



New Mexico Wine Education Conference
(February 27-28, 2026)



Thursday, February 26	
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Welcome Reception Rio Grande Winery

Friday, February 27		
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Coffee & Registration	
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	New Mexico Wine Annual Meeting Wine Studio, Legislation, Events & More	
Session	Viticulture	Enology
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Leslie Beck Weed management strategies for NM vineyards	NMSU Faculty Report 1 CESFAS + HRTM
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Joanie King Leafhopper and Grapevine Leaf Skeletonizer management	NM Tourism & NM Agriculture Grants, Workshops, State Fair
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Miguel Damasio Drought stress, heat stress and vineyard management to increase water use efficiency	Paul Brock A retrospective on the value that FLCC has had on the FLX wine industry
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch with Vendors	
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Charlotte Olivier FRAC groups, avoiding resistance, and PM program design	Gonzalo Miyagusuku Projects and added-value research for NM wineries
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Pierre Davadant Nutrition management in vineyards, Urea foliar spray applications	David Rodríguez Strategies to position your wines in the market, alternative revenue streams
2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Networking and Vendor Break	
3:15 PM - 4:00 PM	Cristina Lazcano Regenerative agriculture practices	Diana Celaya Trentori CEVIT-CETYS. Joint research initiatives, student exchange and internship opportunities.
4:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Mark Battany Vineyard floor management in water limited regions	Gabriel Crowell Sparkling wine production challenges, protocols, and vineyard-winery management considerations in arid climates



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Saturday, February 28		
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast & Registration	
Session	Viticulture	Enology
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Dave Combs Bio-fungicides and Scouting strategies for vineyards	Benny Ricardi Alternative winemaking, grapes, and marketing
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	Matt Halldorson Sour rot management and considerations for southwest vineyards.	Kris Fade Strategies to position your wines in the market, alternative revenue streams
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Kate Payne Brown Sparkling wine production challenges	
10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	Vendor break	
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Geraldine Diverres & Donald Caldwell One year in NM. Research updates, future directions	
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Gill Giese Confessions of a New Mexico viticulturist	
1:00 PM	Conference Adjourns	