Current issues in Vineyard Health

Current issues in Vineyard Health is taught by guest instructors chosen for their involvement in developing solutions to the problems of grape pests and diseases. The goal of these lectures is to provide up-to-date management information on selected topics.

Dr. Andy Walker, Department of Viticulture and Enology, UC Davis will talk about his breeding program which is aimed at producing new varieties of grapes which can resist bacterial infections in his talk "Coming soon – Pierce’s Disease resistant wine grapes ". Mark Battany, Viticulture/Soils Farm Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension, San Luis Obispo County, will describe the problems seen in many central coast Syrah vineyards and his research designed to understand the underlying cause of the problem in the talk titled ‘Central Coast Syrah disorder update’. David Haviland, Entomology Farm Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension, Kern County, has been working on control of the destructive vine mealybug in both grapevine nurseries and vineyards; he will share his expertise in “The ongoing saga of vine mealybug in California- where have we been and where are we headed?”

After lunch, Mike McKenry, Cooperative Extension Specialist, Kearney Ag Center, UC Riverside will talk about "Nematicide delivery via resistant rootstocks", sharing some of his data on the performance of the rootstocks he has developed. Rhonda Smith, Viticulture Farm Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension Sonoma County, will share expertise with the control of some of the most important and potentially damaging grapevine diseases “Preventing fungal diseases of the vineyard”. Our last talk will be from course organizer Dr. Deborah Golino, Cooperative Extension Specialist, Department of Plant Pathology, UC Davis, who will introduce the technology used to test for grapevine virus diseases and talk about its application to management issue in her talk “Grapevine virus testing – don’t try this at home.”

- 1 meeting
- November 29: Wednesday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
- UC Davis: DA VINCI BUILDING
- PCA units applied for
- $XXX includes lunch and course materials. Enroll in section # XXXXX