

2021 TEXAS WINE & GRAPE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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Vineyard Management Sessions Tuesday, March 9, 2021

9 - 10:30 am

Temperature Responsiveness and the Cold Hardiness Mechanism in Grapevines

This USDA research program focuses on understanding the physiological and genetic aspects of climate adaptation in grapevines, particularly aspects of winter survival. Basic concepts of winter survival in grapevines, dormancy, cold hardiness, and budbreak phenology will be discussed. Early data on cold hardiness modeling efforts, designed to give farmers more tools to evaluating cultivar choices and potential impacts of future climate change will be shown

Presenter: Dr. Jason Londo, USDA

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Vineyard Fertilization Timing

Grapevine nutrition management is an important component of maintaining a healthy vineyard. Once the need to fertilize with specific nutrients has been identified, fertilization practices should address two main questions: how much to apply and when?

Presenter: Dr. Ed Hellman, Texas Tech University

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Selecting Varieties for the Unique Climate of Texas

Selecting the right varieties can be a major challenge for grape growers when establishing a vineyard as several thousand cultivars exist in the world, and over 70 are grown in Texas. However, not all varieties are suited to the unique climate of Texas. In this talk, criteria that should be considered when choosing varieties will be discussed.

Presenters: Dr. Pierre Helwi and Dr. Justin Scheiner, Texas A&M University

3 - 4:30 pm

Putting Down Roots: Lessons Learned from Planting a New Vineyard

The number of decisions you'll make when planting a new vineyard seems infinite and overwhelming. Learn about the keys to successful vineyard establishment and hear the firsthand experiences of a pair of new grape growers in the Texas Davis Mountains AVA who've just been through the process. They'll share the lessons they learned putting down roots in a high elevation vineyard on the volcanic rocks of Blue Mountain.

Panelists: Dan and Maura Sharp, Vineyard at Blue Mountain.

Moderator: Daniel Pate, Apical Texas