

WINE GRAPE INFORMATION FOR PENNSYLVANIA AND THE REGION

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Bordeaux Viticulture: Please find attached registration and information for the Bordeaux Viticulture workshop at Black Ankle Vineyard in Mt Airy Maryland on Friday, July 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jean-Philippe Roby, Jim Law, Ed Boyce and Lucie Morton will be our featured speakers. Wines from Bordeaux and the Mid-Atlantic region will be tasted. Soil pits will be analyzed and a walking tour of Black Ankle Vineyard with owners/hosts Ed Boyce and Sarah O'Herron. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$60 per person. Registration is limited to 50 people (due to wine availability). Please see attachment for workshop registration and information.

Chardonnay: I am an ex-ABC practitioner. I believe that we can make super-duper Chardonnay in the Mid-Atlantic region. PQA and PAW have an excellent workshop on Chardonnay coming up on August 5-6. Registration for the PQA enology half of the 2 day meeting is available. Speakers include Francois Servin from Domaine Servin in Chablis and Catherine Peyrot des Gachons, a local wine making consultant who was trained at the University of Bordeaux and has international winemaking experience. Bill Musnung is an old friend from the wine industry in Oregon and was responsible for some great Chardonnay and Pinot Noir wines from Tualatin Vineyards. As in Judgment in Paris, a Tualatin Pinot Noir won a prestigious wine competition in London and helped to bring attention to a new wine region in Oregon. Everyone knows Sigrid Gertsen-Briand, she is simply one of the best yeast jockeys in the business and Arthur Harder is a Geisenheim-trained enologist working in Canada and Germany. It's a great enology program. See attachment: PQA Chardonnay.

PA Loop Tour with Kevin Ker to the Endless Mountains, Coudersport (Potter County), North East (Erie County) and SW PA at Greendance Winery. Dates are Tuesday, July 5 to Friday, July 6. Please contact me if you want a copy of the tour program and schedule.

Revus is a new fungicide labeled for powdery mildew, black rot and anthracnose (MSU IPM). Growers all over the East are discovering that it is phytotoxic to Concord and Niagara vines. While we do not have a lot of these varieties planted in SE PA, I want to spread the word that you should NOT use Revus on native varieties. So far, it appears to be safe to use on vinifera varieties. I spoke with a grower in Erie and he has significant damage to a large section of his

vineyard that was sprayed with Revus. I have attached the alert from Tim Weigle, the grape IPM specialist at Cornell: see Moratorium on the Use of Revus Top

I am always stumbling upon excellent viticulture information on the internet. Two recent finds are two research projects done by Alice Wise and Libby Tarleton on Long Island. They include alternative pest and weed management trials in 2009 as well as an update of their ongoing wine grape variety trial. The data for the Chardonnay and Merlot clones are particularly interesting even though 2009 was such an atypical vintage, even for the East. The alternative pest control trials included conventional, low impact and two organic programs for disease control and found that it might be possible to control black rot with a certain combination of materials and methods. In the weed trial, mowing of native vegetation under the vines was compared with a blend of glyphosate and mowing timing and rotation. You can view the results of these trials on the LIHREC web site at: <http://ccesuffolk.org/grape-research/>.

I wrote about the Virginia Vineyards Association annual meeting in February and just now discovered that all of the presentations are on their website. This is some great stuff! Markus Keller from Washington State University gave two outstanding presentations about grape maladies and fruit ripening physiology. Lucie Morton presented her usual take-no-prisoners view of how to grow fine Bordeaux red varieties in the Mid-Atlantic region. Philippe Rolhausen gives a very nice summary of trunk disease problems in vineyards and some treatment recommendations. You can access these PDF files at <http://www.virginiavineyardsassociation.com/presentations.php>

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