

2007 Northeast Ohio Twilight Grape Tour



Thursday, August 16, 2007
5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Ferrante Winery & Ristorante
5585 State Route 307
Harpersfield, Ohio 44041
440-466-8466



<http://www.ferrantewinery.com/>

A Ferrante Family Tradition The Ferrante family has been selling wine since 1937 when Anna and Nicholas Ferrante opened their first winery in Cleveland's Collinwood area. In the 1970s, sons Peter and Anthony built state-of-the-art winemaking facilities in the family's Harpersfield Township vineyard. In the 1980s, their families opened a thriving



restaurant to showcase wine with food. Then, in November 1994, a fire destroyed the restaurant. Fortunately, a firewall saved the wine production, cellar and warehouse. In 1995, the Ferrante family pulled together in body and spirit to rebuild their dream. Many of the excellent wines are made from the 28 acres of grapes on State Route 307 in Harpersfield Township. Grape varieties raised include Riesling, Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Gewurtraminer, Vidal Blanc, and Pinot Gris.

Attend the Ohio Grape & Wine Day Before the Twilight Tour (2:00-4:30 p.m.)

Producers are encouraged to attend the 2007 Ohio Grape & Wine Day at the OARDC Ashtabula Research Station from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. Some of the topics that will be discussed at this event include: Cabernet Franc training systems and clonal evaluation studies, insect and disease management update, Traminette rootstock evaluation, South Centers Viticulture update, and new research projects at the Ashtabula Research Station. A tour of the research vineyards and a wine tasting of experimental cultivars will follow. Several of the resource people involved in Ohio Grape Day will also be participating in the Twilight Tour. This is a nice opportunity to dialog "one on one" with OARDC personnel with grape responsibilities. For more information about this event, call the OARDC Ashtabula Research Station at 440-224-0273.

About the Twilight Tour (5:00-6:30 p.m.)

The twilight tour will begin at 5:00 pm. During the tour participants will tour the 10,000 square foot addition to the winery completed in 2005. This expansion provided additional space for tanks, revamped the bottling line and allowed for additional warehouse storage. Following the tour of the winery, participants will tour the 19 acre block of wine grapes at this location. We will view the Riesling, Chardonnay, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Vidal Blanc plantings and learn about wind machine technology. Two wind machines were repositioned in 2006 to help provide temperature protection. Participants will view the 2007 JEDD Sewer Project between the City of Geneva and Harpersfield Township. See how this cooperative project is helping the family handle the affluence from the business complex.

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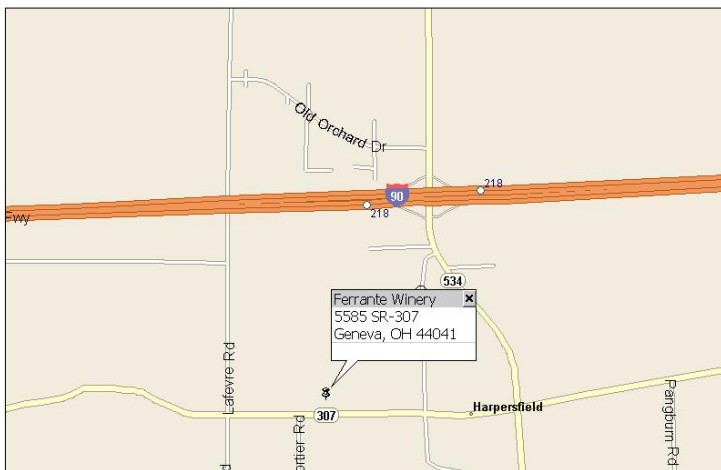
Dinner (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

Dinner will be served at the conclusion of the tour (approximately 6:30 p.m.). Don't be late! Participants will be treated to dinner featuring Chicken Tuscany and Penne Oilia accompanied by bread and a house salad with Cabernet Vinaigrette dressing. Cheesecake drizzled with raspberry melba will be the featured dessert. Dinner will be \$15.00 per person. A cash bar will be made available for those who wish to sample wine. We must have reservations by Thursday, August 9. Please send us the registration form below to reserve your meal. Get your reservations in now for dinner and plan to join us! This should be a marvelous evening topped off by a great dinner and fantastic fellowship!!!

**Call the OSU Extension office at 440-576-9008 to make your reservations.
Reservations must be made by Thursday, August 9.**

**Directions to Ferrante Winery from Ashtabula
Research Station**

- Follow South Ridge Road west to State Route 11
- Take Route 11 South to Route 90 west
- Take Route 90 west to Route 534 south
- Take Route 534 south to Route 307 west
- Follow 307 west to Ferrante Winery & Ristorante



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Address _____

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No. of Reservations for Twilight Tour Dinner _____ @ \$15.00 per person Total Due \$ _____

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**Reservations are due by August 9.
Please mail today!
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