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## HARVEST PREPARATIONS, TAILGATE REMINDER AND SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL WORKSHOP

**Harvest Preparations.** Can it already be nearly time to harvest? Are you ready? Are you *really* ready? Do you growers have your harvest preparations well underway? Mechanical harvesters should already have been given a trial run to be sure all necessary parts are ready and working (no missing bow-rods, other parts?) If not using machine harvesting, are your picking crew members all lined up? Is netting in place? Remember those vertebrate critters, especially birds, seem to think that the grape berries are ready to eat even though your Brix, pH and/or TA readings might suggest that they aren't yet ready to harvest.

**Pesticides.** Are you ready to deal with Japanese beetles and Multi-Colored Asian Lady Beetles (MALB) if they show up? I am hoping that the late planting of soybeans this year will mean that the MALB pressure will be reduced, compared with previous years. Do you need to apply bunch rot (*Botrytis*) preventive sprays? There should be little need for treatment if all early sprays were performed at the right times, but be ready to treat if necessary. Based upon Megan Hall's work at Cornell (she's now at the University of Missouri), Sour Rot can be partially controlled by avoiding physical damage to the berries and by use of insecticides to reduce infestation by fruit flies (*Drosophila* spp.); her work indicates that fruit flies may exacerbate the situation. Remember to only use those chemical materials that are approved for

grapes (always read the label, the label's the law) and be careful to abide by the PHI (pre-harvest interval) for each chemical. Also be sure to protect your workers by following appropriate REI (re-entry intervals) guidelines.

**Tailgate Reminder.** Our next University of Nebraska Viticulture Program will take place on this Wednesday, August 7 at 4pm at Cellar 426 Winery near Ashland, Nebraska. Cellar 426 is easy to find, just exit Interstate 80 at Exit 426 (hence the name Cellar 426!) and proceed north to 1402 Dennis Dean Road. We will be enjoying interactions with the Hilske family, UNVP specialists and your fellow grape and wine enthusiasts, with discussions of pre-harvest topics, crop yield estimation, diseases, herbicide drift and other stresses, along with enjoying the beautiful views, award-winning wines and all else that Cellar 426 has to offer. See you at Cellar 426!

**Save the Date!** The University of Nebraska Viticulture Program's Fall Workshop will take place in Lincoln, Nebraska on Saturday, October 19, 2019. An exciting educational and informative program is being planned, with topics important to the Nebraska and Midwest grape and wine industry. Program details will be forthcoming soon and will be announced in the Nebraska VineLines and the UNVP web site <http://viticulture.unl.edu> You won't want to miss what promises to be an outstanding program, so SAVE THE DATE, October 19, 2019.

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**Reminder Calendar:**

**August 7, 2019** Tailgate IV Location: Cellar 426 Winery, Ashland, Nebraska, <https://cellar426.com>

**August 15-16, 2019**, North American Grape Breeders Conference – [Missouri State University](#), Mountain Grove, MO. Details later.

**August 15, 2019** the 2019 International Cold Climate Wine Competition. Info and registration at <https://www.mngrapes.org/event/ICCWC> .

**Tailgate V** is tentatively set for a date in August to see the results (harvest) of the High Tunnel Table Grape project on the UNL campus. The date will be announced when we have a better idea of likely harvest timing. Again watch the UNVP website and the Nebraska Vinelines for further information.

**October 19, 2019** University of Nebraska Viticulture Program Fall Workshop, SAVE THE DATE

**2020 Events**

**July 12-17, 2020**, International Cool Climate Wine Symposium - CCOVI at Brock University – St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. Details: <http://iccws2020.ca/>

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