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# Governor Culver Appoints Stephen Larson Administrator of Alcoholic Beverages Division

2-24-10 - DES MOINES – Governor Chet Culver Press Release: Governor Chet Culver today appointed Stephen Larson to be the new Administrator of the Alcoholic Beverages Division. Larson, a longtime state employee, most recently served as Deputy Treasurer in the Office of Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald.

"Stephen Larson's record of service is unparalleled in state government," said Governor Culver. "He is the perfect choice to lead the Alcoholic Beverages Division. He brings to this position



(Above) Stephen Larson

a commitment to transparency and accountability, as well as years of service protecting the taxpayers of Iowa. I thank Stephen for taking this position, and I look forward to working with him as together – with all Iowans – we work to move Iowa forward."

A native of West Burlington, Stephen Larson has worked in the Treasurer's Office since 1984, and has served as Deputy Treasurer of State from 2004 to present. During his time in the Treasurer's Office, Larson was administrator of the popular Great Iowa Treasure Hunt. He received national acclaim for his work in unclaimed property and served two terms as President of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators. Prior to that, Larson worked in banking and is a graduate of William Penn University in Oskaloosa. He currently lives in Johnston with his wife, Jane. Larson replaces current Administrator Lynn Walding, who has served since 2000.

"I want to thank Lynn Walding for his service to our state, and I wish him well in his future endeavors. We are grateful for his work leading this important state agency," said Governor Culver.

The Alcoholic Beverages Division of the Iowa Department of Commerce is the wholesale distributor of alcohol products in the state. Last fiscal year, the Division generated nearly \$105 million in revenue, of which \$85 million went to the state's General Fund.

Larson's appointment, which is subject to confirmation by the Iowa Senate, is for four years and begins on May 1.

#### Additional articles on this story here:

1. *Iowa ABD Administrator will not be re-appointed*, 4-24-10 – Sioux City Journal: <a href="http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/app/blogs/brew/?p=1873">http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/app/blogs/brew/?p=1873</a>

# Heavy Snow Accumulations May Affect Grapevines by <u>Paul Domoto</u>, ISU Extension fruit specialist

This winter is going down as one of the snowiest on record and has far surpassed the record for consecutive days with snow cover on the ground. These accumulations of snow are good in moderating soil temperatures and protecting plants under the snow from exposure to extremely low air temperatures. However, the presence of snow cover that has accumulated and the spring thaw that will inevitably occur can present several problems for grapes grown in Iowa. These problems include diseases, wildlife, and the physical weight of the snow accumulation.

Over-wintering diseases: With the snow cover, diseases that over-winter on the ground such as downy mildew (on leaves), black rot (mummified berries) and Botrytis bunch rot (on debris) will be more prevalent in the spring. This is because fewer



(Above) Nancy Litch, owner of <u>Old</u> <u>Bank Winery</u> in Kanawha, Iowa sent in this picture of 4-5 ft. snow banks that have pulled down wires and vines in their vineyard located west of town. 2-25-10

leaves would have blown away, and temperatures under the snow would be more favorable for the survival of the diseases. With greater carryover of inoculums, early season disease control will be important to keep diseases under control.

**Soil borne root rots:** With a prolonged snow melt, there is a good chance that soils will be saturated for extended periods of time and create conditions conducive for the development of soil borne root rots caused by either Phytophora or Verticillium wilt. Although these diseases are not common in grapes, the likelihood for them to occur will be where grapes have been planted on soils that have poor internal drainage characteristics. Symptoms of these diseases would appear as general decline in vine vigor. Fungicide drenches are available for Phytophora, but not for Verticillium wilt. Proper site selection with a well drained soil and planting resistant cultivars (when they exist) are the best solutions for controlling soil borne root rots.

**Rabbits:** With a limited food supply, rabbits will feed on grape canes. Rabbits feed above the snow so the extent of damage will be determined by how soon they began feeding on the canes and the amount of snow that has accumulated to allow them to feed further up on the plants. On shoots, rabbit feeding can be identified by clean cuts though the tissue and de-barking up to a foot or more above the snow. Rabbits can be controlled by eliminating habitat and improving predator habitat, exclusion by fencing (provided the snow does not drift over the fence), and hunting.

**Voles (mice):** Meadow, prairie and pine voles all feed under the snow cover. They form tunnel-like runs in the sod and on bare soil when snow cover is present. They will feed occasional grape trunks when food supplies are limited. Typically the feeding is within three inches of the soil surface, and can be distinguished by very narrow tooth marks. If trunks are girdled, the above ground portions if the vines will die. For grapes on their own root system, a suckers originating below the injury can be trained up to re-develop the vine.

**Deer:** If their food sources are limited by snow cover, deer may feed on grape canes. Unless the vines are not buried in a deep snow drift with little of the canes exposed, the feeding will be on portions of the canes that will be removed when pruning to a spur system. Injury from deer can be distinguished by tattered cuts through canes. Should damage from deer become very severe, it may be eligible for assistance through the USDA, FSA Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provided you signed up for the program last fall. Exclusion, either by permanent fencing or electrified fencing is the best solution for controlling deer. If electrified fencing is used, a ground wire must be run beside the charged wire during the winter months. For more information on managing deer is available in PM1302G Managing Iowa Wildlife: White-tailed Deer <a href="http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/PM1302G.pdf">http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/PM1302G.pdf</a>

**Breakage:** With the heavy snow pack that has accumulated, especially in areas with high drifts, there is a risk of the melting snow pulling off canes, popping out staples and breaking wires in vineyards. As snow melts, it becomes harder and heavier near the surface and this will trap canes that are buried in it. As the snow pack settles from melting, it will put a greater strain on the canes trapped in the snow. Where canes are trapped in the snow, breaking the surface crust around the canes will help to lessen the load, but can be time consuming. For vines trained to a high wire system, trapped canes could be pruned back to 4 to 5 buds to relieve the potential weight on the canes and wires. For vines trained to a mid-wire cordon system, breaking the crust around the canes would be the only remedy if the drifts are above the cordon.

## 2010 Iowa Wine and Beer Directory Now Available

By: LuAnn Reinders, Iowa Wine & Beer Promotion Board Ph: 888-472-6035 or LuAnn.Reinders@iowa.gov

February 16, 2010 (Des Moines, IA) – Iowa now boasts 71 wineries and 23 breweries, according to the new Iowa Wine & Beer Directory. The guide is available free from any Iowa Welcome Center, at any of the included wineries or breweries or for order online at <a href="https://www.iowawineandbeer.com">www.iowawineandbeer.com</a>.



The growth continues, Since last year, we've added a dozen wineries and five new beer producers. The wine and beer industry has a great impact on Iowa's economy. According to the latest Iowa Welcome Center survey, travelers interested in wineries spent an average of \$236 per travel party per day.

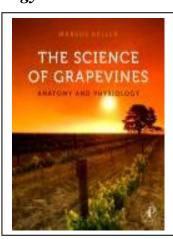
Redesigns to the guide include four pages of wine trails to showcase lowa's five wine trails and a new color coded map indicating wineries and breweries. Each listing includes information on amenities such as a tasting room, guided tour, special events, process viewing room, gift shop, motorcoach/RV parking, wheelchair accessibility, picnic area, and/or wedding and reception facilities.

This directory is a great tool for anyone planning a trip that includes Iowa wineries or breweries. An events calendar and detailed listings for each winery and brewery can be found on <a href="www.iowawineandbeer.com">www.iowawineandbeer.com</a>. Iowa Wine and Beer is also on Twitter@IowaWineandBeer and Facebook.

The directory is produced by the Iowa Wine and Beer Promotion Board, an organization created in 1986 to promote the state's wine and beer making industries. Find more at www.iowawineandbeer.com.

# New Book: The Science of Grapevines - Anatomy and Physiology

A new text book was recently published and became available for purchase on 2-12-10. This 400 page text book was written by Dr. Markus Keller, Distinguished Professor of Viticulture at Washington State University. The book focuses on the physiology of the whole plant rather than at the cellular and organ levels providing an understanding of whole-plant function. It provides coverage of the role of water relations and temperature. European, North and South American grapes and grape-related industry information are covered in this book. It has a suggested retail price of \$139.95.



Read more on this book here:

http://cahnrsnews.wsu.edu/reportertools/news/2010/keller-textbook-2010-01.html

#### Snow, snow go away so that we can PRUNE someday.



(Above) Keeping hand pruning shears sharp will lessen the chance of repetitive motion injuries.

One of these days (maybe) the snow will melt and the grape pruning season will be here. Now is a good time to refresh your pruning knowledge so that you can hit the vineyard in full form. The first step to any pruning method is to know the cultivar you are pruning. I would strongly suggest viewing the detailed information on all of the cold climate grape cultivars that Lisa Smiley has compiled here:

<u>http://viticulture.hort.iastate.edu/cultivars/cultivars.html</u> before adapting a particular pruning method.

The following links to twenty-two selected vineyard pruning resources can quickly get into pro-pruning shape.

#### **Grape Pruning Information Sites:**

- 1. EXCELLENT set of 3 Cold Climate Pruning "Macro Media Breeze" presentations by Fritz Westover, former Viticulture Research Associate at Virginia Tech University:
  - a. Grape Vine Anatomy & Vine Balance: <a href="http://breeze.ag.vt.edu/westover1/">http://breeze.ag.vt.edu/westover1/</a>
  - b. Selecting Fruitful Wood & Balanced Pruning: http://breeze.ag.vt.edu/westover2/
  - c. Cold Climate Pruning Strategies: http://breeze.ag.vt.edu/westover3/
- 2. Pruning Grapevines in Michigan: <a href="http://web1.msue.msu.edu/vanburen/e-1935.htm">http://web1.msue.msu.edu/vanburen/e-1935.htm</a>
- 3. Pruning & Canopy Mgt, Dr. Gail Nonnecke, ISU:

http://viticulture.hort.iastate.edu/info/pdf/prunecanopy.pdf

4. Wine Training Techniques, Wine Doctor.com:

http://www.thewinedoctor.com/advisory/technicaltraining.shtml

- 5. Pruning For Crop Load Management ppt., Washington State University http://winegrapes.wsu.edu/Pruning CropLoad.pdf
- 6. Pruning Grapes to The 4-Arm Kniffen System, New Mexico State Univ:

http://www.cahe.nmsu.edu/pubs/\_h/h-303.pdf

7. Pruning Grapevines, Reiman Gardens, ISU:

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/RG502.pdf

8. Pruning Grapevines, Ed Hellman, Texas Cooperative Extension:

http://winegrapes.tamu.edu/grow/pruning.html

9. Pruning & Training, Chapter 6, Mid-Atlantic Grape Growers Guide:

http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/resources/winegrape/ag535-2.pdf

10. Pruning & Training, Chapter of the Midwest Grape Production Guide:

http://ohioline.osu.edu/b919/0008.html

11. Basic Pruning of Backyard Grapevines, Ohio State Univ.:

http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/1000/1428.html

12. Training & Trellising Grapes for Production, Washington State University:

http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/eb0637/eb0637.pdf

13. Pictorial Guide of Pruning Dechaunac, Delaware and Cayuga & Years Growth:

http://www.honeyflowfarm.com/grapeproject/grapeproject.htm

14. Pruning, Training & Canopy Management of Grapevines in the Midwest, Kentucky State Univ. ppt, Excellent: <a href="http://www.uky.edu/Ag/NewCrops/vinemanagement\_files/frame.htm">http://www.uky.edu/Ag/NewCrops/vinemanagement\_files/frame.htm</a>

#### **Selected "FREE" Online Grape Pruning Videos:**

1. Master Gardener Chuck Engels of Univ. of CA Extension showing the differences between cane & spur pruning, shoot thinning and leaf pulling of table grapes, 5 min.:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JOTRbUodQw

2. Winegrape spur pruning on old established Vertical Shoot Positioned (VSP) vines with battery operated hand pruners in the Margaret River winegrape region of Washington state, 3:42 min.: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GMCgeRrrcs

3. Pruning Vignoles on VSP at Jowler Creek Winery in Missouri, 3 min.:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ODWr02zfhU

4. Pruning Norton Cynthiana at Jowler Creek Winery in Missouri:

2008: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPE7UICamgg">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPE7UICamgg</a> 5:23 min.

- 4. Two bud spur pruning Pinot noir growing on VSP on the Dutton Ranch in Sonoma County, CA, 7:28 min.: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPXX4T3-JDo">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPXX4T3-JDo</a>
- 5. Spur pruning cold climate grapes growing on a VSP system by the Lake Erie Regional Grape Program, 6:18 min.: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1vZHwrp8H0">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1vZHwrp8H0</a>
- 6. Spur pruning Concord grape vines growing on a single high wire by the Lake Erie Regional Grape Program, 5:19 min.: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnibuXSfEHc">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnibuXSfEHc</a>
- 7. Medocino County, California Grape Pruning Contest, 1:06 min.:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkrzz6MH7iw

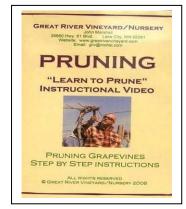
8. Pruning video from DMACC by Randall Vos, 4-08, 9 min.: http://www.dmacc.edu/programs/viticulture/video/pruninghwc.html

#### Two Commercial Grape Pruning Videos You May Want to Consider

There are also several commercial pruning videos for sale on the market. Two that I am familiar with and suggest considering would include:

1. Proper Methods for Pruning Grapevines by Lon Rombough, author of The Grape Grower, A Guide to Organic Grape Growing, \$28.50 within the U.S. and \$33 outside the U.S.: http://www.bunchgrapes.com/dvd.html

2. Learn to Prune Instructional Video by John Marshall of Great River Vineyard in Lake City, MN. This video sells for \$35.95 Plus \$5 for S & H. It is available Online here: http://www.greatrivervineyard.com/



# Northwest Iowa Grape Growers Tentative Schedule of Workshops

**What:** 1<sup>st</sup> workshop of 2010

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Where: Calhoun County ISU Extension Office, 521 4th St. Rockwell City, IA

**Who:** Dr. Paul Domoto, ISU Extension Fruit Specialist will discuss issues of vineyard site selection, fertilization, soil testing, drainage and cultivar selection.

**Additional topics:** Developing a grape marketing plan and begin to take orders for coop purchases.

Cost: \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. ½ price for spouses and/or partners.

#### **Tentative 2010 meeting schedule for the rest of year:**

**March 27**: Pruning principles and practice for high wire, vsp, or other trellis systems. Saturday 10:00 am @ Richard Black, Farnhamville, Speaker: TBA

**April 20**: Establish and begin fungicide spray program, weed, pest and insect control. Site preparation and planting. Tuesday 7:00 pm @ Buena Vista Co. Extension, Storm Lake, Speaker: Wayne Peterson / Midwest Grower Supply & Bill Bush

May 22: Late or final pruning after frost danger, giving attention to lateral or secondary bud development that would give rise to a green harvest. Continue weed and pest control. Saturday @ 10:00 am Richard Black, Farnhamville, Speaker: TBA

**June 15**: Monitor for disease pressure. Attention for shoot positioning, canopy development, and animal control. Tuesday @ 7:00 pm, Speaker: Dr. Paul Domoto. Location: TBA

**July 24**: \*Seventh Annual Farm Vineyard Field Day. Location: Richard Black, Farnhamville (This is not included in the workshop meetings, separate cost for this.)

**August 3:** Pre-harvest and harvest issues: Brix, ph and acidic issues. Tuesday 7:00 pm. Speaker & Location: TBA

**Sept.**: Potluck picnic, TBA **Oct.**: Winery tour, TBA

A season pass for all of the 6 planned workshops will be \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. Membership dues for 2010 are \$45, which entitles you to the workshop discounts, co-op buying discounts, and voting rights in the Northwest Iowa Grape Growers Association

As we do at every meeting, we will close the meeting with a sampling of Iowa wines. If you have an Iowa wine (homemade or commercial) you would like to share, feel free to bring it along.

Further info: Contact Norm Lewman

Secretary, Northwest Iowa Grape Growers Association nwiagrapegrowers@yahoo.com

#### NEW Craft Distiller Membership from U.S. Distilled Spirits Council

Washington, DC – The Distilled Spirits Council of the United States (DISCUS) announced a new Craft Distiller Affiliate Membership program on 2-23-10 designed to organize the growing number of small distilled spirits producers across the nation and alert them to public policy issues affecting the industry at every level of government.

In the last decade, the number of small distillers in the U.S. grew from a few dozen to more than two hundred today, now making an array of products from white spirits such as vodka and gin to wide varieties of liqueurs, aged whiskeys and brandies.

The new membership group will be headed by an eleven member Advisory Council of distillers chaired by Fritz Maytag of San Francisco's Anchor Distilling. As a leadership body, its role will be to

coordinate communications with the DISCUS policy teams, and engage and activate small distillers in their respective regions.

The new craft distiller membership will be offered to producers under 40,000 nine-liter cases annually. They will receive numerous benefits, including a compendium of State Laws and Regulations; legislative newsletters; action alerts; consultations with DISCUS legal and regulatory experts; opportunities to showcase products at DISCUS-sponsored tasting events; ability to participate in the annual gala "Spirit of Mount Vernon" event; access to the annual industry economic briefing; and ability to participate in DISPAC. DISCUS will also organize an annual Public Affairs Conference on Capitol Hill in Washington featuring briefings, Congressional visits and a reception featuring their products.

The entire news release can be seen here: http://www.discus.org/media/press/article.asp?NEWS ID=574

#### NY - Distillation Substrate Workshop

When: Thursday, March 4, 2010

Where: Food Research Laboratory, NYS Ag Experiment Station

630 W North St., Geneva NY

Cost: \$100 each

Presented by: Cornell University Enology Program

**Details:** http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/hp/events/detail.php?id=294

#### NY - Artisan Distillation Workshop

When: Friday & Saturday, March 5 & 6, 2010

Where: Food Research Laboratory, NYS Ag Experiment Station

630 W North St. Geneva, NY

**Cost:** \$375 each

Presented by: Cornell University Enology Program

**Details:** http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/hp/events/eventlink/adw reg form.pdf

## MI - Wine Sensory Workshop

When: Saturday & Sunday, March 6 & 7, 2010

Where: The Inn at Black Star Farms, Suttons Bay, MI

Featuring: Ray Johnson, Santa Rosa Junior College, VESTA Instructor and Author of "Good Life

Guide to Enjoying Wine"

Cost: \$150 per person

**Sponsored by: VESTA** (No cost to VESTA students currently enrolled in VIN 266)

Class Size Limited: to 40 Participants

Details & Registration Form: http://www.vesta-usa.org/VIN\_266\_Workshop.htm

**Note:** You must be 21 to attend this workshop

#### OK – Spring Winery Workshop

What: Workshop dealing with Winery Sanitation, Wine Microorganisms, Winery Equipment

When: Friday – Saturday, March 25, 26, 27, 2010 Where: <u>Tital School Vineyards</u>, Dumright, OK

Cost: \$60 per day or \$150 for 3 day pass

**Sponsored by: VESTA** (No cost to VESTA students enrolled in VIN 148, VIN 160 or VIN 210)

Featuring: VESTA Instructors: Patricia Howe, Brad Beam and John Giannini

Class Size Limited: to 50 Participants

Details & Registration: http://www.vesta-usa.org/VIN\_Combined\_Workshop.htm

**Show n Tell** (Note: Pictures are always welcome from readers.)



(Left) Starting in July, 2010 - 29 countries in the European Union will start using this Logo on all organically certified products. You can read more about this here in: *New organic label may cause confusion*, 2-23-10- Decanter.com: <a href="http://www.decanter.com/news/295242.html">http://www.decanter.com/news/295242.html</a>

#### Comments from Readers

"Mike

2-20-10 - Things are changing at the local Farmers Market in Dubuque. All of a sudden the committee wants ALL vender,s no matter what they sell to supply the committee with a million dollar insurance policy made out in Main Street's name to cover any law suit that may arise -- no problem -- BUT now they want a copy of our last health inspection report. As you and I know wineries are not subject to health inspections.

I have spent hours Online looking at the Iowa codes but I can't find it. Is it possible for you to send us a copy of this rule.

Thanks", Ted
----"Ted,

On April 10th, 2006 the Governor signed into law identifying native wineries as "manufacturers" and not "food processors" as identified in Chapter 123 of the Iowa Code. The food processor exemption for wineries can be found in Chapter 131F.8c of the Iowa code here: http://dia.iowa.gov/Chapter%20137F.pdf

:-)mike"

### Quotes of the Week

"I did away with our Facebook page. We only got friends requests from other wineries," said Karasz, who added that the bulk of his customers are in the baby boomer demographic and respond best to email, and, more importantly, face-to-face communication at the winery."

--- Mark Karasz, owner of <u>Rock Stream Vineyards</u> on Seneca Lake, which produces between 2,000 and 3,000 cases a year. (From *Wine Industry Convention draws 100's to Rochester*, 2-18-10 – Democrat and Chonicle.com) <a href="http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20100218/BUSINESS/2180325/1001">http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20100218/BUSINESS/2180325/1001</a>

"Wine blogging is the attention-seeking barking of lonely poodles,"

"Basically, the whole wine blog world is like the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, a whole bunch of loudmouths trying to shout over each other, only less dressy."

"I always tell wineries," says Washam, "go to a wine-savvy restaurant and ask how many people read wine blogs. I'd bet 98 percent don't. But they're desperate to believe that wine bloggers can sell wine."

--- Ron Washam, from *As wine blogs mature, what's the impact*? 2-21-10 - San Francisco Chronicle:

http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/02/19/FD8R1C1BRR.DTL&type=wine%20#ixzz0gMp6GyCc

## Videos of Interest

- 1. *The Art of Making Wine*, Winter Park Colorado, 9:05 min.: http://www.winonation.com/blog
- 2. *Birth of a vineyard: Fruit of the Loon, Minnesota*, 4:02 min.: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHDWDyWIgvM">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHDWDyWIgvM</a>
  You can check out their homepage here: <a href="http://fruit-of-the-loon.com/">http://fruit-of-the-loon.com/</a>
- 3. Mustard Bloom Seasons along the Wine Road, 4:47 min.: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aw9088fe7v0
- 4. Paul Dolan: Biodynamic Man, Wine Specator Video, 4:45 min.: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlXEWvPJqwI">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlXEWvPJqwI</a>

## **Articles of Interest**

- 1. *Growers, buyers look for ways to work on contracts,* 2-22-10 North Bay Business Journal: <a href="http://www.northbaybusinessjournal.com/18661/growers-buyers-look-for-ways-to-work-out-contracts/">http://www.northbaybusinessjournal.com/18661/growers-buyers-look-for-ways-to-work-out-contracts/</a>
- 2. The Chemist's WarThe little-told story of how the U.S. government poisoned alcohol during *Prohibition with deadly consequences*, 2-19-10 Slate: http://www.slate.com/id/2245188/
- 3. *Directory showcases Iowa's growing wineries, breweries*, 2-17-10 Des Moines Register.com: <a href="http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20100217/ENT02/2170330/-1/SPORTS12/Directory-showcases-Iowa-s-growing-wineries-breweries">http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20100217/ENT02/2170330/-1/SPORTS12/Directory-showcases-Iowa-s-growing-wineries-breweries</a>
- 4. Winery numbers up, wine production down in Illinois, 2-23-10 My Suburban Life.com: <a href="http://www.mysuburbanlife.com/broadview/statenews/x531842921/Winery-numbers-up-wine-production-down-in-Illinois">http://www.mysuburbanlife.com/broadview/statenews/x531842921/Winery-numbers-up-wine-production-down-in-Illinois</a>
- 5. New Releases: Bronco Goes Organic with Green Fin from Organic Grapes for \$3.99, 2-24-10 -

#### Neeto-Keeno WWW Stuff

- 1. WinoNation: http://www.winonation.com/
- 2. VinVillage and their VinVillage Wine Radio: <a href="http://vinvillage.com/aggregator/sources">http://vinvillage.com/aggregator/sources</a>
- 3. Web Archive.com (Type in a web address into the "Wayback Machine" to view WWW pages from years past. Also a great place to get free audio, software, text and video downloads.) http://www.archive.org/
- 4. Northern Sonoma County Wine Road: <a href="http://www.wineroad.com/">http://www.wineroad.com/</a> (Unique 30 year old wine trail marketing concept with 150 wineries and over 50 lodgings.)

#### **Upcoming 2010 Events:**

March 2, 7 p.m. <u>Northwest Iowa Grape Growers Association</u> Vineyard Workshop. <u>Calhoun County</u> ISU Extension Office, 521 4<sup>th</sup> St. Rockwell City, IA

**March 4** Distillation Substrate Workshop, <u>Food Research Laboratory</u>, <u>NYS Ag Experiment Station</u> Geneva, NY http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/hp/events/detail.php?id=294

**March 5 & 6** Artisan Distillation Workshop, <u>Food Research Laboratory</u>, <u>NYS Ag Experiment Station Geneva</u>, <u>NY http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/hp/events/eventlink/adw\_reg\_form.pdf</u>

March 5-6 NE Grape Growers Spring Forum, Kearney, NE: http://agronomy.unl.edu/viticulture

**March 6-7** Wine Sensory Workshop, <u>VESTA</u>, <u>The Inn at Black Star Farms</u>, Suttons Bay, MI. http://www.vesta-usa.org/VIN\_266\_Workshop.htm

**March 9-11** Wineries Unlimited (largest show east of Rockies) Valley Forge Convention Center King of Prussia, PA: <a href="http://wineriesunlimited.vwm-online.com/">http://wineriesunlimited.vwm-online.com/</a>

March 19 & 20 Iowa Wine Growers Association Annual Conference Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, IA: https://iowawinegrowers.org/content/view/206/9/

March 21-25 UC Davis Wine Executive Program, UC Davis Campus, Davis, CA <a href="http://www.wineexecutiveprogram.com/">http://www.wineexecutiveprogram.com/</a>

March 25 Wisconsin Grape Growers Association Spring Vineyard School, Wollersheim Winery, Prairie du Sac, WI: <a href="http://wigrapes.org">http://wigrapes.org</a>

March 25-27 Spring Winery Workshop, <u>VESTA</u>, <u>Tital School Vineyards</u>, Dumright, OK. http://www.vesta-usa.org/VIN Combined Workshop.htm

March 27, 10 a.m. Northwest Iowa Grape Growers Association Vineyard Workshop. Richard Black's vineyard, 3228 Zenia Ave, Farnhamville, IA

**April 13-15** License to Steal – National Wine Marketing Conference <a href="http://www.nationalwinemarketing.com/">http://www.nationalwinemarketing.com/</a>

**April 20, 7 p.m.** Northwest Iowa Grape Growers Association Vineyard Workshop. Buena Vista County ISU Extension office, 824 Flindt Dr. Storm Lake, IA

May 22, 10 a.m. Northwest Iowa Grape Growers Association Vineyard Workshop. Richard Black's vineyard, 3228 Zenia Ave, Farnhamville, IA

**June 6-11** Hands –on Whiskey Distilling Workshop, Stillwater Distilling, Petaluma, CA <a href="http://www.distilling.com/workshop.html">http://www.distilling.com/workshop.html</a>

June 15, 7 p.m. Northwest Iowa Grape Growers Association Location to be announced.

**June 20-25** American Society of Enology and Viticulture National Conference, Seattle, WA: <a href="http://asev.org/annual-meeting-2010/">http://asev.org/annual-meeting-2010/</a>

**July 24, 7 p.m.** Northwest Iowa Grape Growers Association Richard Black's vineyard, 3228 Zenia Ave, Farnhamville, IA

July 29 ISU All Horticulture Field Day, ISU Horticulture Research Farm, Gilbert, IA

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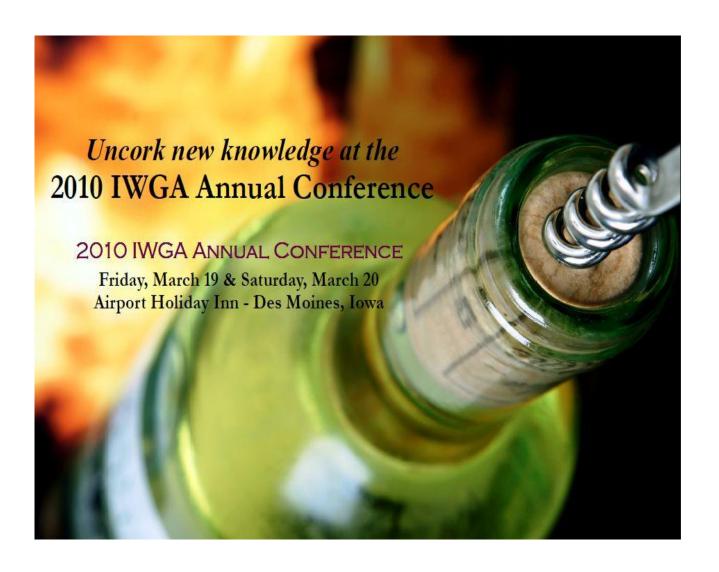
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