



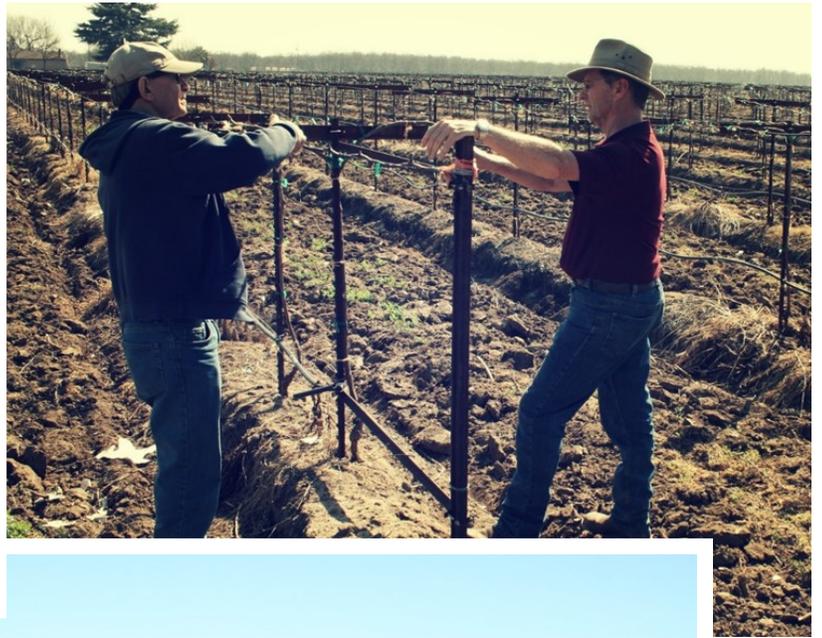
66th Annual Lodi Grape Day

Co-sponsored with Lodi Chamber of Commerce

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018
HUTCHINS STREET SQUARE
KIRST AND CRETE HALLS
125 South Hutchins Street, Lodi CA 95240



- 7:30 am** **Registration/Continuing Education Signups & Coffee**
- 8:00 am** **Review of 2017 and its Challenges for Lodi District; HCMP Trial Update**
Paul Verdegaal, Farm Advisor, UCCE, San Joaquin County
- 8:30 am** **Viruses in the Vineyard Overview**
Kari Arnold, PhD, Orchard Systems Advisor, UCCE, Stanislaus County
- 9:15 am** **Considerations of Vine Mealybug and Ant Control in Vineyards**
Lucia Varela, PhD, CE IPM Advisor, Sonoma County
- 10:00 am** **Break**
- 10:15** **Management of Grapevine Trunk Diseases: Current and Future Options**
Doug Gubler, PhD, Extension Specialist Emeritus, Plant Pathology UC Davis
- 11:00 am** **Rootstock Selection for Vineyards**
Larry Bettiga, UC Farm Advisor, UCCE, Monterey County
- 11:45 am** **Sensory Evaluation**
- 12:00 noon** **Lunch** **Order lunch tickets in advance**
\$30 until January 15th, \$35 after
from Karen Cannon, Lodi Chamber of Commerce, 35 S. School Street, Lodi CA
kcannon@lodichamber.com (209) 367-7840 ext. 105
- 12:30 pm** **Luncheon Speaker:**
Along the Grapevine, Observations on Thirty Years Among Winegrowers
Paul Verdegaal, Farm Advisor, San Joaquin County UCCE
- 1:30 pm to 3:30pm** **Retirement Gathering (Free)**
Sensory Evaluation, Resumed with Refreshments and Snacks



Thank You But Not Goodbye

The flow of time requires changes and transitions, so after 31 years I will retire as UCCE Viticulture Advisor for San Joaquin County. My last official day as such was January 1, 2018. I will be around for a while to answer the phone calls, email, voice mail, regular mail, make needed farm calls, and wrap up or transition field trials to possibly more competent people (not all in one day).

It's my hope and expectation that the Viticulture Advisor position will be approved and rehired sooner rather than later.



In this transition year of 2018 I can still be reached at the UCCE San Joaquin County Office or through the LWC if need be.

San Joaquin County and the Lodi District in particular have made great progress in production of quality grapes and wines. It has become difficult to ignore the success and integrity of the region's wine grower community. When I began in July of 1986 there were 53,289 acres of grapes in San Joaquin County; 10,044 acres Zinfandel, 17,877 acres Flame Tokays (together 34% of total acres) and a range of productive and reliable varieties. More recently total acres are about 100,000 acres of premium wine varieties recognized worldwide. The respected reputation of local growers reflects their hard work, dedication, and innovation for

producing world class wines of value.

I need to thank so many people and organizations for helping me contribute in a small way to the larger effort. I can't name all the individuals who I should, but do want to mention the Lodi District Grape Growers and the Lodi Winegrape Commission, both which have supported the UCCE program for the last 66 years and 26 years respectively.

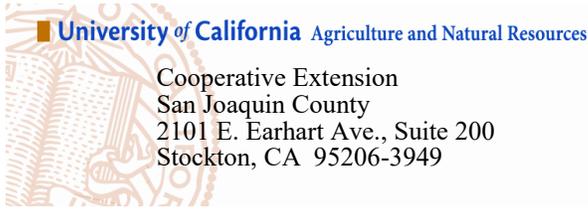
I do need to thank Jim Kissler, my predecessor from 1957 to 1986, who taught me how to be a Viticulture Advisor. John and Ernie Dosio for giving me my first real world job and teaching me much about actual wine growing, and thank you to my wife, Chi-Anne for her patience and support.

Again thank you for allowing me to ride along in your efforts. [If you can, you are welcome to attend the 66th Lodi Grape Day this year (my 32nd) for the morning session. The usual lunch will follow.] And all are welcome to stop by after lunch in Hutchins St. Square for a short retirement gathering.

Lodi and San Joaquin County are good places to grow grapes for quality wines.

See you in the vineyard, and Best Wishes, to each of you individually and to the entire the wine growing community for continued success.





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Paul Verdegaal, Farm Advisor
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