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Research-focused WAVE seminar expands its format

Three seminars will highlight research supported by the Washington State wine industry in 2017.

SEATTLE (November 28, 2016) - The annual seminar highlighting research outcomes supported by Washington's wine industry—Washington Advancements in Viticulture and Enology (WAVE)—will expand its format in 2017. Two condensed sessions, held in opposite sides of the state, will be added to the signature, full-day event.

The WAVE seminars, sponsored by the Washington State Wine Commission and Washington State University, are designed to help bring viticulture and enology research into the hands of users and raise awareness of the value of research amongst grape growers and winemakers.

A full day of research of interest to both growers and winemakers is scheduled for **April 19, 2017** at the Walter Clore Wine and Culinary Center in Prosser, Washington. The full-day WAVE will feature in-depth viticulture and enology research outcomes and include lunch and a wine social hour. The seminar was moved to a larger venue this year, after last year's inaugural event sold out quickly.

In response to feedback from last year's attendees, a more condensed version called WAVEx will be held in the Woodinville and Walla Walla Valley wine regions. WAVEx is tailored for vintners and will include both research and extension outreach, such as practical winemaking tips. The shorter sessions will include lunch.

Southeastern Washington winemakers can attend WAVEx on **July 11, 2017** at Walla Walla Community College's Institute for Enology and Viticulture. The WAVEx program will be repeated for western Washington vintners on **July 13, 2017** at the Brightwater Center in Woodinville.

Registration for WAVE will open January 27, 2017. A recap and presentations from WAVE 2016 can be found at: <https://www.washingtonwine.org/research/wave>.



About the Washington State Wine Commission

The Washington State Wine Commission represents every licensed winery and wine grape grower in Washington State. Guided by an appointed board, the mission of the WSWC is to raise positive awareness and demand for Washington State wine through marketing and education while supporting viticulture and enology research to drive industry growth. Funded almost entirely by the industry through assessments based on grape and wine sales, the WSW is a state government agency, established by the legislature in 1987. To learn more, visit www.washingtonwine.org.

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