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**Midwest winners of the 2019 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition**

There were 64+ professional judges, representing various North American wine regions, evaluating over 6,800 wines from over 1,132 wineries for the [2019 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition](#). The competition was held from January 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> at the Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds in Cloverdale, CA. Below is a list of wineries from our neighboring states who won medals at the prestigious event: Congrats!

State	Winery	Double Gold	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Other
IL	Blue Sky Vineyard	2	1			
IL	Cooper Hawk Winery		2	7	4	
IL	Prairie State Winery			2	1	
IL	Seven Daughters		1			
KS	Jenny Dawn Cellars				1	1-Best of Class
MN	Parley Lake Winery	1	1		1	
MN	Sovereign Estate Winery		1	3	3	

MO	Les Bourgeois		2	4	2	1-Best of Class
MO	TerraVox		1			
SD	Anna Pesa (Prairie Berry brand)				1	
SD	Prairie Berry Winery		2	1	2	1-Best of Class
WI	Villa Bellezza Winery	1	3	2	3	

You can find a full list of the 2019 winners [HERE](#).

[Trump Winery](#) - Best of Class for their 2014 [Monticello Blanc de Blanc](#) Sparkling Wine (Methode Champenoise – Chardonnay)

[2019 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition](#)

(Trump Winery wins in San Francisco? Interesting!) 🤔

### ***WineAmerica Anonymous Herbicide Drift Survey***

No one expects their crop to be exposed to herbicide injury, but it occurs somewhere every growing season. Damage from herbicide drift can cost a grower hundreds of thousands of dollars in crop loss, reduction of wine or juice quality, and serious harm to grape vines that can reduce future production. Traditionally, phenoxy herbicides, such as 2,4-D, has been responsible for the bulk of herbicide damage observed on grapes, but more damaging products are available for use across this country. This has become an important issue for the American wine industry, so [WineAmerica](#) is becoming more involved.

Please take five minutes to complete this brief and anonymous [survey here](#). Your information is necessary as WineAmerica strives to better determine the extent and magnitude of this threat to the US wine grape industry. Your responses will be confidential and only group data will be summarized and reported. The summarized data will be of utmost importance to inform congressional delegations and state legislatures as to the current "state of the wine grape growing industry" across this nation as it pertains to the herbicide drift issue.

***FREE: 2 New Food Safety Pubs for Table Grapes and Wine Grapes***

[\*\*\*Ensuring Food Safety in the Vineyard: Wine Grapes.\*\*\*](#)

[\*\*\*Ensuring Food Safety in the Vineyard: Table Grapes\*\*\*](#)

From: [North Central Center for the Food Safety Modernization Act \(FMSA\), Training, Extension and Technical Assistance](#). – Iowa State University

### **VESTA & MO Department of Workforce Development**

to kickoff a Vineyard and Winery Internship program at a series of three upcoming workshops February 21<sup>st</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup>. Details [HERE](#).

# A Hitchhiker's Guide to Precision Viticulture

*A Webinar Series brought to you by efficient  vineyard*

I highly recommend watching the videos that are archived at this site. They all deal with using precision viticulture tools for more effective and efficient vineyard management. Seven webinar videos have been archived so far. These 1 hour webinars are held the second Tuesday of each month at noon (CST).



The next webinar will be Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. You can register for these webinars and view the archived webinars [HERE](#).

The efficient vineyard project is being led by [Dr. Terry Bates](#) at Cornell University and involves [several universities and government entities](#). It is being funded through a [USDA Specialty Crops Research Initiative \(SCRI\)](#) grant

## **FREE: 1-23, SVB Followup to their 2019 State of Wine Annual Webinar**

**What:** On Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, [Rob Mcmillan](#), founder of Silicon Valley Bank's Premium Wine Division along with a panel of experts discussed the trends in the wine industry, including consumer demand, the impact of cannabis, growth opportunities and threats. The archived webinar can be found [HERE](#).



A Follow-Up 1-hour webinar has now been scheduled for 11:30 a.m. (CST) for Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> for Rob McMillan and the panelists to review questions they received from the audience, as well as continue the conversation from the first videocast. You can register [HERE](#).

## **FREE: 1-(23-24), Live Keynote Presentations at DTC Wine Symposium**

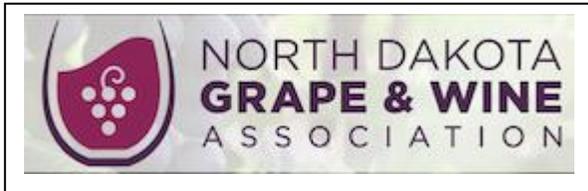
The DTC Wine Symposium will livestream its two General Sessions which include keynote presentations on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.



While the livestream will not include Workshop Sessions or Sponsor Sessions, the keynotes may be viewed online at <https://dtcwinesymposium.com/> at no charge, courtesy of [Free the Grapes!](#)

**FREE:** New Pub: [Functional Biodiversity in the Vineyard](#), 25 pp.  
[The International Organization of Vine and Wine](#) – Paris, France

**2-(1+2), ND Grape & Wine Association Conference – Mandan, ND**



**What:** 2019 Annual Conference

**When:** Fri. & Sat. February 1 & 2, 2019

**Where:** The [Baymont Inn & Suites](#) in Mandan, ND.

Register Online [HERE](#).

Download Registration Form [HERE](#).

Complete Details and Agenda: <http://www.ndgwa.org/conference/>



**Coming up on Feb 7th:**

**“Sour rot: understanding and managing a complex disease”**

**Dr. Megan Hall**

Viticulture Researcher and Assistant  
Professor  
University of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri



**FREE:** Register [HERE](#).

**Iowa Wine Growers Association Annual Conference**

[FFA Enrichment Center](#), Ankeny, IA 50023

Sunday & Monday, February 17 & 18, 2019

Details: <https://iowawinegrowers.org/iwqa-annual-conference>

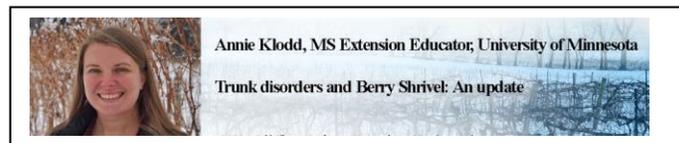
## 2-23, MGGA CCC “As They Sleep We Grow”- UMN Landscape Arboretum

What: [Minnesota Grape Growers Assn.](#) Cold Climate Conference “As They Sleep We Grow”

Where: [UMN Landscape Arboretum](#) 3675 Arboretum Road, Chaska, MN 55318.



When: Wednesday, February 23, 2019



Cost: \$100 until Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, \$130 afterwards. There are three additional fees of \$10 each for the Marquette, Itasca and Apple wine tasting sessions.

Details: <https://www.mngrapes.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1182440&group=#>



[Agenda](#)

[Registration Form](#)

[Register Online Here](#)

Where: [Walker's Bluff Winery](#) – Cartersville, IL

Complete information: <https://illinoiswine.com/events-page/annual-conference/>

## 7-(7-12), 11<sup>th</sup> Intl. Workshop on Grapevine Trunk Diseases – BC, Canada



Complete Details:

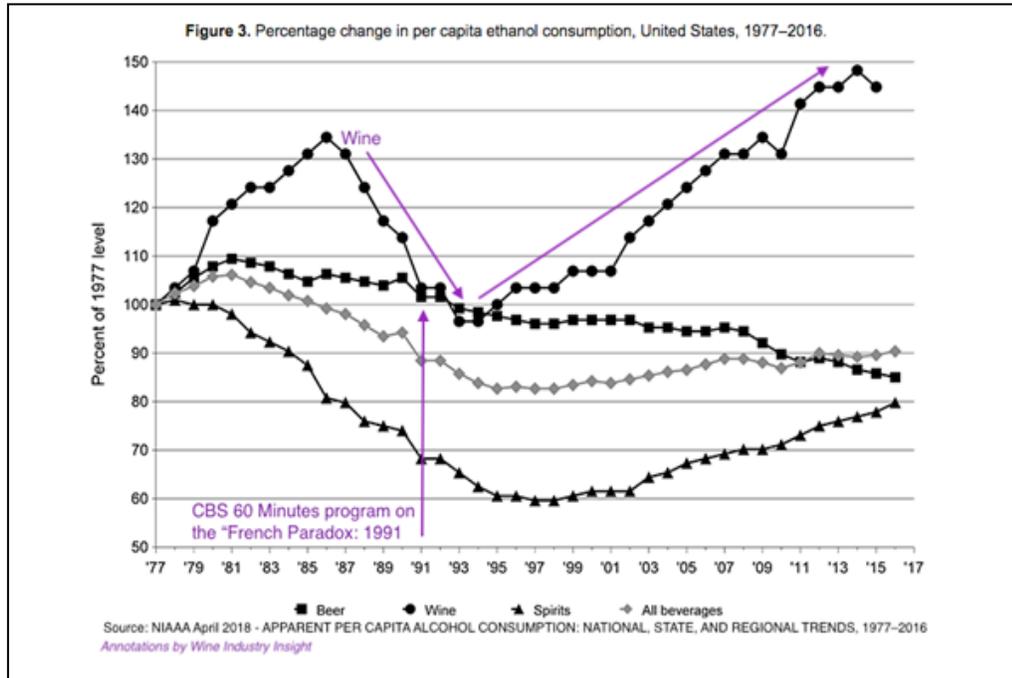
<http://iwgtd2019.ca/>

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# Show n Tell

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(Right) A feature article about Marsha & Norm Phillips and their [Rustic River Winery & Vineyard](#) – Lake View, IA was in the Winter Edition of the Landus Cooperative “[Grower Magazine](#)” Dec. 2018. (p. 10)

“Good FREE advertising! mlw



## Marketing Tidbits

1. [The TTB Wants You – To Comment on Labeling and Advertising Rules](#), 1-8-19 ShipCompliant
2. [U.S. Beverage Alcohol Spending Hits \\$253.8 Billion in 2018, +5.1% versus 2017](#), 1-13-19 bw166 (Wine spending was up 4.91%)
3. “Vivino and Delectable are almost certainly big enough and successful enough to find homes within the big platforms. But the road ahead for all those food-and-wine matching/wine-to-suit-your-palate apps and their ilk, is going to get even rockier than it is today.”

From: [A bleak future for new wine apps](#), 1-11-19 Meiningers Wine Business Intl.

4. ['Marked decline' in US millennials drinking wine is 'wake-up' for the industry](#), 1-16-19 the Drinks Business”
5. [American wine consumption on the increase](#), 1-18-19 Meleingers Wine Business Intl.
6. [To Attract Millennials Try Offering Real Value](#), 1-21-19 Edible Arts

## **Notable Quotables**

1. *"Although there are now more than 9000 wineries in the [United States](#), the typical Costco location only carries 235 SKUs," the brief continues. "Walgreens has a very targeted approach as it only stocks 150 SKUs for wine, 50 for spirits, and 35 for beer. In other words, markets dominated by large corporations actually offer less choice not more."*

From: [Friends of Supreme Court See Trouble Brewing](#), 1-9-19 wine-searcher

2. *"Not one of the world's ten largest wine companies has more than three per cent of the global wine market, for example, whereas the world's two coffee giants (Nestlé and JAB) both have around 20 per cent of the coffee trade, and Starbucks alone accounts for four per cent of global coffee sales (Gallo, the world's largest wine company, can only manage 2.8 per cent of the world wine market)."*

From: [Jefford: Waking up the new year](#), 1-14-19 Andrew Jeffard

## **Videos of Interest**

1. [Frozen Grapes on Old Mission Peninsula Ready for Ice Wine Harvest](#), 1-21-19, 9 & 10 News, (Ice wine harvest at [Chateau Chantal Winery](#)) 1:45 min.

## **Neeto – Keeno**

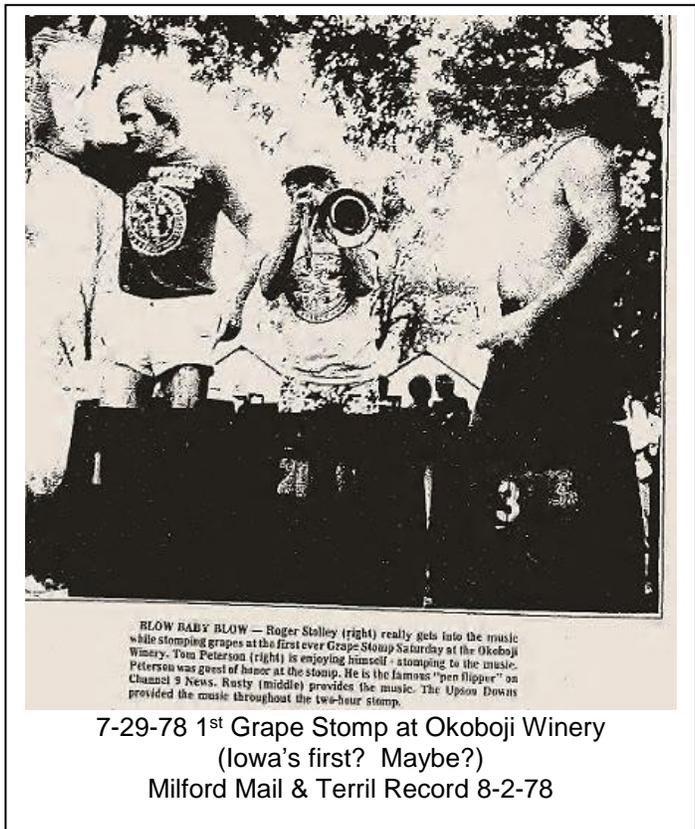
1. [Vino Chapeau Wine Glass Covers](#) [2:28 min Video](#)
2. [Canada: Cold Climate Oenology & Viticulture Institute 2017/2018 Annual Report](#), 25 pp.

**Historical Factoid:** The early 1940s marked an important point in Napa Valley's history when the early vintners realized they would be more successful working together than on their own. In 1944, seven vintners signed the agreement of association that formed the Napa Valley Vintners trade association, now 550 wineries strong.

From: [Napa Valley Vintners](#)

## Blast from the Past

Okoboji Winery in [Arnolds Park, IA](#) was open from May of 1978 until the fall of 1982. The winery produced primarily fruit wines and was very involved with the [University of Okoboji](#) Homecoming event each year. Their first grape stomp was held in July of 1978 using Thompson Seedless grapes. It was owned and operated by Susan & Larry Becker. Larry was the winemaker and very involved with the chamber of commerce. The following pictures were copied from the online [Dickinson County Newspaper Archives](#). An additional 27 more pictures that I copied from these archives can be found [HERE](#). *mlw*



## Articles of Interest

1. AU: [Be a detective and identify herbicide damage](#), 12-8-18 Wine Australia

2. [New CRISPR-based technology developed to control pests with precision-guided genetics](#), 1-8-19 Phys Org
3. [Canada: Brock U wants to teach you all about wine and grapes](#), 1-8-19 Thorold News (FREE Cool Climate Oenology & Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) Online Lecture Series)
4. Austria: [Three white fungus resistant hybrid grape varieties approved in Austria](#), 1-8-19 BK Wine Magazine
5. [This Grape Grower Is Evangelical About A Heat Application Alternative To Vineyard Sprays](#), 1-10-19 Forbes
6. IA: [IOWA ISSUES SPECIAL LOCAL NEEDS LABEL OUTLINING DICAMBA-SPECIFIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS](#), 1-17-19 IDALS

## Calendar of Events

**1-(24-27)**, Iowa Fruit & Vegetable Growers Annual Conference, FFA Enrichment Center – Ankeny, IA. [Details Here](#).

**1-(25-26)**, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Amateur Wine Classic Competition at [Strawberry Hill Museum](#) at Kansas City, KS Details: & entry forms: <http://www.cellarmasters.org/>

**1-(27-29)**, Wisconsin Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Conference - [Kalahari Resort](#), Wisconsin Dells, WI. <https://10times.com/wisconsin-fresh-fruit-vegetable-conference>

**1-(27-29)**, Wisconsin Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Conference, [Kalahari Resort & Convention Center](#) at the Wisconsin Dells. Details later: <https://www.wisconsinfreshproduce.org/upcoming-events/>

**1-(29-31)**, Unified Grape & Wine Symposium at the Sacramento Convention Center. Online registration begins Oct. 23, 2018 here: <https://www.unifiedsymposium.org/>

**2-(1-2)**, [North Dakota Grape & Wine Association](#) 2019 Annual Meeting & Conference at the [Baymont Inn and Suites](#) – Mandan, ND. Details: <http://www.ndgwa.org/conference/>

**2-(4-5)**, ISU Soil Health Conference, Scheman Auditorium in Ames, IA. [Details & Registration](#).

**2-(6-7)** 2019 Southwest Michigan Horticultural [At Lake Michigan College Mendel Center](#), Benton Harbor, MI . [Details & Registration](#).

**2-(6-8)**, Iowa Tourism Conference – [Prairie Meadows Conference Center](#) – Altoona, IA. <https://www.traveliowa.com/calendar/iowa-tourism-conference/1616549/>

**2-(17-18)**, [Iowa Wine Growers Association Annual Conference](#) at the [FFA Enrichment Center](#) located on the DMACC Campus – Ankeny, IA.

**2-(18-19)**, 2019 Ohio Grape & Wine Conference, Embassy Suites Columbus/Dublin in Dublin, OH. Details later: <https://www.winemag.com/2018/09/27/craft-distilleries/>

**2-19**, Midwest Regional Beer, Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Festival. Ozark Empire Fairgrounds – Springfield, MO. <https://www.ozarkempirefair.com/p/events/276>

**2-23**, [Minnesota Grape Growers Assn.](#) Cold Climate Conference “As They Sleep We Grow UMN Landscape Arboretum Chaska, MN 55318.. Details later. <https://www.mngrapes.org/>

**2-(24-26)**, Illinois Grape Growers & Vintners Association at [Walkers’ Bluff](#), Cartersville, IL. Details: <https://illinoiswine.com/events-page/annual-conference/>

**3-(4-5)**, International Vine Expo at the [Jacob K. Javits Convention Center](#) in NY, NY. Best opportunity for U.S. importers, distributors, sommeliers and other trade professionals to meet hundreds of international producers in one location: <https://www.vinexponeويورك.com/>

**3-(6-8)**, Show Me Grape and Wine Conference and Symposium, Hampton Inn & Suites at the University of MO, Columbia, MO. Details later here: <http://gwi.missouri.edu/>

**3-(12-14)**, Mead Con, the [American Mead Makers Association \(AMMA\)](#) at the [Omni Interlocken](#) in Bloomfield, CO. Details: <http://meadcon.net/>

**3-(15-16)**, Midwest Aronia Berry Conference – Des Moines, IA. Details later: <https://midwestaronia.org/annual-conference/>

**3-(19-21)**, License to Steal at the Eastern Winery Exposition – Syracuse, NY. Details here: <http://nationalwinemarketing.com/>

**3-(19-21)**, Eastern Winery Exposition – Syracuse, NY. Details here: <https://easternwineryexposition.com/>

**3-(21-23)**, [Montana Grape & Winery Association](#) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Conference at [Delta Hotels Helena Colonial](#) in Helena, MT. See flyer [HERE](#).

**3-23, 9am – 1 pm**, VSP to High Cordon, Designing a Spray Program & Cellar Tour at [Chankaska Winery](#) – Kasota, MN. [Southern MN Wine Grower Alliance](#) / [UMN Extension](#) Field Day. Details later.

**Week of 4-7**, National Viticulture & Enology Extension Leadership Conference – Fredericksburg, TX. Details later: <https://graperesearch.org/>

**4-17**, [Clark Smith](#) workshop at Iowa State University. Details later.

**4-22**, Making the Most out of Cold Climate Grapes at [Elmaro Vineyard](#) – Trempealeau, WI. Meeting Flyer: <https://iastate.box.com/s/y553b3uqf5588hihc16q9rf1k6hl5pmr>

**5-(16-19)**, WineMaker Magazine 2019 Conference – Traverse City, MI. Details: <https://winemakermag.com/product/2019-conference-registration>

7-(7-12), International Conference on Grapevine Trunk Disease at Penticton, British Columbia, Canada. Complete details: <http://iwgtd2019.ca/>

## 2020 Events

7-(12-17)-2020, International Cool Climate Wine Symposium - [CCOVI at Brock University](#) – St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. Details: <http://iccws2020.ca/>

[Grapes e-Xtension](#)   [Iowa Wine Growers Association](#)

[ISU Viticulture Extension](#)   [ISU Midwest Grape & Wine Industry Institute](#)

[ISU 2018 Midwest Fruit Pest Management Guide](#)   [Northern Grapes Project](#)

[Missouri Grape & Wine Institute Grape IPM Newsletter](#)   [Wisconsin Fruit News](#)

[VESTA \(Viticulture Enology & Science Technology Alliance\)](#)

[Dr. Tom Zabadal's YouTube Channel](#)   [Mike White's YouTube Channel](#)

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[Growing Grapes in Minnesota 168 pp. Free Download from the MGGA](#)  
with 14 Best Practice videos

[The Efficient Vineyard Project – Precision Viticulture](#)

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