



Viticulture Forums- Return to Terroir Series

Part 2: The Climate of Mendocino County

March 4, 2011

Location: [Campovida](#), Hopland CA.

12:00 to 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 to 1:05 pm	Opening Remarks and MWWC Welcome by Glenn McGourty, UCCE Mendocino County and Committee Chair of MWWC, Rich Schaefer of Beckstoffer Vineyards
1:05 to 2:00 pm	<p>The Climate(s) of Mendocino County & the Klamath Bioregion: Year to year weather variations begin far away and are affected by El Nino/ La Nina weather patterns at the equator and the Pacific Decadal Oscillation near the arctic pole. This session will explore Mendocino County as a transitional area between Mediterranean California and the more temperate Pacific Northwest; and how numerous microclimates are created by the hilly terrain and distance from the ocean.</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Gregory Jones, Professor of Environmental Studies, Southern Oregon University. Dr. Jones is one of the foremost climatologists working with viticulture in the world. Learn more about Dr. Gregory Jones. His family also grows excellent wine in the Umpqua Valley of Oregon at Abacela Cellars.</p>
2:00 to 2:30	<p>Severe Weather Events: Frost and heat are two special challenges for winegrowing in Mendocino County. This session will cover new techniques to help deal with these challenges.</p> <p>Presenter: Glenn McGourty, UCCE Mendocino and Lake Counties</p>
2:30 to 3:00 pm	<p>The Hydrology of the Russian River Valley: Ever wonder how water in the Upper Russian River Valley effects grape growing? In this session David Lewis will discuss rain fall patterns and how the flow of the Russian River watershed affects your vineyards.</p> <p>Presenter: David Lewis, UCCE Marin County, Watershed specialist</p>
3:00 to 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 to 3:30 pm	<p>The Hydrology of the Anderson Valley: This session is a continuation of Hydrology and will look at the Anderson Valley region in regards to its rain fall patterns and flow of the Navarro River watershed and it's affects on grape growing.</p> <p>Presenter: Zac Robinson, Proprietor, Husch Vineyards, Philo, California</p>
3:30 to 4:00 pm	<p>Choosing the Right Variety for The Right Climate: Mendocino County has numerous varieties that make excellent wine. Arriving at the right planting decisions using various temperature summations and other data will be discussed.</p> <p>Presenter: Glenn McGourty, UCCE Mendocino and Lake Counties</p>
4:00 to 5:00 pm	Sample and discuss examples of climate affects on wine varieties