



# finger lakes vineyard update

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## NY Grapes & Wine Classifieds Site “Reboot”

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*Ads posted before April 8, 2013 will need to be submitted again*

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If you looked at the NY Grapes & Wine Classifieds site a week or two ago, you probably noticed a bunch of listings that, let’s just say, had *nothing* to do with grapes or wine. The site was getting overrun by spam ads, making it difficult for people to weed through and find what they were looking for - and making it kind of embarrassing for us as well.

We have worked with our IT guru in Ithaca to fix this and we think that we have made it at least harder for spam ads to show up on the site. In order to do this, however, we basically had to move the site to a different server and start over again from scratch. As a result, all of the ads that had been running on the old site were deleted. So if you had posted something on the site sometime in the past four weeks, you should come back to the site and post it again.

The system that we use has not changed at all, so the process for posting an ad is still the same. We will continue to monitor the site to make sure that it remains easy to use and (relatively) free of “unrelated” posts. As always, if you have comments about the site or need any help with it, give us a shout. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we worked to get the system updated, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



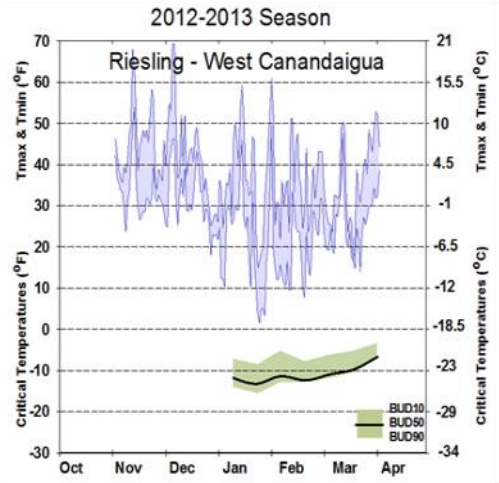
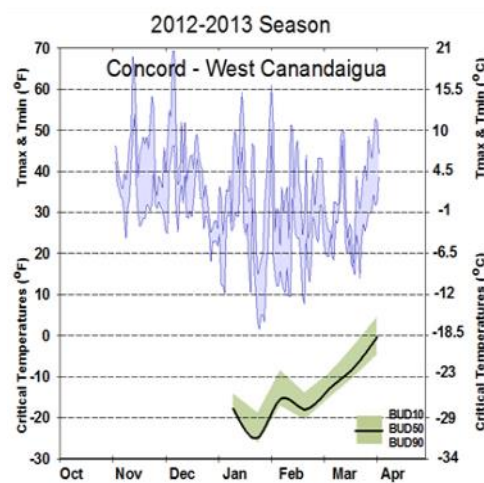
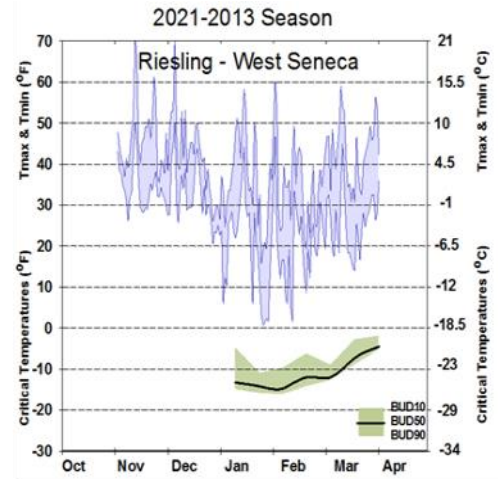
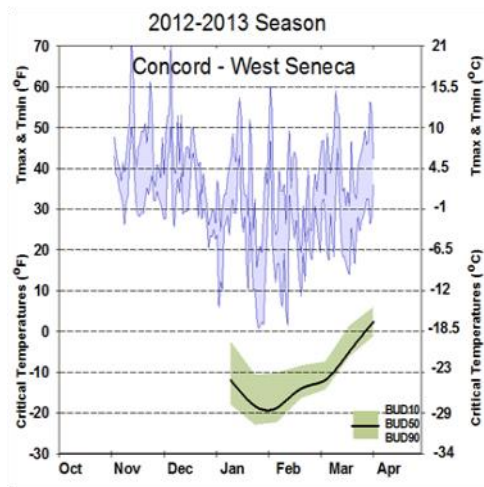
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## Bud Hardiness Project—Nearing the End for 2012-13

*Hans Walter-Peterson*

The most recent samples for our annual bud hardiness monitoring were collected last Monday, April 1. As we expect, the vines are emerging from their dormant state and hardiness for all of the varieties that we monitor is decreasing (i.e., the LT50 value is rising) as we head towards budbreak.

One of the things that I have found most interesting from this project is seeing how rapidly hardiness levels change as the vines start to deacclimate before budbreak.



We have seen that native varieties like Concord and Niagara have a much more rapid deacclimation process than some of our vinifera varieties like Riesling, and that this pattern happens regardless of what the weather conditions are like. You can see how steep the graph of the LT values is for Concord compared to that for Riesling.

Because it is deacclimating more quickly, the LT50 value for Concord is actually higher than those for Riesling and Cabernet Franc at this point in the season.

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### Bud Hardiness Project—Nearing the End for 2012-13 (cont.)

We saw the same pattern last year when we had such warm weather in mid-March as we're seeing this year under very different early spring conditions, so there seems to be some sort of genetic mechanism that is regulating this process. One of our USDA colleagues, Jason Londo, is working on trying to understand how these kinds of processes in the vines that influence the ability to survive in colder climates are genetically regulated.

Our final sample collection for this winter will be next Monday, April 15. In addition to reporting the final LT50 results from those samples, we are also going to try to collect some data on bud mortality for each of our varieties. Based on the hardiness levels we have measured this year, I don't expect we will see much at all. [Bud mortality results from our friends over in Ontario](#) shown low levels of damage in varieties like Chardonnay, Riesling and Cabernet Franc.

You can find updated information on the results for each of the varieties and locations that we are monitoring this year at <http://grapesandwine.cals.cornell.edu/cals/grapesandwine/outreach/viticulture/weather.cfm>.

### Finger Lakes GIS Vineyard Mapping Project Continues

*Mike Colizzi*

Many of you have met with various people from the Grape Program over the past several years to help us with our GIS vineyard mapping project. While we have most of the vineyard acreage included, we are still working on getting others that we haven't gotten around to yet.

Toward that end, I'm happy to announce that we have a new person working on the project. Casey McManus started working with us last month. Casey previously worked with Cayuga County's Soil & Water District office where she did some work with GIS mapping, so we're pleased to have somebody who can pick right up with this project right away and run with it. She has already visited several growers since she started, and is looking for more to incorporate into our map.

If you have not been involved in our mapping project so far, or have made some changes to your vineyard recently, we would like to include you (we are just focusing on vineyards in Ontario, Yates, Steuben, Seneca and Schuyler counties for now. We may expand the boundaries further in the future). If you would like to make an appointment with Casey, please call our office at 315-536-5134 or email Mike Colizzi at [mac252@cornell.edu](mailto:mac252@cornell.edu).

After we incorporate your data into the map, we will be happy to create a printout of your mapped vineyard for you. Growers who are enrolled in the FLGP in 2013 can request one laminated copy of their vineyard map for free. Growers who are not enrolled in the Grape Program will be charged \$20 for a printed copy of their vineyard map. There is no charge, regardless of enrollment status, to have Casey come and enter your vineyard information with you.

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## 2013 Vineyard Tailgate Meetings

*Hans Walter-Peterson*

Last year, the FLGP hosted a series of small, informal “tailgate” meetings at farms around the Finger Lakes. These meetings were held late in the afternoon, and focused on topics and questions that were pertinent to the place and time of the season that the meetings were held. They are intended to be informal get-togethers for growers to discuss what’s going on in the field and to ask questions of us and of each other. We had some great discussions last year, and almost everyone we asked said that they were valuable meetings and wanted to see us continue them this year.

So who are we to argue? We have scheduled nine Vineyard Tailgate meetings for the coming growing season, starting at the end of this month and running through the beginning of harvest. The meetings are held every other Tuesday afternoon, starting at 5:00 PM and usually ending around 6:30 PM. During the day before each meeting, Mike and I visit a few growers and vineyards near the meeting location to get a sense of what has been happening in the area, and give us some ideas about some potential topics for the meeting later that day. There is no need to register ahead of time - just show up when you can, and leave when you have to.

We also just learned this week that we will be able to offer New York pesticide recertification credits for each Tailgate meeting this year. Each meeting has been approved for 0.75 credits in categories 1a, 10 and 22. As with our other meetings where credits are offered, you need to sign the roster before the meeting begins and stay until the end in order to get your certificate.

Here are the dates and locations for this year’s meetings:

Date	Address
April 30	Morse Farm, 4170 Vine Road, Penn Yan NY 14527
May 14	Sawmill Creek Vineyards, 5587 State Route 414, Hector NY 14841
May 28	Hicks Farm, 5301 Seneca Point Road, Canandaigua, NY 14424
June 11	Hosmer Vineyards, 6999 Route 89, Ovid NY 14521
June 25	Dr. Konstantin Frank’s Wine Cellars, 9749 Middle Road, Hammondsport NY 14840
July 9	Hermann J. Wiemer Winery, 3962 State Route 14, Dundee NY 14837
July 23	Vine Country Farms (Roy & Gordon Taft), 8531 County Rd 79, Prattsburgh NY 14873
August 6	Atwater Vineyards, 5055 Route 414, Hector NY 14841
August 20	Goose Watch Winery, 5480 Route 89, Romulus NY 14541



We include a brief summary of each meeting in the next day’s Vineyard Update, so you can still get an idea of what was we talked about even if you can’t make it there in person.

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 30 at Bob Morse’s farm on Vine Road out on the Keuka Lake bluff, beginning at 5:00 PM. We hope to see many of you at one or more of our Tailgate meetings this year.

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## 2013 Spring Grape Pest Management Meeting

**Thursday, May 16, 2013      4:00 - 6:20 PM**

**Clearview Farms**

**4150 Stever Hill Road**

**Branchport NY**

Whether we're ready for it or not, spring is approaching (although we're more ready than we were a year ago), bringing with it all of the vineyard work that is associated with it. But in between the post pounding, dehillling, vine tying, and weed spraying, make sure to also make time to come to the annual Spring Grape Pest Management Meeting on Thursday, May 16 at the Tones family's Clearview Farms in Branchport.

This meeting is intended to give growers quick but thorough updates on important pest management issues including new materials, new sprayer technology and application techniques, important updates on relevant research projects and more. The meeting will feature familiar faces including Andrew Landers, Wayne Wilcox and Greg Loeb, as well as Robin Bellinder who will cover some important weed management information. Our other speaker at this year's meeting will be Marc Fuchs, our virologist from the Experiment Station in Geneva, who will talk about a new viral disease recently found in grapes called 'Red Blotch'.

Following the meeting, be sure to stick around for the BBQ dinner and social time with your fellow growers.

We need everyone to pre-register for the meeting so that we can know how much food we will need for dinner. Please contact Karen Gavette at our office at 315-536-5134 or by email at [kag255@cornell.edu](mailto:kag255@cornell.edu) to register no later than Monday, May 13. There is no cost for the meeting for those enrolled in the FLGP, but there is a \$10/person fee for those who are not enrolled in the Grape Program. We anticipate that pesticide recertification credits will be available for the meeting. If you want to receive credits, please provide your pesticide applicator ID number to Karen when you register.

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Got some grapes to sell? Looking to buy some equipment or bulk wine? List your ad on the [NY Grape & Wine Classifieds website](#) today!

Become a fan of the [Finger Lakes Grape Program on Facebook](#), or follow us on [Twitter \(@cceflgp\)](#). Also check out our website, "The Grape Lakes – Viticulture in the Finger Lakes" at <http://flg.cce.cornell.edu>.

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