



Viticulture, enology and marketing
for cold-hardy grapes



News You Can Use

Winery Sanitation

September 2014



*Evan Miles scrubs the floor of the Cornell Vinification & Brewing Technology Laboratory.
photo: Anna Katharine Mansfield*

A good winery sanitation program is of key importance to wineries of all sizes, as it will improve product quality, production consistency, and product safety. The costs of having a poor sanitation program include poor product quality (or perhaps unsalable product), a loss of revenue, and a damaged reputation. As harvest is drawing near, now is a good time to review your winery's sanitation program.

Dr. Randy Worobo, Associate Professor in the Department of Food Science at Cornell University, is a well-known food safety expert, and has presented many winery sanitation workshops across the U.S. In the June 2012 Northern Grapes Project Webinar "Introduction to Winery Sanitation: Options to Applications," Dr. Worobo covered the basics of winery sanitation.

Link to webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2oq4r2bWNDM&feature=youtu.be>

Additional Resources:

Winery Sanitation, Presspad Podcast #9, Hans Walter-Peterson, Chris Gerling, and Randy Worobo, Cornell University

<http://blogs.cornell.edu/presspad/2012/09/25/presspad-podcast-9-winery-sanitation/>

Winery Cleaning and Sanitation (slide set), Michael Sipowicz, Texas Cooperative Extension

<https://winegrapes.tamu.edu/winemaking/Sanitation%20Guide.pdf>

Industry Roundtable: Cellar Sanitation, Bill Pregler (with Randy Worobo, Jeff Farthing, and Samantha Kollar), Wine Business Monthly

<http://www.winebusiness.com/wbm/?go=getArticle&dataId=94711>

Sanitation of Wine Cooperage using Five Different Treatment Methods: and *In Vivo* study, Maria de Lourdes Alejandra Aguilar Solis, Chris Gerling and Randy Worobo, Cornell University

<http://grapesandwine.cals.cornell.edu/sites/grapesandwine.cals.cornell.edu/files/shared/documents/Research-Focus-Sanitation-of-wine.pdf>