

Mendocino College Agriculture Department

Introduction to Viticulture & Winegrowing for Mendocino and Lake Counties

Fall 2015 Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:50 pm 26 August 2015 through 16 December

AGR 111, Sect 0262, 3 units

This introductory viticulture course covers sustainable winegrowing practices for North Coast vineyards. Topics we will include: winegrape quality & harvest parameters, pruning, vineyard development (soils, spacing, trellis & training), cultivars & rootstocks, climate and common pests and diseases.

We will also touch on: grapevine phenology and anatomy, history of California grape growing, West Coast wine regions, US and world winegrape distribution, and North Coast vineyard costs and returns.

The viticulture instructor is Paul Zellman: 25+ years of vineyard, winery and agricultural experience. Academic - BS Viticulture UC Davis, MS Soil Science UC Riverside. Paul speaks Spanish fluently.

For more course information, please contact either Jim Xerogeanes 707.468.3218 or Paul at 707.621.2668 / paul@paulzellman.com



**BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!**

Spring semester 2016, a second viticulture course will provide both classroom and hands-on experience that links with the lessons of the Fall 2015 course.

Sustainable winegrowing practices covered are: pruning, frost protection, canopy management, grapevine water requirements &

irrigation management, vine nutrition, soils, cover crops and weed control, integrated pest management, vineyard development, vine balance and winegrape quality. The three hour lab section will be in-the-field with sessions at the MC vineyard and field trips to nearby vineyards and wineries.

