

WINE GRAPE INFORMATION FOR PENNSYLVANIA AND THE REGION

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June Grape & Barrel Newsletter (attachment)

National Grape and Wine Initiative (attachment)

I have seen critter wines from down-under clutter the shelves of wine shops everywhere and there is a crystal clear explanation of how and why this has happened. The Aussies are cooking our goose in R&D and marketing. They have built an elaborate research and extension apparatus that is doing the best research and teaching in the world (in my humble estimation). The Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation (GWRDC) is a national organization that coordinates these efforts and under its guidance quality and production have zoomed into the stratosphere, funded by matching federal funds to industry contributed dollars. The wine industry in the US needs an organization like the GWRDC to fight back and it looks like NGWI might be it. An interesting consortium of all grape products - table, raisin, juice and wine, this new organization hopes to guide, improve, fund and develop research and extension efforts in viticulture and enology across the US. The NGWI Spring newsletter is attached. I hope you will read it and see what is being done to help your vineyard at a national level. Please call me if you have any questions.

note: This is a 4.4MB MS Publisher file. It will take about 5 mins to download on a 45kbs dial-up connection. If you cannot download it, please send me your fax number and I will fax it to you. Thank you.

The World Congress of Soil Science Conference

If you think that soil has a little bit to do with wine quality you will probably want to attend this meeting at the convention center in Philadelphia if you can. The World Congress of Soil Science meets only every four years and it is an absolute extravaganza of soils related information. The program is filled with everything you could possibly imagine having to do with soil, much of it not of particular interest to grape growers but there is a section on devoted to viticulture on Thursday, July 13 for 8-10 a.m. But there are plenty of other topics about soil that are very easily transferred to wine growing scenarios throughout the program so I suggest, if you have the time, to review the entire congress program which you can visit at

<http://crops.confex.com/crops/wc2006/techprogram/index.html>. Information and

registration for the congress can be found at the web site.

Sparkling Wine Production Meeting (attachment)

The Hudson Valley Wine and Grape Association is hosting a practical sparkling wine production workshop on July 21-22 at Brotherhood Winery in Washingtonville, NY. A group of very talented winemakers will be present to discuss the production of bubbly from the vineyard to the cork. It looks like a very good program and who wouldn't want to visit the beautiful Hudson River Valley? The cost is \$150 for the 2 day workshop. For more information, please go to

<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/columbia/SteveMcKay/Grape/INDEX.HTM> or see

attached flyer.

Attachments:

[Hudson_VGWA_Sparkling_Wine_Flyer0606.pdf](#)

[NGWI_Spring_2006_Newsletter.pub](#)

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