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## PRUNING WORKSHOP HELD AT CAPITOL VIEW WINERY AND VINEYARDS

Held on a blustery, but otherwise nice day to be outside, a pruning workshop and demonstration took place at Capitol View Winery and Vineyards on March 30, 2024. Sponsored by the University of Nebraska Viticulture Program and the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association, long-pruning and other topics related to bud break delay were discussed and demonstrated. An array of pruning tools, including battery-powered pruners were displayed and demonstrated. Trellis systems were evaluated and discussed by UNVP personnel, and the discussion was enriched by inputs by Kara Lombardo (nee Sousek) from Hundred Hills Vineyards who shared her experiences with different trellis systems and approaches to pruning. Other topics such as spur replacement, spacing of spurs and number of buds to leave to assist with crop estimation were also discussed and demonstrated. The high tunnel vinifera grape project was also visited and discussed.



Sharing tips on pruning techniques were, left to right: Steve Gamet, University of Nebraska Viticulture Program; Lorenzo Ball, Co-owner, Capitol View Winery; and Kara Lombardo, Hundred Hills Vineyards.

## VITICULTURE FIELD DAY AT MILETTA VISTA WINERY TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, Next Wednesday, APRIL 17!

Co-sponsored by the University of Nebraska Viticulture Program and the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association, this **FREE** field day will be a great kick-off to the 2024 vineyard season and an educational opportunity that you won't want to miss! A featured speaker of the field day will be Ed Swanson, who will discuss two of his new grapes (including Merchette) that are currently a part of Miletta Vista's grape production vineyards, grafted there by Ed. In addition, topics will include a look at Mick McDowell's retrofitting several of his trellis systems; different types of posts and their pros and cons; a discussion of Itasca and its "superpowers"; early season vineyard tasks, and much more. **DON'T MISS THIS GREAT FREE EVENT!** Details:

**Where?** Miletta Vista Vineyard, just north of St. Paul, Nebraska, 1732 Hwy 281 (telephone 308-754-4416). Drive through St. Paul heading north and within a mile or so, you'll see lots of vines on the right, you can't miss it!

**When?** Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, **Lunch is included** for NWGGA members (\$15 for non-members)

**How do I register?** Please call, text or email Paul Read (402-540-9309, [pread1@unl.edu](mailto:pread1@unl.edu)) or Steve Gamet (402-416-9763, [sgamet@unl.edu](mailto:sgamet@unl.edu)) Pre-registration is requested to help with planning for lunches.

We'll look forward to seeing you on the 17<sup>th</sup>!

## Items for your Calendar:

**April 17, 2024**, Field Day at Milletta Vista Vineyard, details above

April 21-23, 2024, 2024 MGGA Cold Climate Conference and Annual Meeting, Waterstreet Inn, 101 Water Street South Stillwater, MN 55082, Registration at [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-mgga-cold-climate-conference-and-annual-meeting-tickets-869384942767?aff=odeccpebemailcampaigns&utm\\_source=eventbrite&utm\\_medium=ebcampaigns&utm\\_campaign=26806669&utm\\_term=ctabutton&mipa=ABldvVtAtOAd2DjkEfg5LIQ26769Xn20QXQfB5q\\_baeLfAAH8ppQj9RyUa0RizJkXOvemYZeBMsB6efn3gIF1woFRDbxA9A0JDx-ZblmYUF9bPVDPdAY\\_tke9VguEHHs76vPyYH-HMHNduvdhMiv8GXp35hW\\_T\\_y2K0lxpziXiLHnbBN86n\\_OJUaulOxTJax-hUtU2x97wvfgOwkfP5HINaXEL0jZIX75Cf\\_nGCI\\_nzi-yLg0FEECmBEfUET\\_K6t3vk0azeGsHpskWzZmaFIB3AYP7dOVRcaw](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-mgga-cold-climate-conference-and-annual-meeting-tickets-869384942767?aff=odeccpebemailcampaigns&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_medium=ebcampaigns&utm_campaign=26806669&utm_term=ctabutton&mipa=ABldvVtAtOAd2DjkEfg5LIQ26769Xn20QXQfB5q_baeLfAAH8ppQj9RyUa0RizJkXOvemYZeBMsB6efn3gIF1woFRDbxA9A0JDx-ZblmYUF9bPVDPdAY_tke9VguEHHs76vPyYH-HMHNduvdhMiv8GXp35hW_T_y2K0lxpziXiLHnbBN86n_OJUaulOxTJax-hUtU2x97wvfgOwkfP5HINaXEL0jZIX75Cf_nGCI_nzi-yLg0FEECmBEfUET_K6t3vk0azeGsHpskWzZmaFIB3AYP7dOVRcaw)

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**May 17-18, 2024**, TOAST Nebraska, Stinson Park, Omaha, NE



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