

### Spring 2009 Classes Ready for Enrollment

Don't miss the perfect chance to broaden your understanding of grape growing and wine making. Online classes are forming and now is the time to join this one of a kind grape and wine education program.

Click <http://www.vesta-usa.org> for more information.

**ENROLLMENT DEADLINES**  
**Spring 2009—January 16**

### December 2008



### New VESTA Courses

VESTA is now offering Winter Viticulture (VIN 113) and Spring Viticulture (VIN 114) as two separate courses. VIN 113 will run from January 5, 2009 to March 13, 2009. Due to the earlier start time, the deadline for VIN113 registration is **December 15, 2008**.

### VESTA Student Wine Showcase



VESTA wishes to celebrate its students' talents by inviting them to take part in the VESTA Wine Student Showcase. Commercial and/or homemade wines crafted by VESTA Students will be showcased at the 2009 Midwest Regional Wine and Grape Conference, February 7-9, 2009.

Deadline for submissions is January 9, 2009.

Click <http://www.vesta-usa.org> for more information and the entry form.

### VESTA Student Profile— Tom Moore

Once in a lifetime opportunities don't often come around very often, which is why VESTA student Tom Moore decided to forgo retirement for a position in the wine and grape industry.

Click [www.vesta-usa.org](http://www.vesta-usa.org) for the full story on Tom Moore.



### Welcome New VESTA Instructor

Merilark Padgett-Johnson, Santa Rosa, CA, will begin teaching VIN 111, Introduction to Viticulture and Vineyard Establishment in the spring 2009 semester. Merilark comes to VESTA with 20+ years of experience in vineyard management, consulting, and instruction. She also serves as the viticulture program coordinator and as an instructor for Santa Rosa Junior College.

For more information visit:

[http://vesta-usa.org/Padgett\\_Johnson.htm](http://vesta-usa.org/Padgett_Johnson.htm)