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What: ISU Extension Vineyard Harvest Workshop

When: 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM, Wednesday, August 20, 2008 (Rain or Shine)

Where: Santa Maria Vineyard, Willey, Iowa (just east of the Catholic Church)
(Willey is located approximately 5 miles south of Carroll on County Road N33)

Cost: \$15 each

Pre-registration requested: Contact Dennis Molitor: dennis10@iastate.edu or 712-792-2364
prior to noon Tuesday, August 19th at the Carroll County ISU Extension office:
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/carroll/>

- Agenda:**
- 5:30 PM Registration and **light meal by Carroll County Extension**
 - 6:00 PM Welcome – Introductions - Updates
 - 6:10 PM Preparations for Grape Harvest – Mike White, ISU Extension Viticulture
Yield Estimates Specialist
Proper Berry Sampling Methods
Brix and pH
What to do about MALB – Multicolored Asian Lady Beetles?
 - 7:30 PM Break
 - 8:15 PM Intro to ISU Wine Lab – Dr. Sebastian Donner, ISU Wine Lab Supervisor
How to prepare and send in samples
How to test for Total Acidity (TA)
 - 9:00 PM Adjourn

Note: Preparing for grape harvest and timing of the harvest is key to providing quality grapes to the winery. Quality grapes will bring quality prices. Attendees to this workshop will be shown how to properly sample their vineyard to make accurate yield estimates and how to determine the Brix, pH and Total Acidity (TA) levels of their grapes. Sebastian Donner will identify and discuss the services available through the ISU Wine Analysis lab.

There are currently 69 state licensed wineries and 394+ vineyards covering over 900+ acres in Iowa today. This industry has grown dramatically since 2000. Iowa now ranks #14 in the nation for the number of wineries and #23 for wine production. Carroll County now has 2 wineries and 7 commercial winegrape vineyards.

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