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Catch the WAVE at second annual research seminar

Seminar will highlight research supported by the Washington State wine industry

SEATTLE (February 24, 2017) – Registration is open for WAVE—Washington Advancements in Viticulture and Enology—a research-focused seminar designed for grape growers and winemakers. The research day, scheduled for April 19, 2017 at the Clore Center in Prosser, Washington, is sponsored by the Washington State Wine Commission and Washington State University.

The research day combines viticulture and enology presentations, lunch and a wine social hour. Viticulture topics include the latest research in vineyard nutrition, managing grapevine viruses and their vectors, understanding plant parasitic nematodes in eastern Washington, irrigating by cultivar and improving water efficiencies through a novel irrigation delivery system. Enology research topics include smoke taint in grapes and wine and impacts of grape maturity on wine color and sensory.

A condensed version of the seminar, called WAVEx, is scheduled for July 11, 2017 in Walla Walla and July 13, 2017 in Woodinville. WAVEx will focus on research but with more practical winemaking tips. Registration for WAVEx will open May 5, 2017.

The purpose of WAVE is to raise awareness about the value of research funded by the wine industry through the grape and wine assessments paid to the Washington State Wine Commission. According to feedback received from last year's sold-out inaugural event, WAVE helps growers and winemakers access and receive research information.

The WAVE seminar will start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. It will be followed by a wine social hour. Pre-registration and payment of \$15 is required. The agenda and registration details are found on the [WAVE 2017 website](#). Pesticide certification credits have been requested from the Washington State Department of Agriculture for the event.



About Washington State Wine

Washington State Wine represents every licensed winery and wine grape grower in Washington State. Guided by an appointed board, the mission of the WSW is to raise positive awareness and demand for Washington State wine through marketing and education while supporting viticulture and enology research to drive industry growth. Funded almost entirely by the industry through assessments based on grape and wine sales, the WSW is a state government agency, established by the legislature in 1987. To learn more, visit www.washingtonwine.org.

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