



## Regional Center of Excellence Viticulture and Enology Science and Technology Alliance

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THE GRAPEVINE

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### Summer and Fall 2008 Classes Ready for Enrollment

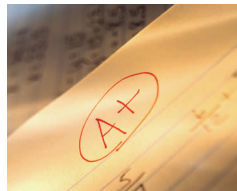
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Don't miss the perfect chance to broaden your understanding of grape growing and wine making. Online classes are forming and now is the time to join this one of a kind grape and wine education program.

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

#### ENROLLMENT DEADLINES

Summer 2008—May 23      Fall 2008—August 29



### Wine Chemistry Workshop—May 16—17, 2008



VESTA, the Missouri State Fruit Experiment Station and Missouri State University Department of Agriculture will host the Spring 2008 **Wine Chemistry Workshop** featuring **Dr. Barry Gump**, May 16 - 17, 2008 in Shannon Hall in Mountain Grove, MO. This two day workshop will focus on basic wine and must tests including Soluble Solids, Sugars, pH, Titratable Acidity, Ethanol, Malolactic Fermentation, Nitrogen, Sulfuric Dioxide and Acetic Acid .

**Space is limited so be sure to register early.**

Click [http://www.vesta-usa.org/VIN\\_268\\_Workshop.htm](http://www.vesta-usa.org/VIN_268_Workshop.htm) for complete registration information.

### VESTA Instructors earn honors at Finger Lakes International Wine Competition

The Finger Lakes International Wine Competition to benefit Camp Good Days announced the medal winners for 2008. Wines made two of our instructors [Cory Bomgaars](#), Les Bourgeois Winery and [Andrew Snyder](#), Sand Hill Winery received honors. In addition several of our VESTA industry partners also received honors. Congratulations to everyone for their success. Click <http://www.fliwc.com/results/2008results.asp> for the complete results.



### VESTA Student Profile— Lucas Snodgrass

“One might wonder if it is possible to start an organic vineyard in the Midwest, considering the humid climate. With family support, a good mentor, and a flock of sheep, VESTA student Lucas Snodgrass is willing to give it a try”. Click [www.vesta-usa.org](http://www.vesta-usa.org) for the full story on Lucas.

### \* Mark Your Calendars \* Missouri State—Mtn. Grove to Host Workshop Series

Missouri State University—Mtn. Grove Campus will be hosting the VESTA Workshop Series. Presentations include *Tasting Room Management*, *Distillation Workshop Part I*, *Wine Appreciation for the Consumer*, *Sensory Evaluation for the Winemaker*, and *Home Winemaking for the Public*. Click <http://www.vesta-usa.org/events.htm> for dates, times and registration information.

### Rachel Cristaudo Hired as VESTA Coordinator for Rend Lake College

VESTA Partner, Rend Lake College, IL, appointed **Rachel Cristaudo** former winery manager and administrative assistant for the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail, as the VESTA Project Coordinator for Rend Lake College. Cristaudo will be working with Steve Holman, a professor of biology who is the program's senior personnel at the school. Cristaudo has experience in the grape and wine industry, including production, marketing and advertising. In addition, Rachel holds a Master's Degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.