both posters for \$45 from the VineSmith web site at <http://www.vinesmith.com/>.

Help Wanted - assistant vineyard managers (attachments)

Blair Vineyard in Berks County and Karamoor Vineyard in Montgomery County are each looking for an assistant vineyard manager. The job listings are attached. Please contact the vineyards directly with inquiries.

A French View of Working in Pennsylvania (attachment)

You may remember some notes about Stefan Meadow, an expat living in Bordeaux who wanted to have some work experience in the US. Stefan found a house exchange with a small vineyard in Bucks County and spent six weeks during the coldest part of the winter helping to prune and work in the winery. Stefan owns a small vineyard in the Medoc and brought with him his uniquely frogophile view of viticulture. I asked him to write up some notes of his visit and here is what he said...(see attachment - Stefan Meadow).

Attachments:

[Job_Karamoor_Del_cty.doc](#)

[2007PWA_Sch_of_Events.doc](#)

[Job_Blair_Vyd_Berks.doc](#)

[PWA_Conf_Details_2007.doc](#)

[PWA_Reg_Form2007.xls](#)

[Stefan_Meadow_EastCoastVineyard.doc](#)

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