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22nd Annual Southwest Michigan Viticulture Field Day and Steak Cookout

What: Michigan State University Viticulture Field Day

- 10 separate workshops
- Vineyard Equipment Demonstrations
- Free Lunch
- Large Vineyard Equipment Trade Show
- Steak BBQ
- Tour Research Vineyards
- Taste Michigan Wines
When: 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday - July 27, 2011
   (Large – Vineyard equipment trade show opens at 9 a.m.)

Where: Southwest Michigan Research & Demonstration Farm, 1791 Hillandale Rd, Benton Harbor, MI 49022  ph: 269-944-1477

Cost: By 7-15-11 After 7-15-11
      Michigan Grape Society (MGS) members $25 $35
      Field Day Registration & MGS membership $35 $45
      Non MGS Registration $45 $55


Sponsored by: Michigan State University Extension Service
               Michigan Grape Society

Selected videos and pictures from past Southwest MSU Viticulture Field Days:

1. Southwest MSU Viticulture Field day, 8-17-10 - FGNTV, 3:52 min. Video
2. October 2000 Michigan Grape Society newsletter
3. October 2003 Michigan Grape Society newsletter

7-(26-28) - IWGA Bus Trip to MI Viticulture Field Day – LAST CALL!

The Iowa Wine Growers Association is hosting a bus trip to attend the 22nd Annual MSU Viticulture Field Day held on Wednesday, 7-27-11 at the Southwest Michigan Research & Extension Center near Benton Harbor, MI. This is one of the largest vineyard field day events held in the Midwest. They typically get over 200+ people in attendance. The vineyard demonstrations and large vineyard equipment trade show is well worth seeing. This event always ends with a fun and tasty steak fry with plenty of Michigan wine put on by the Michigan Grape Society.

WindStar Lines of Carroll, Iowa will be providing the transportation on this trip.

The trip starts out on Tuesday morning, 7-26 at Summerset Winery in Indianola and heads for Benton Harbor, MI. The tour will be stopping at Lavender Crest Winery in Colona, IL for lunch and Round Barn Winery, Distillery and Brewery in Baroda, MI in the afternoon before arriving at the Days Inn & Suites in Benton Harbor, MI that evening. The entire Wednesday will be spent attending the MSU Viticulture field day. The trip back on Thursday will include a stop to visit with Dan Nitz at Arrowhead Vineyards in Baroda, MI and then lunch at Anderson Winery in Valparaiso, IN. The bus will arrive back at Summerset Winery late Thursday evening, 7-28.
The cost of this tour will be $60 for IWGA members and $85 for non-members. This will cover the transportation and the field day registration which includes Thursday’s lunch and steak fry. Participants will be responsible for all other costs. The Days Inn & Suites at Benton Harbor has a block of double queen-bed rooms for $80 and single king-bed rooms for $70 plus tax. Participants need to make their room arrangements here by July 17th to get these reduced prices.

Information about this tour is posted on the Iowa Wine Growers Association WWW site here: http://iowawinegrowers.org/2011/06/iwga-michigan-wine-tour/

Details of Viticulture Field Day is posted here: http://www.agbioresearch.msu.edu/swmrec/news.html

Attendance will be limited.

Come Join me. I will be your trip guide. It will be a GREAT trip!! mlw

PS1: Summerset Winery in Indianola, IA has a 7-room Bed n Breakfast available for lodging prior and after the tour.

PS2: There will be bus stops along the way at Iowa City, IA and Lavender Crest Winery at Colona, IL to pick up riders.

Sources of Used Winery Equipment

“Where can I find some used wine equipment”? This is a common question I get from many people. I recently updated my list of used winery equipment sources. These are the sources of used winery equipment that I am aware of. See below:


2. Wine Trade Worlds : http://wine.tradeworlds.com/ (click on "re-sellers" under "Machines & Equipment.)

3. Wine Business Monthly – click on “classifieds”:
   Wine Industries largest magazine: http://www.winebusiness.com/wbm/


9. New World Winery Equipment Classifieds, Springfield, MO:
http://www.enotools.com/classifieds.html

10. Functional Winery Supply: http://www.functionalwinerysupply.com/equipment/all/used


16. ebay.com: http://www.ebay.com

17. Craigslist: http://www.craigslist.org


Note: Checking out the classified advertising WWW sections of the various state grape and winery associations can often result with good finds. Many of the new equipment manufacturers and distributors will also provide leads on used equipment that is for sale because they can then sell the replacement new equipment.

Midwest Wine Press – New Wine Industry Publication

There is a new Midwest wine industry publication that was started up in June of 2011. This is another good sign that our industry is growing and maturing.

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Last Call – Indy International Commercial Wine Competition

Where: Memorial Union Ballrooms at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana
When: August 3-5, 2011
Deadline: Wine, fees and forms need to be received on or before Friday, July 15, 2011
International Cold Climate Wine Competition Call for Entries

What: 3rd Annual International Cold Climate Wine Competition
(Commercially Bottled Wines Only)

When: Thursday, August 18, 2011
Where: University of Minnesota
Deadline to send in entry Fees: 4:30 p.m. CST, Monday, 8-8-11
Deadline to receive Wines: 4:30 p.m. CST, Friday, 8-12-11
Cost per Entry: $40
Primary Sponsor: Minnesota Grape Growers Association
Details here: http://mngrapegrowers.com/competition

7-23, Grape Production Workshop – Platte City, MO

When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, 7-23-11
Where: Platte Purchase Building on the Platte County Fairgrounds - Platte City, MO
Agenda: 10 a.m. to noon hear from experienced growers and educators about varieties, trellis systems and canopy management strategies. Participants will visit a local commercial vineyard in the afternoon.
Sponsored by: West-Central MU Extension
Cost: $10 each
Registration: Contact the Platte County MU Extension Center at (816) 270-2141.
Contact person: Marlin A. Bates, Horticulture Specialist, University of Missouri Extension
11724 NW Plaza Circle, Suite 300, Kansas City, MO 64153
P: (816) 270-2141 F: (816) 270-2512 or batesma@missouri.edu

10-(21+22) Small Scale Commercial Winemaking Course – Nebraska City

When: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday & Saturday, October 21 & 22, 2011
Where: University of Nebraska Kimmel Education & Research Center
5995 G Road in Nebraska City. NE 68410
Who: Alan Dillard, Limestone Creek Viticulture Resources, Jonesboro, IL
Cost: $375 each (Price includes class materials, Friday lunch and dinner, wine tasting and refreshments).
Attendance limited to first 25 people registered.
Sponsored by: 5 Rivers RC&D, Tecumseh, NE

Details & Registration: http://www.nercd.com/r/p/119/
**Notable Quotables**

“For when the wine is in, the wit is out.”

Thomas Becon (1512–1567) - Catechism, 375

“Let us have wine and women, mirth and laughter, Sermons and soda-water the day after.”

Lord Byron - Don Juan

“Wine and wenches empty men’s purses”

English Proverb

**Marketing Tidbits**

1. *The six kinds of women wine consumers*, 7-8-11 – WineSure (Argentina)

**Show n Tell**

On Friday, 7-8-11 I drove over to Springfield, IL to attend a Sustainable Winery Design, Marketing and Establishment workshop held at Lincoln Land Community College. On the way over I stopped at a couple of Iowa wineries I had never been to before. The first was [Wooden Wheel Vineyards](#) located on the south side of Hwy 92 between Sigourney and Washington, Iowa. See below:

(Above) Connie & Michael Vincent stand in their 2 year old portion of their 5 acre vineyard planted to Regent, Brianna, Marquette, and LaCrescent. Approximately half of this vineyard was planted this year. (Above) Mike Vincent stands in the renovated barn portion of their winery. This ground floor room can hold 300 people. The second story event room can hold 60 people.
Ardon Creek Winery located just southwest of Muscatine, IA was my next stop. I was there that I met up with Diane and Mike Furlong. They opened their winery on Mike’s 156 year old family farm in the fall of 2009.

(Above) Mike Vincent stands behind their tasting room bar.

(Above) Wagon Wheel Vineyards These two building contain the winery, tasting room, catering kitchen and two event rooms. The winery opened its doors this past spring.

(Left) Wooden Wheel Vineyards sign along the south side of Hwy 92.

(Above) Mike & Diane Furlong standing next to one of their two vineyards. They are currently growing Chancellor, Edelweiss, Concord, Noiret, and LaCrosse on little over 4 acres.

(Above) Mike & Diane Furlong standing next to their 6 – 1000 gallon stainless steel tanks in their cellar
(Above) The back side of Ardon Creek Winery with a patio for band and outside event tent.

(Right) Ardon Creek Winery road sign with front of winery shown in the background.

(Above) Rows of Noiret grapes.

Articles of Interest

1. **EPA Approves Two Insecticides for Control of Invasive Stinkbug**, 7-5-11 – The Fruit Grower
2. WI **Introducing Chiseled Grape Wisconsin’s Newest Winery**, 7-6-11 – Ole Milwaukee.com
3. 5 ways to improve Colorado wine, 7-7-11, Colorado Wine Press
4. WI **Von Stiehl winery opens new production facility**, 7-8-11, Green Bay Press Gazette
5. **Brief history of wine**, 7-9-11 – Business Standard

Videos of Interest

1. **Vineyards Work to Keep Stinkbugs Away**, 7-5-11 13-WJZ – TV, Maryland, 2:03 min
2. **The great cork debate: which type is better**, 7-8-11 – ABC 15.Com (Arizona), 5:50 min.
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1. Lake Erie Regional Grape Program – Cornell University:
4. All American Wineries: http://www.allamericanwineries.com/
5. Ozark Mountain Vineyard Sustainable Assessment Workbook, 6/2010, 79pp:
6. Electric Savings – Understanding Demand and 3-phase motor use, ISU Extension publication:
   http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/PM2089b.pdf

Calendar of Events

7-19, Effective Vineyard Spraying Workshop at Les Bourgeois Bistro & Vineyards

7-23, Missouri Extension Grape Grower Workshop - Platte City, Mo.

7-24, Minnesota Grape Growers Association’s Summer Picnic at St Croix Vineyards & Winery,
Stillwater, MN. Flyer: http://mngrapegrowers.com/summer-picnic

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Demonstration Farm near Benton Harbor, MI. Full details here:
http://www.agbioresearch.msu.edu/swmrec/news.html

7-30, University of Nebraska Viticulture Field Day on Petiole Sampling, Crop Estimation and
Summer Vineyard Management, Prairie Creek Vineyards, Central City NE. Details will be
announced here: http://agronomy.unl.edu/viticulture/

8-4, ISU How to Attract & Maintain Beneficial Insects, Ames, IA. Full Details here:
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/upcoming-workshop-spotlights-beneficial-insects

8-24, Seedless Table Grape & Winegrape Field Day, Univ. of WI – Madison, West Madison Ag
Research Station, Questions: Please check blog at: www.universitydisplaygardens.com for
more information e-mail Judy at jreithrozell@wisc.edu or Rebecca at harbut@wisc.edu

8-27, University of Nebraska Mechanical Harvester Field Day, Ida’s Vitas Vineyard, Ogallala, NE
The western NE growers associated with the 5 Trails Winery have taken delivery of a machine
harvester and will be discussing and demonstrating its merits at this field day. Details will be
announced here: http://agronomy.unl.edu/viticulture/
10-(21+22), Small Scale Commercial Winemaking Course, Kimmel Education & Research Center, Nebraska City, NE. Details & Registration: http://www.nercd.com/r/p/119/


4-(17-19)-12, License to Steal at the Lodge at Geneva, Ohio. Details soon here: http://nationalwinemaking.com/

Post your “FREE” classified ads here at ‘Winedustry’
http://www.winedustry.com/classifieds.php

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http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Wine/Resources/winegrowernews.htm

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