



November 18 - 19, 2020

Virtual Annual Conference



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Presidents Message



Welcome to the 1st virtual meeting of the Washington State Grape Society. While we would have much rather spent these two days with you in person, we are ecstatic

to still be able to provide educational content for you. We are grateful for the support of local companies, that would normally join us in the trade show area, for their virtual presence and their continued financial contributions that make this event possible every year.

Looking back, 2020 was a challenging year for farming even without COVID-19. Cool weather lingered in the spring, which quickly dried out bringing over 14 days of temperatures in the triple digits. With killer hornets being found in Washington lingering on the backs of people's minds, the real concern was the potential for smoke taint just as the momentum of harvest was getting underway. Smoke blocking the sun slowed ripening delaying harvest as winemakers and juice processors waited for out of balanced grape chemistries to level out. The wait for winemakers to finish micro-ferments increased the presence of rot in white varieties, but luckily the overall low tonnage crop allowed most growers to finish harvest before the weather turned bitter cold.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I want to thank you for spending the next two afternoons with us. Your opinion(s) are always a valued outcome of this meeting. Please fill out the survey using the link provided during the conference.

Thanks,

Catherine Jones



PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 18th, 2020

(2:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

Session Sponsored by:



2:00-2:05 p.m. Welcome and Introduction

2:05-2:25 p.m. WSGS Business Meeting and Scholarship Recognition Ceremony

2:25-3:10 p.m. Soil Health Concepts, how to Adapt to Different Systems and Soils, Deirdre Griffin LaHue, WSU

3:10-4:00 p.m. Organic Weed Management in the Vineyard, Lynn Sosnoskie, Cornell

Thursday, November 19th, 2020

(2:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

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2:00-2:05 p.m. Welcome and Introduction

2:05-2:25 p.m. State of the Grapes, Trent Ball, YVC

2:25-3:15 p.m. Thrips, Flea Beetles and Cutworms. Pest Management for Insects We Don't Always Spray For, Doug Walsh, WSU

3:15-4:00 p.m. Myth Busting- Reducing Smoke Taint in the Vineyard, Tom Collins, WSU

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