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Heritage University to Host Viticulture Education Workshop for Spanish-Speaking Farmworkers

Toppenish, WA – Heritage University will host a July 8 workshop which will inform Spanish-speaking farmworkers in the Yakima Valley, about viruses and other associated diseases that threaten wine grapes.

Vineyard workers are in a unique position to be the first to recognize, respond, and help control grapevine viruses. The half-day workshop will provide classroom instruction to workers of all levels; participants will learn about grapevine viruses and their symptoms, importance of detection, and how to control the spread of viruses and other similar diseases.

The deadline to register for the workshop at Heritage University in Toppenish is July 3, and the cost is \$20 per person. The event will be held in the Smith Family Hall building, Room 2366 & 2388 from 1:00-4:30 p.m. The training session is presented by the Northwest Clean Plant Outreach and Education Campaign, and is sponsored by the Washington Wine Industry Foundation in cooperation with the Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers.

For more information about registration, contact Janet Heath, Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers, (509) 782-8234 or janet@wawgg.org.

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