



3rd Annual Vineyard Soil Health Symposium

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Agenda

- 9:00 Welcome and Introduction
- 9:10 Vineyard Floor Management: An Effective Tool in Managing Vine Vigor in Oregon's Willamette Valley
Dr. Patty Skinkis – Professor & Viticulture Extension Specialist, Oregon State University
- 10:00 MacLeod Vineyard Demonstration Tillage Trial – Data, Results, and Insights
Keith Abeles – Sonoma RCD
Dr. Josh Beniston – Santa Rosa Junior College
Dr. Mark Greenspan – Advanced Viticulture
- 10:40 Break
- 10:45 Soil Health Legislation Update – State/Federal Programs and Funding
Renata Brillinger, California Climate & Agriculture Network (CalCAN)
- 10:55 Consultant Panel Q & A
Dr. Mark Greenspan – Advanced Viticulture
Glenn McGourty – UC Cooperative Extension, Mendocino/Lake County
Bryan Rahn – Coastal Viticultural Consultants, Inc.
Dr. Patty Skinkis – Oregon State University
- 11:35 Concluding Remarks
- 11:40 Adjourn

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Presenter Biographies

Dr. Patty Skinkis is a Professor and Viticulture Extension Specialist at Oregon State University. She has a BS in Horticulture from University of Wisconsin-River Falls and a PhD in Horticulture from Purdue University. Dr. Skinkis joined Oregon State University in 2007 where she leads the statewide viticulture extension program, conducts applied viticulture research, and teaches upper division viticulture courses.

Dr. Josh Beniston teaches soil science and coordinates the sustainable agriculture education program at the Santa Rosa Junior College. He has a PhD in Soil Science from Ohio State University where he conducted research on soil carbon at the Carbon Management and Sequestration Center. Prior to SRJC, he was a research scientist at the USDA Agricultural Research Service. Dr. Beniston has supported soil health research and education projects throughout Sonoma County and has surveyed soils for vineyard development and management with VinSense LLC.

Dr. Mark Greenspan is a viticulturist who founded Advanced Viticulture 15 years ago, a growing business based in Windsor. His company delivers multifaceted vineyard consulting with emphasis on water and nutrient management, provides vineyard technologies and automation, and is a full-service vineyard management and development company for high-end operations. Dr. Greenspan has a MS in Viticulture and a PhD in Agricultural Engineering, both from UC Davis.

Keith Abeles is the Soil and Water Specialist at Sonoma RCD, where he has worked since 2014. He was previously an owner and co-manager of Quetzal Farm, a 10-acre organic vegetable farm in Santa Rosa. Before that, he served as the north coast representative for the Community Alliance with Family Farmers. His greatest work interest is achieving environmental benefits in productive agricultural settings.

Renata Brillinger is the co-founder and Executive Director of the California Climate and Agriculture Network (CalCAN). CalCAN is a statewide coalition that advances state and federal policy to bring farmer and rancher voices into the climate policy arena, advocating for research, incentives and technical assistance for growers to implement practices with climate benefits.

Glenn McGourty is the Winegrowing and Plant Science Advisor for the University of California Cooperative Extension Offices in Lake and Mendocino County. He received an AB degree in Botany from Humboldt State University in 1974. He received an MS degree in Plant Soil and Water Science from the University of Nevada Reno in 1979. Glenn joined UC Cooperative Extension in 1987, and works with wine grape growers, wineries, nurseries, landscapers and vegetable growers.

Bryan Rahn has been a Certified Professional Soil Scientist and Agronomist and a Certified Crop Advisor for over 30 years. Mr. Rahn founded Coastal Viticultural Consultants, Inc. (CVC) in 1997 and provides agricultural consulting for thousands of acres of premium vineyards throughout California, Oregon, and internationally. He is an industry leader in soil mapping, grape and wine quality enhancement, vineyard irrigation, winegrape nutrition and vineyard design.