Drought, Rootstocks and Dry Farming Wine Grapes

Friday
August 7, 2015
5:30 - 8 pm

Triple B Ranches
15030 Vesper Road
Valley Center, CA 92082

AGENDA
5:30 — Light Dinner
6:00 — Welcome — Victor Edwards, president RVWA

■ Dave Runsten, Policy Director, CAFF
  “What We Have Learned About Dry Farming Wine Grapes”
  with a discussion of materials and websites that CAFF
  manages on wine grapes as resources.

■ Prof. Andy Walker, Dept. of Viticulture and Enology, UC Davis
  “Using and Breeding Drought Tolerant Grape Rootstocks”

■ Chris Broomell, Triple B Ranches, Vesper Vineyards
  “Establishing Dry Farmed Vineyards in San Diego”

■ Prof. Andy Walker, Dept. of Viticulture and Enology, UC Davis
  “Progress in Developing PD Resistant Winegrapes —
  Tasting Small Scale Wines”

Space is limited! This no-cost, sponsored workshop requires an RSVP to attend:
info@ramonavalleywineries.org
**David Runsten, Policy Director, Community Alliance with Family Farmers**

Dave Runsten is an agricultural economist who has conducted research on the competitiveness of CA agriculture, manages the CA Agricultural Water Stewardship initiative, and participates in the CA Roundtable on Water and Food Supply. Runsten directs all of CAFF’s policy work as well as the food safety and water stewardship outreach. Runsten is an agricultural economist who conducted research on such topics as contract agriculture in Mexico, fair trade coffee in Oaxaca, regional competitiveness of the produce industry, living wages in Los Angeles, and farm labor in California.

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**Professor Andy Walker, UC Davis Dept. of Viticulture and Enology**

Dr. Walker’s research interests are in development of grape rootstocks with resistance to soil-borne pests and development of new disease resistant fruiting cultivars. Current research projects include: development of rapid screens for resistance; determining the inheritance of and mapping resistance to grape pests and pathogens; characterizing the genetic diversity of grape pests; studying the taxonomy and evolution of grape.

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**Chris Broomell, Winemaker at Triple B Ranches, Winemaker and Coowner with his wife, Alysha Stehly, of Vesper Vineyards**

Chris Broomell is the winemaker for his family's Triple B Ranches winery in Valley Center, in addition to his own Vesper Vineyards winery in San Diego. Broomell is one of the new wave of progressive California winemakers singled out in Jon Bonné’s book “New California Wine.” Broomell grew up in the San Diego area in a family that has been farming the area since the 1940s. He began to make wine from local San Diego vineyards starting in 2008. Broomell has tested dry-farming techniques; despite record-low rainfall, he’s growing some vines with no irrigation whatsoever. And he’s experimenting with new varieties, such as the light-skinned vermentino grape, which hails from the ultra-dry island of Sardinia.