Fifteen individuals have agreed to serve on the Northern Grapes Project Advisory Council. They represent expertise in research and extension (viticulture, horticulture, genetics, enology), national and state-based industry and trade associations, and growers and winemakers from the Upper Midwest and Northeast, representing local and regional producers’ associations. Each has provided a letter of commitment (attached), agreeing to participate in annual meetings of the project team over the course of the project (or send a designate) and to evaluate the project’s goals and activities.

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<td>Gerald Barnhart</td>
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Howard Bursen  
Winemaker  
Sharpe Hill Vineyard  
108 Wade Rd  
Pomfret, CT 06258  
www.sharpehill.com  


Sean Frey  
Lake Champlain Grape Growers Assoc.  
Elfs Farm Winery and Cider Mill  
7411 Rt. 9  
Plattsburgh, NY 12901  
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Elfs Farm Winery and Cider House is a small family farm winery & cider mill. The farm began growing cold climate grapes in 2006.

Dave Greenlee  
President  
South Dakota Winegrowers Assoc.  
Tucker's Walk Vineyard  
48332 254th Street  
Garretson, SD 57030  
www.tuckerswalk.com  

Co-owner of Tucker's Walk Vineyard, which was established in 2007.

Phil Randazzo  
Northern NY Wine Grape Growers  
Coyote Moon Vineyards  
17371 County Road 3  
Clayton, NY 13624  
www.coyotemoonvineyards.com  

Owner of 4,000 case winery, open seven years. Past President of the Northern NY Wine Grape Growers. Background in real estate franchising and marketing.

Bob Wersen  
Iowa Grape Growers Assoc.  
Tassel Ridge Winery  
1681 220th Street  
Leighton, IA 50143  
www.tasselridge.com  

Owner, Tassel Ridge Winery, which has 60 acres of cold climate cultivars. Founder and owner of Interpower Co. (manufacturer).

R. Thomas Zumpfe  
Nebraska Grape Growers Assoc.  
Dove Landing Vineyard  
500 South 176th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68520  

Owner, Dove Landing Vineyard and past president of Nebraska Grape Growers Association. Vineyard hosts variety trials for Univ. Nebraska.
Patrick O'Malley
University of Iowa, 4265 Oakcrest Hill Rd., SE
Iowa City, IA 52246

Commercial horticulture extension specialist in eastern Iowa.

Ronald Perry
Ronald Perry is a Professor in the Department of Horticulture at Michigan State University. He is known for his Chair of Department of Horticulture at MSU from 2000-2007, research in tree fruit rootstocks, orchard and vineyard management.

Timothy Rehbein
Timothy Rehbein is an agriculture agent in Wisconsin who has worked extensively with the emerging grape and wine industry in Wisconsin.

Rebecca Sideman
Rebecca Sideman is an Extension specialist in horticultural crops. She has a PhD in genetics with a background in plant breeding.

Justine Vanden Heuvel
Justine Vanden Heuvel is an associate professor of viticulture at Cornell University. She is an expert on canopy management, light interception, and viticultural practices.
May 13, 2014

Dr. Tim Martinson
Senior Extension Associate
Dept. of Horticulture
Cornell University
630 West North Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I commit to continuing to represent the Minnesota Grape Growers Association on the Project Advisory Committee for the SRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled *Northern grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.*

I understand this will require a commitment to attend an annual day-long project meeting each winter between January and April, for a total commitment of 2.5 working days (with travel). I also commit another eight hours annually, spent on conference calls (one or two annually, each lasting approximately two hours), distributing outreach materials developed by the Northern Grapes Project via my network, and otherwise supporting the project. At a rate of $35/hour for 28 hours, this represents an annual match of $980, and a total match of $1960 over the two years of the project.

I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals, and lodging will be provided by the project.

As a member of the advisory committee, I am very aware of the work the *Northern Grapes Project* has accomplished in the first two years of the project providing information and insights valuable to our members. Live Webinar sessions, Newsletters and research updates contain relevant commentary and guidance on current and seasonal issues.

I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Regards,

Ronald Barnes, Past President
Minnesota Grape Growers Association
433 3rd Street Ste #1
Red Wing, MN 55066
612-990-4581
ron.barnes@mngrapes.org
May 21, 2014

Dr. Tim Martinson  
Senior Extension Associate  
Dept. of Horticulture  
Cornell University  
630 West North Street  
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I commit to continuing to represent the Upper Hudson Valley Wine and Grape Association on the Project Advisory Committee for the SCRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled *Northern grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.*

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I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals, and lodging will be provided by the project.

As a member of the advisory committee, I am very aware of the work the *Northern Grapes Project* has accomplished in the first two years of the project. The work done on training systems, grape ripeness/fruit quality evaluation, and particularly, the webinar series have all been extremely valuable to cold-hardy grape growers in our Association.

I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Regards,

Gerry Barnhart, President  
Upper Hudson Valley Wine and Grape Association  
24 Church Lane  
Schaghticoke, NY 12154  
518.461.7132  
info@victoryviewvineyard.com  
www.victoryviewvineyard.com
May 13, 2014

Dr. Tim Martinson  
Senior Extension Associate  
Dept. of Horticulture  
Cornell University  
630 West North Street  
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I commit to continuing to represent the Connecticut Vineyard and Winery Association on the Project Advisory Committee for the SCRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled *Northern grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.*

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I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals, and lodging will be provided by the project.

As a member of the advisory committee, I am very aware of the work the *Northern Grapes Project* has accomplished in the first two years of the project. For example, viticulture and enology research projects with these new varietals.
I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Regards,

Howard Bursen  
Winemaker  
Sharpe Hill Vineyard, Pomfret, CT
May 13, 2014

Dr. Tim Martinson
Senior Extension Associate
Dept. of Horticulture
Cornell University
630 West North Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I commit to continuing to represent the Lake Champlain Grape Growers Association on the Project Advisory Committee for the SCRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled Northern grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.

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I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals, and lodging will be provided by the project.

As a member of the advisory committee, I am very aware of the work the Northern Grapes Project has accomplished in the first two years of the project. The research being done on vineyard management practices to improve fruit quality and the enological studies on yeast selection, acid reduction, and malo-lactic fermentations are especially important. Due to the short growing season we experience on the Adirondack Coast, the continued study of these techniques is necessary.

I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Regards,

Sean Frey
Elfs Farm Winery and Cider Mill
Lake Champlain Grape Growers Association
7411 Rt 9, Plattsburgh, NY 12901
(518) 563-2750
May 28, 2014

Garretson, SD

Dr. Tim Martinson
Senior Extension Associate
Dept. of Horticulture
Cornell University
630 West North Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I commit to continuing to represent the South Dakota Winegrowers Association and the South Dakota Specialty Producers Association on the Project Advisory Committee for the SCRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled *Northern grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries*.

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As a member of the advisory committee, I am very aware of the work the Northern Grapes Project has accomplished in the first two years of the project. As a new vineyard and winery, we are discovering something new every day. The Northern Grapes Project seems to be the perfect way for us to focus on improving our viticulture, our oenology, and even the marketing of our wine.

I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Regards,

[Signature]

Dave Greenlee
Co-owner, Tucker’s Walk Vineyard
President, South Dakota Winegrowers Association
Member, Board of Directors, South Dakota Specialty Producers Association
May 27, 2014

Dr. Tim Martinson
Senior Extension Associate
Dept. of Horticulture
Cornell University
630 West North Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I commit to continuing to represent the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council on the Project Advisory Committee for the SCRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled *Northern grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.*

I understand this will require a commitment to attend an annual day-long project meeting each winter between January and April, for a total commitment of 2.5 working days (with travel). I also commit another eight hours annually, spent on conference calls (one or two annually, each lasting approximately two hours), distributing outreach materials developed by the Northern Grapes Project via my network, and otherwise supporting the project. At a rate of $75/hour for 28 hours, this represents an annual match of $2100, and a total match of $4200 over the two years of the project.

I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals, and lodging will be provided by the project.

As a member of the advisory committee, I am very aware of the work the *Northern Grapes Project* has accomplished in the first two years of the project. The advances that have been made in understanding the vine physiology and winemaking characteristics of these new varieties have been valuable for the Michigan wine industry. The study of consumer behavior in tastings rooms in Michigan has also provided valuable insights for Michigan producers. Webinars hosted by the *Northern Grapes Project* have been well-represented by Michigan entrepreneurs.
I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Regards,

Linda Jones  
Executive Director  
Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council

Jonesl9@michigan.gov

517 284-5741
May 13, 2014

Dr. Tim Martinson  
Senior Extension Associate  
Dept. of Horticulture Cornell Univ.  
630 West North Street  
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I commit to continuing to represent Iowa State University Extension on the Project Advisory Committee for the SCRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled Northern grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.

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I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals, and lodging will be provided by the project.

As a member of the advisory committee, I am very aware of the work the Northern Grapes Project has accomplished in the first two years of the project. I think the information provided on spray drift by the project is especially important given the susceptibility of grapes to herbicides in general and specifically growth regulator type herbicides.

I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Regards,

[Signature]

Patrick O'Malley, Ph.D.  
Commercial Horticulture Field Specialist  
Iowa State University Extension & Outreach
June 6, 2014

Dr. Tim Martinson
Senior Extension Associate
Dept. of Horticulture
Cornell University
630 West North Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I commit to continuing to represent the National Grape & Wine Initiative on the Project Advisory Committee for the SCRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled Northern grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.

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I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals, and lodging will be provided by the project.

As a member of the advisory committee, I am very aware of the work the Northern Grapes Project has accomplished in the first two years of the project. From my perspective, this project was designed with an emphasis on extension – and from webinars to industry seminars, execution of this project’s findings has been exemplary.

I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Regards,

Jean-Mari Peltier
President
National Grape & Wine Initiative

Common Ground; Innovative Research
May 20, 2014

Dr. Tim Martinson  
Senior Extension Associate  
Dept. of Horticulture  
Cornell University  
630 West North Street  
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I have been invited to serve on the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) “Northern grapes; Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.” My role will be to attend the yearly and project team meeting, and spend another day of time supporting the project (spent on conference calls, distributing information generated by the project, etc.). You indicate that you seek my contribution of time devoted to the project to contribute to “match” needs for the project. I have been advised here at Michigan State University, Department of Horticulture, that my “match” will not have a trail for auditing because our system does not handle third-party contributions for our faculty. However, I am willing to serve in this capacity and donate my time as a private individual and not as a representative of Michigan State University. I am attaching my Vita to this communication for your review.

I understand this will require a commitment to attend an annual day-long project meeting each winter between January and April, for a total commitment of 2.5 working days (with travel). I also commit another eight hours annually, spent on conference calls (one or two annually, each lasting approximately two hours), distributing outreach materials developed by the Northern Grapes Project via my network, and otherwise supporting the project. At a rate of $70/hour for 28 hours, this represents an annual match of $1960, and a total match of $3920 over the two years of the project.

I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals, and lodging will be provided by the project. If this arrangement as stated above is satisfactory, I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Sincerely,

Ron Perry, Professor
May 13, 2014

Dr. Tim Martinson  
Senior Extension Associate  
Dept. of Horticulture  
Cornell University  
630 West North Street  
Geneva, NY 14456  

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I commit to continuing to represent the Northern New York Wine Grape Growers and Coyote Moon Vineyards on the Project Advisory Committee for the SCRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled Northern grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.

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I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals, and lodging will be provided by the project.

As a member of the advisory committee, I am very aware of the work the Northern Grapes Project has accomplished in the first two years of the project. One example is as a direct result of the projects work we as a region, completely changed our trellising systems, which has increased our harvest results more than 20%.

I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Regards,

Phil Randazzo  
President, Coyote Moon Vineyards  
Member, Northern New York Wine Grape Growers
May 14, 2014

Dr. Tim Martinson
Senior Extension Associate
Dept. of Horticulture
Cornell University
630 West North Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I commit to continuing to represent University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension on the Project Advisory Committee for the SCRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled Northern grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.

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I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals, and lodging will be provided by the project.

As a member of the advisory committee, I am very aware of the work the Northern Grapes Project has accomplished in the first two years of the project. Specifically, I am impressed with the grape yield data for cold climate cultivars in Michigan and New York on different trellis systems. For as much as Marquette is a very popular variety, we had no research to direct us to the correct trellising system. This research will now the be the cornerstone to all new Marquette plantings.

I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Regards,

Timothy Rehbein
Agriculture Agent
University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension
May 13, 2014

Dr. Tim Martinson
Senior Extension Associate
Dept. of Horticulture
Cornell University
630 West North Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I commit to continuing to represent the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension on the Project Advisory Committee for the SCRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled Northern grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.

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I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals, and lodging will be provided by the project.

As a member of the advisory committee, I am very aware of the work the Northern Grapes Project has accomplished in the first two years of the project. An excellent example is survey work that resulted in the economic impact report recently published – in New England alone, we now know that the total economic contribution of grape and wine industries in 2011 was over $70 million. I also especially value the viticultural information that has come out of the project, and the archive of useful project webinars that I can and do use in my outreach work.

I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Regards,

Rebecca G. Sideman
Extension Professor, UNH Cooperative Extension
University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension
June 2, 2014

Dr. Tim Martinson  
Senior Extension Associate  
Dept. of Horticulture  
Cornell University  
630 West North Street  
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I commit to representing Cornell University and its research, teaching, and extension efforts on the Project Advisory Committee for the SCRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled *Northern grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.*

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I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals, and lodging will be provided by the project.

I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Regards,

Justine Vanden Heuvel  
Associate Professor  
Department of Horticulture  
Cornell University
June 10, 2014

Dr. Timothy Martinson
Department of Horticulture
Cornell University – NYSAES
630 W. North Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson:

I commit to continuing to represent the Iowa Grape Growers Association and Tassel Ridge Winery on the Project Advisory Committee for the SCRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled *Northern grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking, and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.*

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I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals, and lodging will be provided by the project.

I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

With regards,

Bob Wersen
President, Tassel Ridge Winery
5-30-14

Dr. Timothy E. Martinson, Senior Extension Associate
Dept. of Horticulture
Cornell University – NYSAES
630 W. North Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Dear Dr. Martinson,

I commit to continuing to represent the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association and Dove Landing Vineyard on the Project Advisory Committee for the SCRI Coordinated Agricultural Project entitled Northern Grapes: Integrating viticulture, winemaking and marketing of new cold-hardy cultivars supporting new and growing rural wineries.

I understand this will require a commitment to attend an annual day-long project meeting each winter between January and April, for a total commitment of 2.5 working days (with travel). I also commit another eight hours annually, spent on conference calls (one or two annually, each lasting approximately two hours), distributing outreach materials developed by the Northern Grapes Project via my network, and otherwise supporting the project. At a rate of $35/hour for 28 hours, this represents an annual match of $960 over the two years of the project.

I understand that a limited amount of funding to support travel, meals and lodging will be provided by the project.

As a member of the advisory committee, I am very aware of the work the Northern Grapes Project has accomplished in the first two years of the project. NGP has worked to expand the marketability of cold-hardy varieties that are presently planted in Nebraska through winemaking technique research. Also, NGP raises awareness of the diseases and herbicide drift problems growers face and how to ensure industry sustainability through educational seminars.

I look forward to continuing to participate on the advisory committee, and will send a designated substitute to the annual project meeting if I cannot attend.

Sincerely,

R. Thomas Zumpfe
Dove Landing Vineyard
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