



Celebrations & Sheep Mowers

Dear RMI Supporter,

It feels like we just returned to campus in the fall, but we are fast approaching the end of the academic year with commencements in early June. It has been wonderful to see the Robert Mondavi Institute alive with in-person celebrations.

The student-run Davis Enology and Viticulture Organization (DEVO) hosted a well-received day of activities for Picnic Day, including a grapevine giveaway that attracted a long line of visitors. They also hosted the 21st annual Winkler Dinner fundraiser this past weekend, and it was a dynamic evening. I encourage you to [watch the video](#) and [donate to DEVO](#) if you could not attend.

The Olive Center will host a slate of classes and courses for beginners and intermediate producers, growers and others interested in olive oil and table olives. Their upcoming class is an [Introduction to Sensory Evaluation of Olive Oil](#) on June 24-25.

The **Rossi Lecture Series**, hosted by the Viticulture and Enology Department, brings internationally recognized, preeminent scholars to UC Davis. Dr. Gavin Sacks from Cornell University will present on May 23 at the Manetti Shrem Museum of Art.


A fun and calming addition to the campus has been the appearance of **sheep mowers** near the chemistry building. They are part of a project investigating the operational sustainability and social benefits of lawn grazing on campus. **Watch the video** to see them in action or visit them from May 18-20.

For our Davis area supporters, **Sudwerk Brewing Co.** will release the **Iron Brew competition-winning recipe** in the first week of June. Keep an eye out and try the Scottish Export Ale.

Finally, I'm pleased to welcome our new event specialist, Izamar Flores-Mendoza, to the RMI team. She comes to the Institute with three years of experience with UC Merced, where she also completed her undergraduate degree. She will assist with all aspects of our outreach events and allow us to expand our offerings

I'm looking forward to sharing more events with you soon!

Sincerely,



Andrew Waterhouse

Director, Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science

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Coming Up: Red Wine Consumer Study



Red Wine Consumer Study

May 20, 21, and 22, 2022

The Oberholster Lab is looking for regular red wine consumers to take part in a 3-session consumer study, 30 minutes each day, at the Robert Mondavi Institute Sensory Theater on the UC Davis campus. Participants will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card upon completion of the study.

[> Sign Up](#)

Coming Up: Olive Oil Sensory Class



Revamped, Robust UC Davis Olive Center Classes Starting in June

Sensory Evaluation Class: June 24-25, 2022

The UC Davis Olive Center is back from a pandemic break and offering a slate of new and modified in-person **[courses](#)** for beginning and intermediate producers, growers and others interested in olive oil and table olives. The courses have been revamped and updated to include new developments and technologies available to the industry.

[> Read the article](#)

[> Register for the Sensory Evaluation Class](#)

Watch: Sips and Bites



Sips and Bites: Orange vs. Red, Tasting Experimental Wines

On April 13, 2022, we offered a rare opportunity to taste experimental wines with industry experts. As a graduate researcher, Dr. James Campbell produced two wines that illustrate naturally occurring pigments' effect on tannins. He joined Dr. Andrew Waterhouse and Madeline Puckette, co-founder of Wine Folly, to discuss the research project, followed by a guided tasting.

[> Watch Video](#)

[> Read a Student Perspective](#)

Picnic Day Photo Album



Picnic Day Returned to the Robert Mondavi Institute

The return of Picnic Day on April 23, felt like a real celebration with tens of thousands of people visiting every corner of the UC Davis campus. View our [Facebook photo album](#) to see the activities hosted by the Davis Enology and Viticulture Organization (DEVO) at the Robert Mondavi Institute.

[> View the Facebook Photo Album](#)

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Wayne and Jacque Bartholomew; Anonymous

Reserve

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Culinary

Rosemary and William Chamberlain

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