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UC Davis Viticulture and Enology Library Collection
Axel Borg

Shields Library, University of California, Davis is home to one of the finest collections of grape growing and wine making literature in the world. The collection is housed in the Maynard A. Amerine Viticulture & Enology Room on the third floor of Peter J. Shields Library, UC Davis. The collection gathers together materials on grape growing, grape diseases, wine making, fermentation science as well as the economic aspects of the wine industry. The primary emphasis is on the technical and scientific, historical and cultural aspects of grape growing and wine making with strong holdings in the economic and business aspects of grapes and wine. The collection is part of the Biological and Agricultural Sciences Department of Shields Library.

General Description
In physical terms, collection contains approximately 27,000 volumes representing both monographic and serial holdings.

Sustainable Winery Building to be Hub of Environmental Technology

Ground was ceremonially broken at the University of California, Davis, for the 8,000-square-foot Jess S. Jackson Sustainable Winery Building, which will enable the adjacent winery, brewery and food-processing complex to become the first self-sustainable, zero-carbon teaching and research facility in the world. The $4 million, one-story building, slated for completion in 2013, was made possible by a $3 million pledge from the late Jess Jackson and his wife, Barbara Banke, proprietor of Jackson Family Wines.

“UC Davis is a leader in sustainability in many different areas — energy, transportation, housing and work environments, and water reduction — and certainly interest in sustainable wine and food production is developing.

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Shields Library currently maintains some 140 serial subscriptions and contains over 325 serial titles, both active and inactive in the viticulture and enology subject area. The form of material in the collection ranges from books and serials, to pamphlets, to maps, to printed ephemera, to archives and personal papers. Twenty nine different languages are represented within the collection. Roughly one third of the collection is housed in the Department of Special Collections with the remainder in the Maynard A. Amerine Viticulture & Enology Room. Maps are housed with the library map collection in the Government Information Department.

The significance of the Viticulture and Enology Collection is that the collection is one of the finest of its kind. Shields Library is a member of the Research Libraries Group (RLG) and as such, has evaluated the quality of its collections and the effort that is being expended to develop the various segments of the collection. The quality of the Viticulture and Enology Collection and the effort that is going into building the collection is at the highest ranking, a level 5. Shields Library is the only library in the United States that has such a collection rated at an RLG Level 5. Shields Library collects material in viticulture and enology in all languages and at all levels of expertise, as the budget allows. The commitment on the part of the library to maintain and build a collection of this magnitude is a measure of the importance of the Department of Viticulture and Enology at UC Davis.

About Maynard A. Amerine

On September 14th, 1991 the room in Shields Library housing the grape growing and wine making collection was named in honor of Dr. Maynard Andrew Amerine, Professor Emeritus of Viticulture and Enology at the University of California, Davis.

Dr. Amerine was an acknowledged authority on both the cultural and technical aspects of grape growing and wine making. Over the last half century, he made the most singularly significant contributions of any one individual to the California wine industry. His accomplishments have been a major factor in California wines gaining their present status in the world community. Born in San Jose, California, on October 30, 1911, Dr. Amerine was raised in the San Joaquin Valley near Modesto. He completed his bachelor of science degree at the University of California, Berkeley in 1932. Prior to completion of his Ph.D. in 1935, Dr. Amerine was hired by Dr. Albert J. Winkler to work in the newly formed Department of Viticulture and Enology at UC Davis, created to give assistance to the California wine industry, which was just recovering from the restrictions of prohibition. He was appointed full professor in 1952 and was chair of the department from 1957 to 1962.

Dr. Amerine was initially engaged to explore the question of which grape varieties were best suited to the wide range of climatic conditions in California. The results of this work were published in the journal Hilgardia in 1944. Over time, the determination of grape growing regions and the adoption of recommended varieties resulted in a significant improvement in the quality of grapes grown for wine production and a corresponding improvement in the quality of California wine. Another major work, Wines: Their Sensory Evaluation, co-authored in 1976 with mathematician Edward B. Roessler, initiated the objective study of taste analysis. Dr. Amerine, a prolific scholar, had an extensive publication record which continued until just before his death, over 25 years after his retirement.

Dr. Amerine is recognized as an outstanding teacher and he has left a legacy to the state of California and the world through the hundreds of students he has trained who have become wine makers and grape growers. One of Dr. Amerine's most important contributions to the Library has been his enduring interest in the viticulture and enology collection and his dedication to its excellence. In 1972, he donated to Peter J. Shields Library his personal collection of over 3,000 books and pamphlets, many of which are rare and significant works on grape growing and wine making.

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rapidly,” said UC Davis Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi.

“This building will be used to explore new research areas, including ways to maximize water conservation in wine production and sequester carbon dioxide during fermentation,” she said. “With the technology that this building will house, we plan to produce wine with a net-zero carbon footprint and to develop models that are workable for the wine industry.”

“This new research facility fulfills a vision of sustainability that will allow UC Davis and the wine and food industries to reach a new level in conservation of water, energy and natural resources,” said Neal Van Alfen, dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. “We are very grateful to Barbara Banke and Jess Jackson for sharing this vision of sustainability and partnering with us on this new building.”

“’My family and I are committed to the advancement of sustainable winemaking, and sustainable agriculture,’ says Barbara Banke, Jackson Family Wines chairman, co-founder and proprietor.

“We are so proud that the Jess S. Jackson Sustainable Winery Building, named for my late husband and founder of Jackson Family Wines, will support research and innovation in sustainable viticulture and winemaking,” she said. “Our next generation of winemakers and environmental scientists will be better prepared to further the sustainability of our already green industry.”

The building will be located on the south side of UC Davis’ one-year-old Teaching and Research Winery and August A. Busch III Brewing and Food Science Laboratory at the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science.

It will include 10 dedicated, modular spaces that will contain equipment for various processes including high-purity filtration of rainwater that can be used for cleaning fermentors and barrels in the winery. Ninety percent of the water and chemicals from each winery cleaning cycle will be captured and processed for future use in the complex, eventually being used as many as 10 times.

In addition, the building will sequester carbon dioxide captured from all fermentations in the winery and convert it into calcium carbonate, or chalk, which will be given to a plasterboard company. The building also will produce chilled water using an icemaker powered by electricity from solar panels and will be equipped to generate hydrogen gas by electrolysis and produce nighttime energy using a hydrogen fuel cell.

One room in the new building will house the control system and data hub for the many processing systems, and two rooms will be held for future research projects and equipment trials related to any aspect of water and energy use or sustainable systems.

“The building is designed so that each of these systems can be removed and replaced with a newer model, making it an evolving test-bed and demonstration site,” said Professor Roger Boulton, a winery engineering expert and the Stephen Sinclair Scott Endowed Chair in Enology at UC Davis. He noted that the building’s control and data system will be designed to monitor and display the water, energy, carbon and chemistry footprints in real time, and manage the operation of all utilities and the building environment.

In December 2010, UC Davis’ Teaching and Research Winery became the first winery in the world to receive LEED platinum certification, the highest rating for environmental design and construction awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council. (LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.) Located in the same building, the August A. Busch III Brewing and Food Science Laboratory also became the first such facility to achieve LEED platinum certification.
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In addition to Van Alfen, UC Davis and California were represented at the signing by UC Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi and Karen Ross, secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Dijkhuizen was joined by Secretary-General Chris Buijink of the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, and Netherlands Consul General Bart van Bolhuis to represent Wageningen UR and the Netherlands.

“This partnership will bring lead scientists, businesses and government partners together to provide science-based answers, innovations and sound policy that benefit the public,” Katehi said. She stressed the need for scientists to help develop public policy.

Dijkhuizen noted that this “golden triangle” of private industry, government and university research institutions is an effective way to implement scientific technologies and innovations. The CDFA secretary and Netherlands secretary-general highlighted the need for government in this partnership. Ross stressed the agricultural production and nutrition components of the agreement, and how they will benefit the health and well-being of general consumers, while assuring a strong agricultural future in California. Buijink said that job growth, which benefits everyone, will be a critical outcome of extending the research information and technologies to business partners in food-production, agricultural and environmental industries.

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The agreement will also establish scholarly exchange programs for students and postdoctoral scholars between the two universities in order to expand knowledge of global issues and technologies related to food, agriculture and the environment. The courses and workshops will provide leadership opportunities for students and postdocs who will go on to become scientists, decision makers and leaders in businesses, government, universities and other organizations.
The formation of crystalline substances on or within raisins is an undesirable post-harvest phenomenon commonly referred to as "sugaring". The crystals are formed from natural grape sugars and acids that are a normal and essential component of all fresh and dried grapes, including non-sugared raisins. Sugaring is undesirable because the crystals impart an unattractive appearance and disagreeable texture to the raisins; however, sugared raisins have the same nutritional value and are just as safe to eat as non-sugared raisins.

Because sugaring is undesirable, raisin packers are interested in understanding the factors that contribute to sugaring so that it may be prevented. The exact cause of crystal formation remains unknown, but a series of studies by L. Peter Christensen, former UC Davis viticulture specialist emeritus, suggest that processing and post-harvest storage conditions have a pronounced influence on the likelihood of sugaring. Christensen showed that one of the most important factors affecting sugaring is raisin moisture content during storage. Raisins stored at 10% to 12% moisture showed little sign of sugaring after one year, but sugaring increased dramatically as moisture content increased beyond 12% such that after one year of storage raisins having 14%, 16%, or 18% moisture, developed crystals on 11%, 28%, or 36% of their surface, respectively. The handling and cleaning of raisins that occurs during processing also seems to increase sugaring problems, but the relative contributions of surface abrasions that may result from destemming, and the increased moisture content that results from washing, is uncertain. The storage of processed raisins under conditions of fluctuating temperature and humidity also favors sugaring. Thus, to reduce the likelihood of sugaring, unprocessed raisins should be dried 14% moisture or less, not processed until necessary, and the gentlest cleaning and processing methods possible should be used.

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Canker diseases are known to be responsible for a significant decrease in vineyard longevity and productivity and an overall reduction of profits. However, their economic impact in California’s table grape vineyards has not yet been fully measured. Canker diseases (e.g., measles, bot canker, eutypa dieback) are caused by a complex of fungal pathogens that infect grapevines soon after a vineyard is planted. However, it usually takes several years for the first symptoms to appear. As a vineyard ages and the disease becomes more severe, growers encounter a decrease in yield due to the collapse of fruit bearing spur positions, the dieback of cordons, and eventually the decline of the entire grapevine.

The loss in revenues is significantly measurable when vineyards turn 10 years old and canker diseases worsen each year reducing yields. Siebert (2001) evaluated this loss at 16% of the annual gross producer revenue in wine grape production (Fig.1), a figure that is comparable in table grape production. Conversely, table grape growers must also account for a loss in fruit marketability. Grapevines infected with ‘measles’ (a.k.a. Esca) often have blemished berries (Fig.2). Vasquez et al. (2007) reported that severity of ‘measles’ on fruit at harvest ranged from 35-55% in 25-30 year-old Thompson seedless vineyards. The fungi that cause ‘measles’ reside in wood vessels within the grapevine spurs, cordons or trunks and produce phytotoxins that are translocated to the fruits causing the appearance of necrotic spots on the skin. Another obvious symptom specific to ‘measles’ is the development of tiger-striped leaves (Fig.3) also resulting from fungal phytotoxins. The expression of the disease and its direct consequence on revenue losses fluctuates from year to year and is unfortunately not predictable. For example, in 2011, phone calls from San Joaquin Valley table grape growers regarding symptoms of measles impacting their crop were up 50% when compared to 2010. Current research points to the increase of measles symptoms resulting from high winter and spring rains, which was characteristic of 2011.

Over the past two years, we conducted a survey to evaluate the presence of canker producing pathogens in California’s table grape production areas. Our survey conducted in 2010-2011 in the Coachella Valley and Fresno County showed that 2 to 35 years old vineyards showed signs of canker diseases (e.g. dieback, decline, foliar and fruit symptoms) and that 96% of these vineyards were infected with fungi associated with measles while 65% were infected...
with bot canker fungi (Table 1). Additionally, at least 12 different fungal species were identified residing in symptomatic wood. Two fungi causing ‘measles’ were commonly found at both locations in the Coachella Valley and Fresno County (i.e., *T. minima* and *P. chlamydospora*) but each location also had pathogens unique to each growing area (Table 2). Different environmental conditions and viticulture practices in the Coachella Valley and the southern San Joaquin Valley likely influence diseases etiology. For example, some fungi are more adapted to surviving in the hot, dry environment of the Coachella Valley. Also, Coachella Valley grape growers improve chilling units by using overhead sprinkler irrigation systems during the months of November and December to induce dormancy. The use of overhead sprinklers provides ideal conditions for these fungi to spread and reproduce. Contrast the manmade environmental conditions with those found in the southern San Joaquin Valley where the pathogens spread with rainfall.

Table grapes are most vulnerable to infection during the pruning period. Fungal spores become airborne with water (rainfall, drip or sprinkler irrigation), land on pruning wounds, colonize the wood, and start degrading the wood, causing cankers. Because pruning is necessary to achieve economically viable yields and quality coupled with the fact that methods do not exist to eradicate these fungi, grapevine cankers are a persistent problem. During our preliminary survey we diagnosed an alarming number of young vineyards (under 5 years) already showing signs of canker diseases, which means the vineyards will not be profitable due to an early decline. Based on our observations the following viticulture practices could be responsible for early vineyard decline:

1) Grafting healthy plant material on to old infected trunks;
2) Grafting infected non-certified plant material onto healthy wood;
3) Replanting a new vineyard but leaving the vine stumps of the former vineyard in the ground, providing a source of disease inoculum.

**Table 1:** Incidence of canker diseases in California table grape. Results are based on 17 vineyards (Fresno= 10; Coachella= 7). Vineyard age range: 2 to 35 years old.

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**Table 2:** Percent of grapevines infected with fungi causing canker diseases in Fresno and Coachella. Results based on 87 wood samples (Fresno= 50; Coachella= 37).

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A high level of production is needed for California’s table grape growers to maintain its dominant position in the marketplace but canker diseases threaten this goal. It is critical for the industry to develop and implement a management program that supports sustainable crop productivity in order to ensure of the long-term profitability of vineyards. California researchers are working towards that goal by identifying canker causing pathogens, learning their biology and looking for management methods that will inhibit fungal infections.

Future research will focus on the following points working closely with the table grape industry:

1) Measure the economic impact of canker diseases in table grape production.

2) Survey additional vineyards to map the disease distribution in California’s table production areas.

3) Evaluate the long-term spray application of thiophanate-methyl on the reduction of disease incidence in young vineyards.

4) Evaluate the practice of grafting plant material and disease expression.

In 1951, Dr. Amerine co-authored A Check List of Books and Pamphlets on Grapes and Wine and Related Subjects with Louise B. Wheeler, a librarian at Shields Library. His most recent book was also co-authored with a librarian at Shields Library, Axel E. Borg, A bibliography on grapes, wines, other alcoholic beverages, and temperance: works published in the United States before 1901 (1996). With his vast knowledge of the literature, he has also generously continued to assist librarians responsible for the subject areas of grapes and wine.

Dr. Amerine was a distinguished scientist and scholar, a remarkable teacher, a prolific author and an accomplished bibliographer. He died on March 11, 1998.

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Local Meetings and Events

San Joaquin Valley Grape Symposium
January 4, 2012
7:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.
C.P.D.E.S Hall
172 W. Jefferson Avenue
Easton, CA
(559) 600-7285

To register on-line and pay by credit card go to:
http://ucanr.org/sjvgrapesymposium

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Managing the Small Vineyard I
January 28, 2012
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Room 180, Medical Science Building
E. Health Science Drive
Davis, CA
Section: 113VIT205

Introduction to Wine Analysis
March 10, 2012
9:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
1127 North, Robert Mondavi Institute
for Wine and Food, Old Davis Rd.
Davis, CA
Section: 113VIT208

Introduction to Wine Microbiology
March 28, 2012
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Da Vinci Building
1632 Da Vinci Ct.
Davis, CA
Section: 113VIT210

Introduction to Winery Sanitation
March 29, 2012
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
1127 North, Robert Mondavi Institute
for Wine and Food, Old Davis Rd.
Davis, CA
Section: 113VIT211

Publications from the University of California

Vineyard Pest Identification and Monitoring Cards
ANR Publication 3532
Price - $25.00 + tax and shipping

Keep your vineyard healthy by staying on top of pest activity with this pack of 50 sturdy, pocket-size laminated cards. This is the perfect quick reference to identifying and monitoring vineyard diseases and pests. Twenty-seven common insects and mites, 8 diseases, 6 beneficial insects, and a variety of other disorders, weeds, and invertebrate pests are covered in 244 photos. These 50 information-rich cards will help growers, vineyard managers, and their teams identify and manage most common problems.

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Price — $35.00 + tax and shipping

Interest in California organic wine grape production inspired this publication that provides a full-color guide with information on soil management, including soil considerations when selecting a vineyard site, developing organic soil and fertility programs and selecting cover crops. An extensive section covering weed, disease, insect, mite, and vertebrate pest management options for organic grape production is covered. The chapter on organic certification contains an overview of considerations for evaluating and selecting a certifier.

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Meeting Agenda

7:00am Registration and Refreshments

7:45 Morning Welcome

8:00 Presentation: Stephen Vasquez
Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter and Pierce’s Disease Update

8:30 Presentation: Lt. Robert Kandarian
Minimizing Agricultural Theft

9:00 Presentation: Matthew Fidelibus
Fruitfulness of DOV Raisin Cultivars

9:30 Break and Refreshments

10:00 Presentation: James Painter Phd, RD
Health and Nutrition Research Update

10:40 Presentation: Dan Barber
Marketing Activities Update

11:20 Presentation: Bill Peacock
Advancing Maturity of Raisin Cultivars Using Potassium Sprays

12:00pm Lunch with Guest Speaker – TBA

1:30 Prize Drawing (Must be present to win)

Registration Form  San Joaquin Valley Grape Symposium

Pre-register online at http://ucanr.org/sjvgrapesymposium to be entered in the Prize drawing.

Company: ____________________________

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Mail Payment and registration to:
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1720 S. Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA 93702
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Late registration for, day of meeting:
$20 per person at the door.

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Full-day conference attendees can enter drawing to win a John Deere™ Gator TS provided in cooperation with Midland Tractor of Madera, CA. Retail list price: $6999.*

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A Guide to Agritourism:

A class for Fresno region farmers and ranchers offered by UC Cooperative Extension Fresno County and the UC Small Farm Program in partnership with the Fresno County Farm Bureau and the Fresno-Clovis Convention & Visitors Bureau

Are you considering agritourism or nature tourism on your farm or ranch? Would you like to build your agritourism or nature tourism business?

This class is for you!

- Local pioneering agritourism operators will share their own experiences and will be part of a supportive network of advisors as class participants plan and start new enterprises.
- Participants will learn from experts in business planning, regulatory compliance, risk management, hospitality and cost-effective marketing, including social media.
- The hands-on, interactive activities will guide participants as they assess their own farms or ranches for agritourism potential and start their own business, risk management and marketing plans.
- Each participant will receive a free copy of the extensive handbook, “Agritourism and Nature Tourism in California”, which will be used as a text for the class.

Registration is open – Sign up today

Fresno, Madera, Merced, Tulare and Kings County farmers and ranchers are encouraged to sign up for the three-session course. Registration is now open at http://ucanr.org/agtour.fresno.11

Dates: Thursday, December 8, Wednesdays, January 25 and March 14
Times: 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each session
Location: Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 West Hedges Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728
Cost: $25 for 3-session course ($30 after December 1)
Information: Penny Leff, UC Small Farm Program, paleff@ucdavis.edu, 530-752-7779

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