

Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute

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The Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute was formed as a result of the state's evolving grape & wine industry.

Goals of the Institute include:

- Conduct research to evaluate cold-hardy grape varieties that can thrive in the Midwest
- Conduct enology research
- Assist with implementation of the Iowa Quality Wine Consortium (IQWC) - a quality-assurance stamp of approval program
- Establish an outreach program to the industry by training a team of specialists
- Partner with community colleges to develop job training programs specific to growing grapes and making wine

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Helping support the state's evolving grape and wine industry, because the potential economic opportunities in wineries, value-added agriculture and tourism are limitless.

Research

- [Northern Grapes Project](#)

The latest newsletter features an article by Stephanie on "Using Enological Tannin Additions to Enhance Red Wine Structure and Mouthfeel":

<http://northerngrapesproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/2014FebruaryNGPnewsletter.pdf>



2013 tasting at Iowa Winegrowers conference. A follow-up tasting will held at this year's conference on March 7

Lab activities



Annie and Danielle assemble shelves for the new library/store room.

- The Food Science and Human Nutrition department has generously granted us some additional space. The room is being used to house our "library" and storage for winemaking equipment during the off season.

IQWC program support

- Be sure to renew your participation in IQ when you renew your IWGA membership and show your commitment to producing Iowa Quality Wine!
- 11 samples were analyzed in February and five certifications were awarded.
- If you would like to experiment with the new online database program before it is formally implemented, please contact Tammi. Your feedback is most welcome!

Personnel

- Please join us in thanking Stephanie for her contributions to the Institute and wishing her all the best as she pursues a new career. Her last day at ISU will be March 19.

Expanding our knowledge



Dr. Ann Noble

- Jennie and Steph had a great day learning about discoveries and accomplishments at the ASEV Symposium Honoring Dr. Ann C. Noble in Sacramento,

CA, January 31. Presentations were given by her former students and colleagues over the past 30+ years of her work with sensory analysis of wine at UC Davis. They were able to meet Dr. Noble along with several other researchers spanning from industry to academia. It was very beneficial to hear firsthand how the sensory analysis of wines has led us to the point we are now in research and development in winemaking.

- Steph and Jennie also networked with Minnesota wineries (and some Iowa wineries too!) at the Minnesota Grape Growers Cold Climate Conference in St. Paul Feb. 20-22. Mike White facilitated many of the viticulture talks and Stephanie moderated an enology panel discussion. They also attended the trade show, listened to developments from research in Canada pertaining to cold-hardy varieties, filtering equipment, Northern Grapes Project updates, and heard Carissa Mondavi speak about her family legacy and new endeavor, Continuum Estate. They had a great time tasting wines at the wine stroll and silent auction event as well.

Coming up...



- See you at the 2014 IWGA Annual Conference March 7 & 8 in West Des Moines! Be sure to attend presentations by Murli, Mike, Steph, Jennie, and look for our display table.
- **Thank you** to everyone who contributed valuable information toward the Frank Rimerman + Co economic impact study sponsored by the Institute. Your time and effort toward this project is very much appreciated! We are expecting a draft of the report in the very near future and are eager to share the information with you as soon as it has been finalized.

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