

2021 TEXAS WINE & GRAPE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Vineyard Management Sessions Tuesday, February 23, 2021

9 - 10:30 am

Temperature Responsiveness and the Cold Hardiness Mechanism in Grapevines

Winter injury is one of the concerns for growers in Texas. In this presentation, the newest discovery related to grapevine cold hardiness and how different varieties respond to cold temperature will be shared.

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