



# Gleanings

## Hill Country

## Vineyard Update

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### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Frost Report
- **NEW** Hill Country Grape Grower List Serv launched
- Disease Monitoring
- Grape Berry Moth Monitoring
- Admire Pro Application
- PD Symposium Approaching

### Minimal Frost Damage

Area growers reported slight damage to vineyards in the Hill Country earlier this week. Limited hail damage was reported. The dip in temperatures appears to have been for a short period of time across the region and may serve as a natural thinning.

## Hill Country Grape Growers Listserv Launched

With the recent departure of a local grower couple to another state I inquired if I could ask them some "Exit" questions regarding their experiences here. They agreed and had some valuable insights, including "Getting and sharing information between local growers." To help fill this need we have created hillcountrygrapegrowers listserv.

### To Subscribe Here Are The Rules:

**-You must be an existing commercial Hill Country grape grower.** Although we do not wish to offend anyone, the focus of this listserv is to **help facilitate and improve communications between regional grape growers in order to increase awareness of particular issues at hand.**

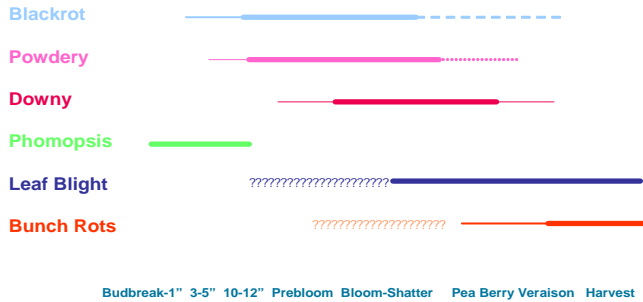
**-With this said, all of our Viticulture Advisors will have access and will pass on pertinent information when applicable to their respective regions.**

**-This listserv is not to be used for private chatter.** I am thankful that my colleague, Jim Kamas has agreed to play "the heavy," and to act as the group moderator for what I'm sure will be a lively group.

**-Information communicated could include:** budbreak dates on varieties, arrival of Grape Berry male moths or Glassy-winged Sharpshooter's into your traps, photo's of diseases, insects or nutritional symptoms, local sources of labor, supplies and equipment, etc. The possibilities are limitless.

**-If you wish to subscribe to the list** please send email to:  
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and in the **BODY** type:  
SUBSCRIBE hillcountrygrapegrowers  
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### Periods of Greatest Fruit/ Rachis Infection Potential



## Disease Monitoring

**PLEASE NOTE** Although most of our region has received little rainfall we **have had extended periods of leaf wetness** resulting in increase grape disease incidence, mainly Phomopsis. At this time you should have already applied at least one application of a Mancozeb product for control of Phomopsis. See monitoring chart above and refer to your **2008 Fungicide Efficacy Chart** for fungicide options regarding other disease issues.

## Grape Berry Moth Monitoring

Conditions warrant the need for monitoring of **Grape Berry Moth (GBM)** in vineyards. Use of sticky traps baited with sex pheromone lures will help you achieve **better- timed spray applications**. Recommended control products, like Sevin XLR and Intrepid **are not** aimed at adult moths, but rather the eggs and larvae. Growers should begin to spray at 5-7 days after full bloom and every 10-12 days thereafter to get good control of second and third generations.

If spray products are not used in a timely manner mated females lay their eggs directly into young clusters near or shortly after bloom. Young 'neonate' larvae emerge from eggs in 3-5 days and feed on flower clusters or young berries causing extensive loss to fruit and increase potential for rot complexes late season.

If you need more information on sources of monitoring supplies please contact me.

## \*Registering Now\* PD Symposium- New Location This Year

**When:** Wed. April 30th, 2008 9a.m.-5pm.

**Where:** Thurman Mansion at the Salt Lick, Driftwood, TX

**What:** Our annual PD event this year features keynote speaker is Dr. Nick Toscano, respected entomologist at University of California, Riverside. "**The Use of Neonicotenoid Insecticides in Managing Insect Pests of Grapevines**" is his topic. These insecticides represent our first line of defense against xylem feeding insects like the Glassy-winged sharpshooter.

**Registration this year is \$40 and will include morning refreshments, a first-class BBQ lunch from the Salt Lick's own pits and a wine reception following the event.** Attendance will be limited to 100 including speakers, so be sure to register while there is still space available.

If you did not receive a registration form and would like to attend please contact Becky in our office @830-997-7047. After April 25<sup>th</sup>, registration price is \$50 with no guarantee of a wonderful lunch.

## Time to Apply Admire

Glassy-winged sharpshooters have been in our area for some time now and are transitioning into area vineyards for feeding.

Split applications (7 oz. each) of **Admire Pro** are recommended in mid-April and mid-May. A maximum of 14.0 fluid oz/acre/year is allowed.

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Several generic alternatives to Admire Pro have been released to market, however as a result the price of Admire Pro has been reduced. Current price of @\$254 per 35 oz container at 14 oz. per acre rate, results in \$101 per treated acre.

## Comments or Suggestions

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any comments or suggestions for this newsletter at my contact information listed at the top of this newsletter.

## Announcements, etc.

### Annual Newsom Grape Day

Friday April 25. This daylong event, held in the High Plains it is a great opportunity for those to see how they grow such good grapes! For more information contact Neal Newsom @ [cabernet@crosswind.net](mailto:cabernet@crosswind.net) or 806.456.6877. Sponsored by the Newsom Family, The Texas Wine and Grape Growers Association & Texas AgriLife Extension

### Prospective Grower Workshop

Thursday May 22, 2008 9:00 to 3:00 P.M.  
95 Frederick Rd. Fredericksburg, Texas

Do you have friends or family who want to get into the grape business here in Texas? Have you not been able to talk them out of it? If so, please have them sign-up for this workshop by contacting me. It may save them money and headaches!

**Topics include:** Site Considerations, Necessary Viticulture Knowledge, Risk Factors, Vineyard Labor Requirements and Economics of Vineyard Establishment. Cost of the program is \$100 and includes lunch.

Contact me to sign-up for this course.

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