

# 2023 PA Wine and Grape Industry Conference

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## Wednesday, March 1 - Morning Session

- 7:45 Registration**
- 8:30 Welcome / Opening Remarks**  
Mario Mazza, Chairman, PWMRP Board Chairman, General Manager and Vice President,  
Mazza Vineyards
- 8:45 Enology Research Updates from PWMRP Supported Projects**  
*Results from a Pennsylvania Winery Survey: Evaluating Wine Quality Parameters, Production and Analysis-Related concerns*  
Misha Kwasniewski, Assistant Research Professor, Penn State University
- Using Non-Saccharomyces Yeast to Lower Ethanol Levels in Wines*  
Presented by Lisa Tin, MS Student, Penn State University Department of Food Science
- Changes in Wine Use and Consumption During the COVID 19 Pandemic*  
Bridget Reed, Graduate Research Assistant, Penn State University Department of Food Science
- 9:30 Growers Panel – Mechanical Grape Harvesters – New Perspectives**  
*Moderated by Cain Hickey, Viticulture Extension Educator, Penn State University*
- Randy Rice, Co-Owner, Mountain View Vineyard  
Zach Waltz, Vineyard Manager, Waltz Vineyards and Winery  
Chuck Zaleski, Co-owner and Winemaker, Fero Vineyards and Winery  
Karl Zimmerman, Co-Owner, Shade Mountain Vineyards and Winery  
Bill Semelka, Co-Owner and Vineyard Manager, Semelka Vineyards, LLC
- 10:30 Break**
- 10:45 Wine Filtration Update: Avoiding Nightmare Filtrations**  
*Maria Peterson, Filtration Specialist, Scott Laboratories*
- 11:15 Non-Saccharomyces Yeasts: Applications in Winemaking**  
*Molly Kelly, Enology Extension Educator, Penn State University*
- 11:45 Open discussion from morning talks**
- 12:00 Lunch**

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## Wednesday, March 1 - Afternoon Session

**1:15 Growers Panel – Bird deterrence and control measures**

*Moderated by Cain Hickey, Viticulture Extension Educator, Penn State University*

Jim Quarella, Co-Owner, Bellview Winery  
Zach Waltz  
Greg Winslow, Co-Owner, Winslow Winery  
Karl Zimmerman

**2:15 Winemaker Panel and Tasting: Non-Saccharomyces Yeasts: Impact on Wine Sensory Profile in 2022 Vintage**

*Moderated by Molly Kelly*

Randy Rice  
Matt Falenski, Laurel Highlands Meadery  
Chuck Zaleski  
Bob Green, Winemaker, Presque Isle Wine Cellars  
Jake Gruver, Co-Owner and Winemaker, Armstrong Valley Vineyard and Winery

**3:15 Open discussion on afternoon talks**

**4:00 Conclusion**

**5:00 Reception at Happy Valley Vineyard and Winery**

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## Thursday, March 2 - Morning Session

- 8:30 Viticulture Research Updates from PWMRP Supported Projects**  
*Grapevine Growth Stage Dynamics Across the Commonwealth*  
Michela Centinari, Associate Professor of Viticulture, Penn State University
- Herbicide Drift (current) and Fruit Maturation Reporting System (future)*  
Cain Hickey, Viticulture Extension Educator, Penn State University
- 9:15 Pennsylvania Winery Association (PWA) Update**  
Ed Lazzarini, Co-owner and Winemaker, Vox Vineti Vineyards and PWA Board Member
- 9:30 Good, Fair, and Questionable Chemistries for Grape Fungal Diseases**  
Mizuho Nita, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist for Grape Disease Management, Virginia Tech University
- 10:00 Current and Developing Approaches for Effective Season-long Weed Management in New and Mature Vineyards**  
Lynn Sosnoskie, Assistant Professor of Weed Ecology and Management for Specialty Crops
- 10:30 Break**
- 10:45 Integrated Pest Management Session**
- Spotted Lanternfly Session**
- Spotted Lanternfly Management**  
Flor Acevedo, Assistant Professor of Entomology, Penn State University
- Economic Impact of Spotted Lanternfly on Vineyards and Wineries**  
Kathy Kelley, Professor of Horticultural Marketing and Business Management, Penn State University
- Grower Panel**  
Darrin Scott, Winemaker, Folino Estate Winery  
Davide Creato, Vineyard Manager and Winemaker, Penns Woods Winery
- 11:45 Open discussion on morning talks**
- Noon Lunch**

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## **Thursday, March 2 - Afternoon Session**

- 1:15**     **Scott Zoccolillo, Wine Director at Del Frisco's Restaurant Group**
- 2:00**     **Grower Panel and Tasting – Niche Cultivars: For the Eastern US: Vineyard and Winery**
- Dave Collins, Co-Owner and Winemaker, Big Cork Vineyards: SK-77  
Mike Heny, Winemaker, Michael Shaps: Petit Manseng  
Justin Rose, Winemaker, Rosemont Vineyards and Winery: Chardone1  
Jim Quarella: San Marco  
Zach Wilson, Co-Owner and Winemaker, Wayvine Vineyard and Winery: Carmine  
Chuck Zaleski: Saperavi  
Karl Zimmerman: NY-81
- 4:00**     **Conclusion**