



WINE GRAPE INFORMATION FOR PENNSYLVANIA AND THE REGION

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Vintage Report: Jim Law is a very experienced and observant wine grower in northern Virginia. Very little in the vineyard manages to escape his attention. Jim is always able to capture the essence of the vintage at Linden Vineyards in his concise and eloquent style. Click [here](#) to read *Bon Courage*.

Pennsylvania Wine Marketing and Research Program: There are a few people who devote extra time to the wine industry and work quietly in the background. I have the ultimate regard for these individuals because they help the community, not just themselves. PWMRP is the marketing order to the wine industry and it's almost 10 years old. In my humble opinion it's one of the best things that the wine industry has ever done for itself. The program charge generates funds to support marketing, research and education projects that benefit everyone in the wine industry. It is administered by PDA and we owe gratitude to Lela Reichart, Jennifer Lesh and others for their support and devotion to the ongoing success of PWMRP. You don't hear very much about it, and hopefully that will soon change. Current president Karl Zimmerman from Shade Mountain Vineyards has written a summary of PWMRP activities. Please [read it](#) and support PWMRP!!

Viticulture Research Abstracts: Bibiana Guerra, the outstanding viticulture technical writer for Wine Business Monthly and Practical Winery and Vineyard, has "translated" three viticulture research reports (see attachments). For those of you who follow Bibiana's writing, she is now working at Bogle Winery in the Sacramento Delta but will continue to do free-lance writing in her spare time. I am very grateful to the Pennsylvania Wine Marketing and Research Program for their support of the viticulture abstracts project.

- Relationship between cluster compactness and bunch rot in Vignoles grapes (Bryan Hed, Penn State University)
- Protection of grapevine pruning wounds against eutypa dieback (Haller, et al. S. Africa)
- Rootstocks and soil management for acidic soils (Terry Bates, Cornell University)

Vineyard Management Course: Dr. Patty Skinkis did her PhD work on Traminette in Indiana so she understands our viticulture and conditions. Now she is the extension viticulturist at Oregon State University, another damp place. She does a lot of great teaching and is offering her *Principles of Vineyard Management* in an on-line format to anyone who wants to enroll. This is a great opportunity

growers who do not have any formal training in vineyard management to learn from one of our best teachers. Click [here](#) to go to the course website.

Events Calendar: The winter meeting months are fast approaching so I encourage you to glance at the preliminary [2012 viticulture and enology](#) calendar to see what you like and mark the dates on your calendar. NOTE: on Tuesday, December 6th, Virginia Tech is hosting a [beginner grape grower workshop](#) in Brookneal, Virginia, which is in southern Virginia. It is a great opportunity for new and prospective wine grape growers to learn about vineyard selection, design and development.

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