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**The Pennsylvania Association of Winegrowers and Penn State Cooperative Extension
Present the 2010 Annual Summer Vineyard Walk Around at Blair Vineyards**

We may still be in the ABC age (anything but Chardonnay) but let's face it, we can make very fine Chardonnay across the diverse climate and soil profiles of Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Association of Winegrowers hosts its annual summer vineyard walk around to give its members and grape growers a chance to visit a fine Pennsylvania vineyard in the midst of the growing season each year. The focus of this year's walk around is Chardonnay production, mainly in the vineyard but as it impacts the cellar as well. The host for the walk around is at Blair Vineyards in Berks County. Rich Blair and his team are determined to produce great wines in the tradition and style of Burgundy and Alsace with a focus on Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Pinot Gris and Riesling. There are two vineyards but the meeting will be held at a spectacular new vineyard site north of Kutztown. A new gravity flow winery has just been built at the vineyard. Rich will give a tour of the vineyards and winery. Alice Wise is the Cornell viticulture extension agent on Long Island. Over the years she has done managed a Chardonnay clonal trial because of the interest in the variety among Long Island wine makers. She also does outstanding applied viticulture research. Paul Pender is the wine maker at Tawse Vineyard, a fabulous gravity flow winery on the Beamsville Bench just below the Niagara escarpment in Ontario and they are recognized at top Chardonnay producers in the region. He will describe the viticulture and enology A to Z of wine growing at Tawse. Francois Servin from Domaine Servin in Chablis is the key guest speaker at the PQA enology seminar on August 5, also at Blair Vineyard. He produces great white wines with vibrant minerality, flesh, acidity and balance. You won't want to miss his description of growing Chardonnay in Chablis. Finally, a wine grower panel with three of our best practitioners will talk about their production practices.

These two days are a great opportunity to learn everything you need to know about Chardonnay production. We hope you will join Rich Blair, who also happens to be the current president of PAW, its board and members at the walk around in August. PAW needs your participation and support.

Date: Friday, August 6, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: Blair Vineyard, 99 Dietrich Valley Road (off Rt 737), Kutztown, PA (Berks County)

Cost: \$75 per person

Contact: Rich Blair, PAW President at 610-683-8463.

Program (subject to change)

8:30 Registration
9:00 Chardonnay clonal research on Long Island - Alice Wise, Cornell Cooperative Extension at LIHREC, Riverhead, NY
10:00 TBA
11:00 Vineyard and winery tour with Rich Blair
Noon Lunch
1:00 Chardonnay production practices, clones and rootstocks for in Chablis – Francois Servin of Domaine Servin
2:00 Grower Panel discussing Chardonnay growing and wine making: Brad Knapp/Pinnacle Ridge Vineyard, Nelson Stewart/Karamoor Farm Vineyard, Tom Carroll/Crossing Vineyard
3:00 Wine tasting and discussion of Chardonnay production in vineyard and cellar, wine style and suitability for Pennsylvania
4:00 Adjourn

Registration fee is \$75 per person. Please register now. It is helpful to us with our organization. Lunch and breaks are included.

Registration Information

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment: \$75 x #_____ attending = \$_____ Total Enclosed

Please enclose full payment and make checks payable to “PAW”. Mail to: PAW, c/o Ed Jansen, 626 N Union Rd, Middletown, PA 17057. If you wish to pay by VISA or MC please call 610-683-8463.

Directions and information about Blair Vineyards can be found at <http://www.blairvineyards.com>

Please check the weather and dress accordingly. Bring a chair if you do not wish to stand in the vineyard.

Questions??? Please call Rich Blair at 610-683-8463 or Mark Chien at 717-394-6851