



2019 Viticulture Field Day

June 13, 2019

at

The MSU Southwest Michigan Research & Extension Center

1791 Hillendale Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan

Sponsored by Michigan State University Extension and Michigan Grape Society,

with additional sponsorship provided by Lake Michigan College Wine & Viticulture Technology Program and Certis USA

Grape Growers and Enthusiasts:

As many of you know, Mother Nature handed us another tough winter. “Polar Vortex” is becoming an all-too-common term. Grape vine damage in the region varies from bad to worse depending on the varieties you grow and where you grow them. Keep your fingers (and toes) crossed for a frost-free spring.

This year’s Viticulture Field Day is filled with talks from world-renowned researchers such as Dr. Richard Smart, Dr. Wayne Wilcox and MSU’s very own Dr. Paolo Sabbatini. You will also get to meet some of the new faces at MSU, like Timothy and Laura Miles and Thomas Todaro, as well as all the other great researchers at MSU working hard to provide us with the most current and relevant viticulture research. As always, the tradeshow will feature some of the newest and best precision viticulture equipment. Don’t forget about the famous steak cookout and Michigan wine showcase. Enjoy the evening socializing with the rest of the grape-growing community over some good food and local wine.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Mike de Schaaf
President, Michigan Grape Society

9:00 a.m.

Trade Show Opens

9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m., 1:30 — 5:00 p.m.

Morning and Afternoon Vineyard Workshops

Grape vine trunk disease — Dr. Richard Smart

Biopesticides — Dr. Wayne Wilcox

Bird predation in grapes — Catherine Lindell

Leaf removal, a powerful tool to improve fruit quality in cool climate viticulture — Paolo Sabbatini and Josh VanderWeide

Methods of vineyard recovery following severe cold damage in wine grapes — Thomas Todaro

Sampling for fungicide resistance in Michigan vineyards — Tim Miles

Don’t guess, get a test from MSU Diagnostic Services — Laura Miles

Sap Analysis: What it is, how you do it and why you should do it — Crop Health Labs

12:00 noon

Complimentary Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Equipment Demonstrations

5:00 p.m.

Lake Michigan Shore Wine Showcase

5:30 p.m.

Dinner

(return this portion with registration payment)

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Registration Form

Name(s) to be used for name tags:

① _____ ② _____
③ _____ ④ _____

Contact address: _____

Email (for registration confirmation): _____ Phone: _____

Early-Bird Rate (postmarked by May 24th)

Field Day Registration \$75 /each x _____ people _____ = \$ _____

Normal Registration (postmarked after May 24th)

Field Day Registration \$90 /each x _____ people _____ = \$ _____

Student Registration

(Students: Bring a signed letter from your instructor to receive a reduced registration fee of \$25 and Michigan Grape Society will send your instructor a \$50 scholarship. This is limited to the first 50 students!)

Field Day Registration \$25 /each x _____ people _____ = \$ _____

Make checks/money orders payable to **MICHIGAN GRAPE SOCIETY** and mail registrations to:

Viticulture Field Day at SWMREC
1791 Hillandale Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

On-line registration for credit card payment is available at <https://2019viticulturefielddays.simpletix.com/>.

Credit card payment will also be accepted at the door.

Special lodging rates are available!

Plan to stay overnight and take advantage of special lodging rates at Hilton Garden Inn (1300 Cinema Way, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, ph: 269-926-5000, website: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hilton-garden-inn>). Call the hotel and mention "Michigan Grape Society" or go on-line and enter "MGS" in the group code box when making your reservation to receive a reduced rate.

Questions? Call Renee Tinkey at 269-944-1477 x 201