SERIES INFORMATION

This comprehensive four-session viticulture and enology program will include topics in vineyard establishment and management, grape and wine chemistry, and basic wine processing. The individual courses are designed to help growers with little or no previous grape-growing experience. Each session will provide seasonal skills needed to operate and manage a vineyard, and basic wine-making techniques. Hands-on experience in a vineyard, laboratory, and winery will be included.

INSTRUCTOR

John McCann is the co-owner and winemaker at North Branch Vineyards in Montpelier, VT. John holds engineering degrees from both Vermont Tech (1992) and the University of Vermont (1998). After graduating from UVM, John moved to Santa Maria, CA, and developed his passion in viticulture and enology living among vineyards and wineries. He returned to Vermont in 2004, and in 2007 he established North Branch Vineyards, a small winery that lies beside the North Branch in Montpelier. The winery produces unique wines using locally and regionally grown grapes.

REGISTRATION

To register for the course please contact Melissa Neilson, Student Resource Advisor, at mneilson@vtc.edu or 802.728.1677, or visit the website at www.vtc.edu/agricultureinstitute.

REQUIRED TEXT


SPRING COURSE: VINEYARD OPERATIONS
April 15-17, 2014 | Cost: $250
This course will include site selection, varietal selection, site preparation, planting, trellis construction, winter pruning, weed control, and cover cropping.

SUMMER COURSE: GRAPE PESTS, DISEASES, AND VINEYARD CANOPY
June 3-5, 2014 | Cost: $250
This course will cover pest and disease control, integrated pest management, and canopy management by cluster and shoot thinning.

FALL COURSE: GRAPE SCIENCE
October 14-16, 2014 | Cost: $250
This course will cover grape chemistry, harvesting, and basic wine processing.

WINTER COURSE: WINE SCIENCE
January 6-8, 2015 | Cost: $250
This course will cover basic wine chemistry, nutrition, stability, and analysis.

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