

## ***Wine-Grower-News #14***

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### ***Grape Tube Gallmaker***

Diane Larson, Iowa Wine Growers Association (IWGA) board member and co-owner of Snus Hill Winery in Madrid, IA, handed me a grape leaf covered with weird galls just before the IWGA 8-9-07 Round Table membership meeting held at Prairie Crossing Winery located just south of Treynor, IA. Of course, I could not remember what kind of galls were on the leaf at the time she showed it to me. (Story of my life!) But...I did remember on the way home that night.



***Grape Tube Gallmaker galls***

The grape leaf was covered with tube galls caused by the Grape Tube Gallmaker (*Cecidomyia viticola*). A gall fly known as a midge lays eggs on the grape leaf. The leaf then responds by producing pointed tube galls. The midge larva will then develop inside the gall. The grape tube gallmaker is an incidental pest and is not of economic importance.

1. Grape Tube Gallmaker, Ohio State Univ:  
[http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/grapeipm/grape\\_tube\\_gallmaker.htm](http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/grapeipm/grape_tube_gallmaker.htm)

### ***Check Out The Neighbors – Midwest Vine/Wine Associations***

1. Illinois Grape Growers & Vintners Assn:  
<http://www.illinoiswine.org/index2.html>  
Northern Illinois Wine Growers Assn: <http://northernillinoiswine.com/>
2. Kansas Viticulture & Farm Winery Assn: <http://kansasfarmwineries.org/>
3. Kentucky Vineyard Society: <http://kyvineyardsociety.org/>

4. Minnesota Grape Growers Assn.: <http://www.mngrapes.org/>
5. Michigan Grape & Wine Industry Council:  
<http://www.michiganwines.com/Wineries/wineries.html>
6. Missouri Grape Growers Assn: : <http://www.missourigrapegrowers.org/>
7. Nebraska Wine & Grape Growers Assn:  
<http://www.nebraskawines.com/membersectionselection.htm>
8. North Dakota Grape Grower Assn: <http://ndgga.org/>
9. Ohio Wine Producers Assn: <http://www.ohiowines.org/>
10. Oklahoma Grape Growers & Wine Makers Assn:  
<http://www.oklahomawines.org/>
11. South Dakota Wine Growers Assn (Kinda?) No official WWW site yet:  
<http://sdgrapes.sdstate.edu/research.cfm>
12. Wisconsin Winery Association: <http://www.wiswine.com/>

### ***Nebraska Grape Checkoff Enacted into Law***

(Taken from Nebraska Wine & Grape Growers Association 8-5-07 newsletter)

LB441 was passed and signed into legislation this past Nebraska legislative session. The law goes into effect September 1, 2007. This law allows for a 1 penny / pound assessment fee (\$20/ton) on all grapes sold or delivered in the state of Nebraska for commercial use. For the initial reporting period, it is likely there will be grapes purchased before September 1, when the mandatory excise tax becomes effective. Any grapes reported and fee remitted in July and August will be treated as a donation to the Winery and Grape Producers Promotional Fund.

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture administers the State checkoff on grapes produced in Nebraska. The Grape and Wine Act requires that an assessment shall be paid by growers at the time grapes are sold through commercial channels in Nebraska or delivered in Nebraska. Commercial channel means the sale or delivery of grapes for any use, except grapes intended for ultimate consumption or table grapes to any commercial buyer, dealer, processor, or cooperative or to any person, public or private, who resells any grapes or product from grapes.

Under this Act, first purchasers are required to maintain records of the collection of the fees on each purchase of grapes. The records kept by the first purchaser must show the following:

Name and address of growers and seller  
Date of purchase or delivery  
Number of pounds purchased; and  
Dollar amount of excise taxes collected on each purchase

In terms of wineries that use grapes they grow, there's a clarification on the Act from Casey Foster with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

*"Any grapes grown in a vineyard that is owned by a winery will not have to pay the excise tax because a winery does not "receive" grapes they own / grow. However, if a winery is a separate entity from it's vineyard, then, yes, the vineyard would have to pay the tax even though the grapes from that vineyard would be used to make that winery's wine."*

### ***“Temparia” Grape Variety Ed Swanson’s Newest Star Shines***

Good article about Ed Swanson, his grape breeding business and his Cuthills Winery in Pierce, NE.

Read about his new “Temparia” grape. This grape produced a full-bodied red wine that won an "example of American greatness" award at a 12-state wine competition in Kansas City earlier this year. Ed is one of the early mentors who helped the Iowa vine/wine industry get started.

1. “Nebraska Winery Takes it from vine to wine” 7-10-07, Paul Hammel – Omaha World Herald [http://www.omaha.com/index.php?u\\_page=2798&u\\_sid=10074418](http://www.omaha.com/index.php?u_page=2798&u_sid=10074418)
2. Cuthills Vineyards – Pierce NE: <http://www.cuthills.com/>

### ***Sweet Sells!***

What kind of wine are they drinking? Not surprisingly, Gilbert says, "Sweet wine sells in Oklahoma." His three top-sellers are a sweet red made with Concord and Sunbelt, a Concord knockoff; a sweet white made with Muscadine, which he buys from Arkansas; and a semi-sweet white made with Traminette. Quote by Gilbert & I-NA Chow, The Wine Village Shop, StableRidge, OK.

1. “Oklahoma Winery Rush” 8-3-07 Wines & Vines Magazine by Jeff Siegel: <http://www.winesandvines.com/template.cfm?section=news&content=49639>

### ***New Wine Laws in Missouri***

The Missouri wine industry successfully lobbied for several significant wine law changes recently. Missouri is now a permit state rather than a reciprocal state. Wineries must now apply for a “wine direct shipper license” which allows them to ship up to 2 cases/month to a Missouri resident. The permits are free and all wineries can ship within the state, including Missouri’s wineries.

This Bill, SB299 also allows Missouri wineries to open, sample and sell their products starting at 9 a.m. instead of 11 a.m. on Sundays. Updating tasting legislation was also approved allowing wineries, alcohol manufacturers and wholesalers to provide or pour samples for tastings as long as no orders are taken and no money is exchanged. A catering permit is still required for sales. Senate Bill 299 was signed by Governor Blunt on 7-13-07. The new laws go into effect August 28, 2007.

The change in this law came as the result of a law-suit filed against the state claiming shipping discrimination. The plaintiffs - A. Rafanelli Winery in Healdsburg, Calif., Thomas Family Winery in Madison, Ind., and retail wine store Hamilton Beverage in Carmel, Ind. - challenged the constitutionality of laws that prohibit wineries in states that don't have reciprocity agreements with Missouri from shipping wine directly to its residents.

1. Read the entire law here: [http://www.senate.mo.gov/07info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=r&BillID=5299](http://www.senate.mo.gov/07info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=r&BillID=5299)

### ***Renal Failure Common IF Fido Eats Grapes or Raisins***

Excellent article by Dr. Charlotte Means, DVM, Veterinary Toxicologist, Animal Control Poison Control Center (ACPCC): <http://www.oklahomawines.org/GrapeWrath.pdf>

### ***Oklahoma Wineries Can No Longer Self Distribute***

After a long-running legal dispute between the Oklahoma wineries and Oklahoma's distributors & retailers. In March 2006, three Oklahoma liquor wholesalers filed a federal lawsuit seeking to

overturn a state law that allowed the state's winemakers to sell their product directly to restaurants, retail liquor stores and consumers who visit their wineries. Oklahoma voters had approved a constitutional amendment in 2000, creating an exemption for in-state wineries to self distribute and by pass the 3-tier wholesale system.

After a failure of the Oklahoma legislature to fix the law to allow wineries to self distribute, a federal judge confirmed on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 that the provision for winery direct sales to retailers and restaurants in Oklahoma was unconstitutional.

1. "Ruling Blocks Direct Sales of Wine by Producers to Stores and Restaurants", Oklahoma Law Bawg, 7-10-07  
<http://okblawg.blogspot.com/2007/07/ruling-blocks-direct-sales-of-wine-from.html>

### ***Wine.com #1 Wine Site in the World***

SAN FRANCISCO, 7-19-07 PRNewswire-- Wine.com, the nation's largest online wine retailer, has been ranked the #1 wine website in the world in a recent study conducted by the Bordeaux Business School in Bordeaux, France: <http://www.wine.com> Entire article here: <http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/07-19-2007/0004629091>

### ***20 to 25 Year Olds Perceive Wine as Healthy***

According to a study conducted by Vinexpo, an international wine and spirits exhibition, consumers aged 20 to 25 have a perception of wine as a healthy, high quality alcohol product that is becoming a popular trend among their age group, yet the perceived expensive cost of wine and confusion about different wine styles can be barriers to consumption.

The study identified four key ways wine marketers can effectively reach this age group. Consumers in the 20-to-25-year old age group want wine to have a younger image, to be more accessible and to do away with the myths surrounding wine culture. This age group also desires more education and guidance about wine styles and how to choose a wine.

1. Study Examines Wine Trends Among Influential Millennials, 8-9-07, Beverage World: <http://www.beverageworld.com/content/view/33535/>

### ***Neeto-Keeno WWW Stuff***

1. How to Read a Wine Label: [http://www.ttb.gov/pdf/grape\\_wine\\_labels0706%20.pdf](http://www.ttb.gov/pdf/grape_wine_labels0706%20.pdf)
2. 2005 Grandholm vs. Heald Supreme Court Decision, (5-4 actual legal opinion document): <http://www.oklahomawines.org/ruling.pdf>

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