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## Coronavirus Update

Dear RMI Supporter,

In these unprecedented times, the safety of our community is our top priority. In accordance with recent state orders as well as the current UC Davis campus closure, the Robert Mondavi Institute is postponing all of our spring talks and events.

We are still planning lectures on the topics of mapping grapevine genomes, the addictive properties of sugary drinks, the future of popular varietal wines in a changing climate, and even our annual fundraiser TASTE, which raised almost \$10,000 last year for enhancements to the UC Davis Good Life Garden—all dates are currently TBA.

While we work remotely, we will investigate presenting these lectures via livestreaming. In the meantime, I invite you to peruse [our current library of lecture videos](#), as well as to follow us on [Facebook](#) where we are continuing to post news and updates about the institute and UC Davis food and beverage experts. (We are also on [Instagram](#), check us out!)

Already this year we have presented a Walt Klenz Wine Business Speakers Series talk, and Unrivaled: California's Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Highlights from both are below and include links to a video of each lecture.

We hope that you are able to spend time with your loved ones through this stressful time, and that you stay safe and healthy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Waterhouse".

**Andrew Waterhouse**

*Director, Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science*

*Professor, Department of Viticulture and Enology*



*Matt Sabato and Dustin Wilson of Verve Wine speaking in the Silverado Vineyards Sensory Theater*

## Walt Klenz Wine Business Speakers

### Telling Stories: Wine, Commerce and Content in the Age of Experience

February 12, 2020

Dustin Wilson and Matt Sabato spoke about Verve Wine’s unique approach of using stories to sell wine, and how and why they are focused on meeting and engaging consumers at different points of their journey through the world of wine.

[> More about the event here](#)



*Selina Wang and Brady Whitlow speaking at Unrivaled: California's Extra Virgin Olive Oil*

## Forum: Talks on Food and Wine Sciences

### Unrivaled: California's Extra Virgin Olive Oil

March 4, 2019

Selina Wang, research director for the UC Davis Olive Center and Brady Whitlow, CEO of Corto Olive Company discussed how UC Davis research and extensive collaboration with innovators in the olive oil industry are ensuring California’s place as a world leader in the production of the highest quality extra virgin olive oil.

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Canceled: Uncorked at the Mondavi Center

Friends of the RMI who attend Uncorked exclusive wine tastings at the Mondavi Center are being notified individually about cancellations. If you are a Friend of the RMI and have a question about an Uncorked cancellation, please email [rmifriends@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rmifriends@ucdavis.edu) or call (530) 752-4180.

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