

PA Wine Grape Growers Meeting

WHEN: December 11, 2018

WHERE: Shade Mountain Winery, 16140 Route 140, Middleburg, PA 17842

TIME: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Over the past few years we have been hearing from various grape growers for the need to meet as a group for various reasons. Foremost to network with each other. Even though there have been a few growers around for 30 plus years, there have been a few more vineyards planted in the past few years.

As we all know, the wine industry has had some good growth in Pennsylvania over the past 10 years, more than doubling, maybe even tripling, in number of licensed wineries. This is creating a need for more wine grapes. Wine grape growing is very different from wine making. However, as we all know, the best wines start in the vineyards....

In the past we had Penn State Extension staff people to assist us in our efforts, but more recently the focus has been on wine making. While we continue to make our voices heard for the need in this area, there are other ways we can work together to help each other improve our production in the vineyards.

Thus, the purpose of this meeting....

Open discussion on the 2018 grape growing season - *is this the new normal?*

- Grower round table - Given the rainy season, what worked and what did not?

Grower need for educational programming in managing insects, fungal diseases, and weed management.

- Grower/grass roots educational opportunities - Grape Field Days Hosted by Growers

Do Grape growers need a VOICE in the industry independent of and in concert with PWA?

- The need for Political Power among those who are connected to the earth through their vines

All grape growers are welcome to attend. We would love to hear your thoughts, concerns and recommendations on what we can do to help each other be more successful. The past few summers have been a challenge with the weather. A couple of years before that, the winters we all remember, were quite a challenge.

Please share this meeting information with anyone you wish, all are invited to attend. Further questions or comments can be addressed to:

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Please RSVP to either of the above emails or phone numbers, thank you!