

The 2008 Ohio Grape and Wine Conference at a Glance

The Ohio Grape & Wine Conference (OGWC) will take place on February 11 and 12, 2008 at the Shisler Conference Center- OARDC in Wooster, OH. The conference is jointly organized by the Ohio Grape Industries Committee (OGIC), Ohio Wine Producers Association (OWPA), and the Viticulture & Enology Programs at OSU/OARDC. There will be 3 general and 6 concurrent sessions covering a wide range of topics for grape growers, vintners, and wine marketers. Along with the technical sessions, a two-day Trade Show with both vineyard and winery equipment and services will be featured. Featured speakers from across the country will join the conference to share their knowledge and experience in current topics in viticulture, enology, and marketing. We have also included several panels of producers to share their experiences for successful businesses. Special events will include the Ohio Wine Reception featuring a taste of Ohio wines. OWPA will continue the tradition of organizing the banquet and Hall of Fame.

Highlights of the 2008 Conference:

- ✓ Full 2-day registration will cost \$230 (great bargain!) and will include access to all technical sessions and the Trade Show; social events and meals: Buffet lunch, Ohio Wine Reception, and banquet on Monday; and Continental breakfast and plated lunch with Wines on Tuesday; 6 wine tasting events; a printed conference packet provided at the meeting; and a CD-ROM of Power Point presentations after the conference.
- ✓ Special passes are now available for better accessibility and flexibility of the conference to attendees. Passes include: One-day conference pass; Trade show pass; and Conference pass with meal options.
- ✓ Technical session format: There will be general and concurrent sessions in viticulture, enology, and marketing which allow more choices for attendees.
- ✓ Extended time for the Trade Show to allow ample time for attendees to interact with exhibitors.
- ✓ Return of Chef, Ken Bogucki (remember last year's banquet!) with another surprising food matching with Ohio's finest wines.
- ✓ Recognition of winery recipients of the first 2007 Ohio Quality Wines (OQW) seal. Tasting of OQW wines will be available at the conference.

Join us and experience the 2008 OGWC. Hope to see there!

Sincerely,

Organizing Committee