

# 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gulf Coast Winegrowers Watson Field Day

## Jan, 31, 2025 - Cat Spring Agricultural Society Hall

### 13035 Hall Rd. Cat Spring, TX 79833



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7:30 - 9:00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
8:00 - 9:00	<b>Prospective Winegrowers Workshop</b> - Daniel Hillin, Texas A&M AgriLife Viticulture Program Specialist <b>Sponsored by Producers Supply (1 CEU)</b>
9:00 - 9:10	<b>Announcements</b> - Stacie Villarreal, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent – ANR Austin County <b>Welcome</b> – Jim Brooks, President, Gulf Coast Winegrowers Association <b>Presenting Sponsor</b> - Denise McBride, Capital Farm Credit
9:10 - 9:40	<b>History of Grapes in Texas</b> – Dr. George Ray McEachern, Professor and Extension Horticulturist Emeritus
9:40 - 10:00	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b> - <i>Exhibitor Time</i>
10:00 - 10:50	<b>Vineyard Canopy Management</b> – Dr. Patrick O'Brien, Texas A&M AgriLife Viticulture Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist <b>Sponsored by Darst Ranch Vineyards (1 CEU)</b>
10:50 - 11:20	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b> – <i>Exhibitor Time</i>
11:20 - 12:00	<b>Canopy Rebuilding</b> – John Dale, Gulf Coast Winegrower
10:00 - 10:50	<b>Why Open a Winery</b> – Mike Gamble, Blue Mule Winery, Gulf Coast Winemaker
10:50 - 11:20	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b> – <i>Exhibitor Time</i>
11:20 – 12:00	<b>Wine Additives</b> – Dr. Andreea Botezatu, Texas A&M AgriLife Enology Associate Professor & Extension Specialist <b>Sponsored By Sommelier Logistics</b>
12:00 – 1:00	<b>LUNCH</b> - <i>Exhibitor Time</i> <b>Sponsored By WC Tractor</b>
1:00 - 1:40	<b>Gulf Coast Winegrowers Association Members Meeting</b> (Updates, Elections) Jim Brooks, President, Gulf Coast Winegrowers Association
1:40 - 2:30	<b>Pesticide Laws &amp; Regs - Updates</b> – Greg Baker, Texas A&M AgriLife Ext Agent – ANR Matagorda Cty <b>(1CEU)</b>
2:30 - 3:00	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b> – <i>Exhibitor Time</i>
3:00 - 3:45	<b>Harvest Labor Panel</b> – Darst, Fleming, Morgan, Watson, Aschenbeck (Gulf Coast Winegrowers)
3:45 - 4:00	<b>Update on PD Resistant Varieties</b> - Fran Pontasch, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Viticulturalist Emeritus
4:00 - 4:30	<b>Camminare Noir Grower Panel</b> – Bowden, Klenke, Jeter, Wuensche (Gulf Coast Winegrowers) <b>Sponsored by Threshold Vineyards</b>
4:30 – 4:45	<b>Aging Wine on Post Oak</b> – Ken Wuenche, Jimmy Cormier, Gulf Coast Winegrowers
4:30 – 5:00	<b>Camminare Noir Tasting</b> – Jeter, Klenke (Gulf Coast Winemakers) <b>Sponsored By Threshold Vineyards</b>
5:00 – 7:00	<b>WINE SOCIAL</b> - <b>Sponsored by Texas Tech University Plant &amp; Soil Science Department</b>



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