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January 26, 2026

Frantic February and Other Notes

Hi all. I hope all of you have weathered the storm with minimal disruptions and instead used it as an excuse for hot cocoa and card games. While we shared a schedule of activities with the last newsletter I thought it would be worth reiterating a few dates in February with a few more details.

2/10. San Ysidro. Garden to Table to Pantry. Grapevine propagation with Geraldine and Don. Register here. 10am-12pm.

2/11. Los Lunas. 1036 Miller Road. Pruning workshop with Don and Geraldine. Learn about pruning fundamentals, including spur, cane, and renewal pruning. We'll meet at the parking lot on the right after the entrance. Free, no registration necessary. Coffee and snacks provided. 1-3pm.

2/27. Las Cruces. NM Wine and Grape education conference. NMSU campus at the Corbett Center. Full day. Register here. Seminars 930am-5pm.

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Don't be a scardy cat, come see us sometime in February

(Chalik Diverres pictured)

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March Workshops. Pesticide credits and Specialty Crops.

If anyone needs pesticide credits here's an in-person workshop in mid-March that will get you five CEU credits. If you don't need pesticide applicator credits there will be a specialty crops workshop happening at the same place, at the same time. Who needs pesticide credits? Anyone who plans on using restricted use pesticides. Don't know anything about restricted use pesticides? Send me an email and I'll be happy to help. If these flyers are illegible let me know and I'll email them as well. pesticide.nmsu.edu

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2026 NMSU Specialty Crop Workshop

Contact: Jeff Anderson



Tel: 575-525-6649
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or visit: pesticide.nmsu.edu
for more information

When: Monday, March 16, 2026. 8 am to 1 pm

Where: NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
Address: 4100 Dripping Springs Rd. Las Cruces, NM 88011
***Registration - beginning 1/26 at: pesticide.nmsu.edu

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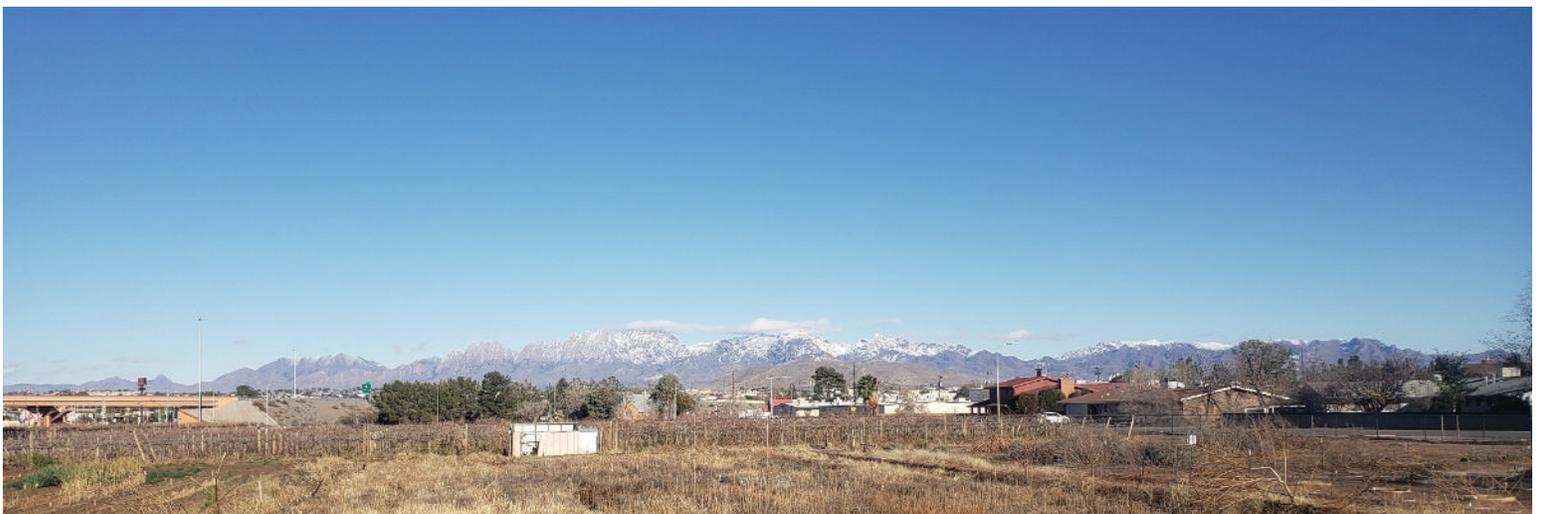
Cold Stability. Why and How?

Grape growing and winemaking occasionally occupies a space at the intersection of aesthetics and risk mitigation. A good example of this is the cold stabilization of white wines. While potassium tartrate crystals settling to the bottom of a wine bottle can look like glass to the untrained eye, the crystals are harmless and a natural product of the interaction between potassium and tartaric acid. Wineries can either force this interaction before their wine is ready to bottle, preemptively removing the crystals, or they can interrupt the process by using mannoprotein products.

While involved tests for cold stability have been developed like the conductivity test, concentration product, or saturation point test, the most reliable is a simple brine test. This involves holding your wine sample at -4C (24.8F) for three days. If you attempted to cold stabilize your wine, and it then failed the brine test, possible explanations include-- 1. You allowed the wine to warm up before racking it off the tartrate crystals. 2. Your filtration failed after stabilizing. 3. You blended the wine after stabilizing (two stabilized wine can become unstable after blending).

If you'd like to double check the effectiveness of your cold stability technique I'm happy to perform a brine test on any wine samples sent to me. Here are a couple links to helpful articles, and I'm happy to expand/elaborate.

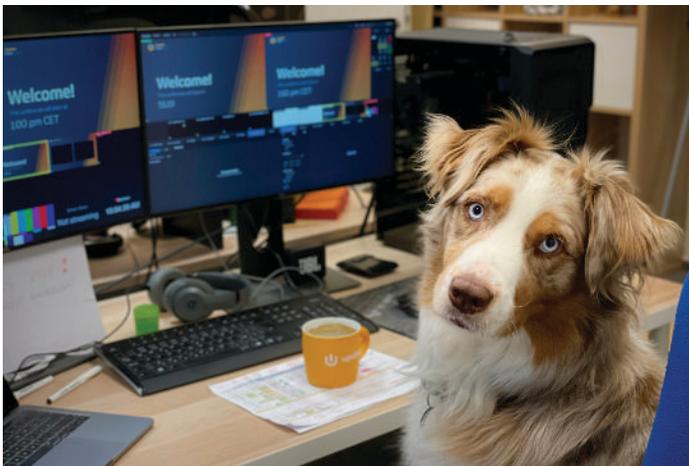
Both are AWRI articles. Click and off you go. Cold Stabilization. Cold Stability Tests.



At press time the cold stability of the Organ Mountains
was not available for comment



Another saguaro photo. These cacti grow only in the Sonoran desert, the Chihuahuan desert is too cold. They grow at a rate of around 1 inch per year and have a lifespan between 150-200 years.



Virtual Office Hours

Unless otherwise noted, every Monday, 2 to 3 p.m.

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/82042824719>

Or dial in, 253-215-8782.

You're welcome to bring any and all questions, photos, epiphanies, etc.

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Maintenance of pruning equipment is essential. Here's a comparison of blades after a couple years of service. Still had some life left but sometimes it pays to be less cheap.



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Febrero frenético y otras notas

Hola a todos, espero que la tormenta no haya causado interrupciones y que, en el proceso, hayan encontrado una buena excusa para disfrutar de un buen chocolate caliente y juegos de mesa. Aunque en la newsletter anterior compartimos un calendario de actividades, creo que vale la pena recordar algunas fechas importantes de febrero con un poco más de detalle:

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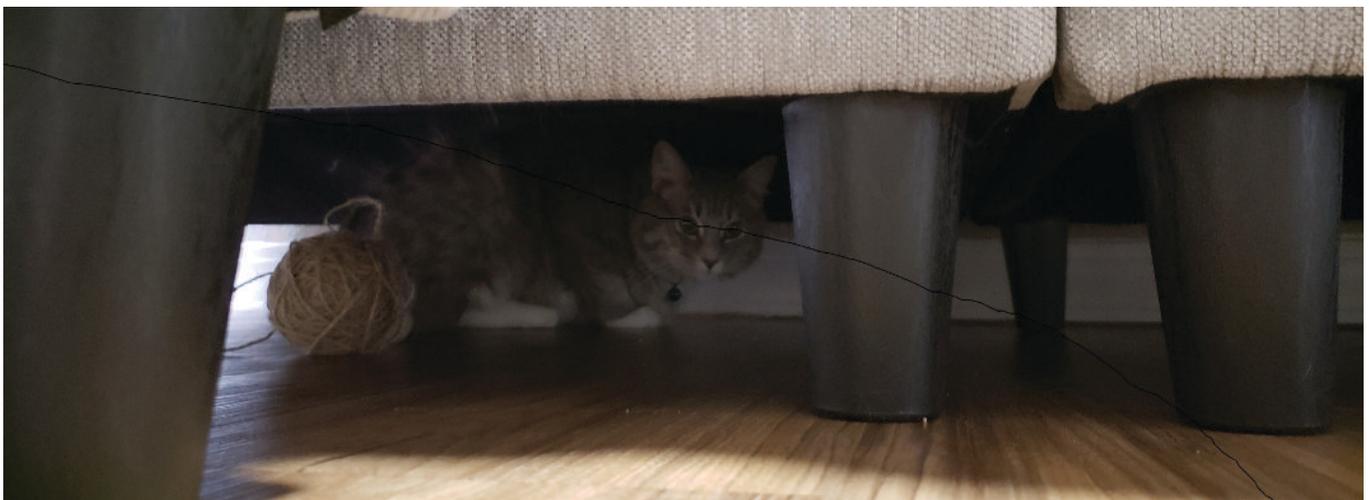
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Talleres de marzo: créditos para pesticidas y cultivos especializados

Si necesita créditos para aplicadores de pesticidas, habrá un taller presencial a mediados de marzo en Las Cruces que otorgará cinco créditos CEU. También habrá un taller sobre cultivos especializados en el mismo lugar y horario.

¿Quiénes necesitan créditos para pesticidas? Cualquier persona que planea utilizar pesticidas de uso restringido. ¿No está seguro de qué son los pesticidas de uso restringido? Escribame un correo electrónico y con gusto le ayudaré. Si los folletos no se leen bien, por favor envíeme un correo electrónico para compartirlos.

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Estabilidad en frío: ¿por qué y cómo?

El cultivo de la vid y la elaboración de vino a menudo se sitúan en la intersección del resultado estético y la mitigación de riesgos. Un buen ejemplo de ello es la estabilización en frío de los vinos blancos. Los cristales de tartrato potásico que se depositan en el fondo de una botella, aunque puedan parecer fragmentos de vidrio para un ojo no entrenado, son totalmente inofensivos. Se forman de manera natural por la interacción entre el potasio y el ácido tartárico. Para remediar este defecto estético, las bodegas pueden: O bien forzar esta interacción antes del embotellado para eliminar los cristales de forma preventiva, o interrumpir la formación de cristales mediante el uso de productos a base de manoproteínas.

Existen varias pruebas para evaluar la estabilidad en frío, como la prueba de conductividad, el producto de concentración o la prueba del punto de saturación. Sin embargo, el método más confiable consiste en mantener la muestra de vino a $-4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($24.8\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$) durante tres días. Si su vino no superó esta prueba de estabilidad en frío, las posibles causas incluyen: El calentamiento del vino antes de trasegarlo y separarlo de los cristales de tartrato; Fallos en la filtración después de la estabilización; O el vino fue mezclado después de la estabilización (dos vinos estabilizados pueden volverse inestables al mezclarse).

Si desea verificar la eficacia de su método de estabilización en frío, puedo realizar esta prueba en cualquier muestra de vino que me envíe. Aquí les dejo dos artículos útiles del AWRI, y con gusto puedo ampliar o profundizar en el tema:

Estabilización en frío

Pruebas de estabilidad en frío



En el momento de la publicación, la estabilidad en frío de las Montañas Organ no estuvo disponible para comentarios.



Otra fotografía de un saguaro. Estos cactus crecen únicamente en el desierto de Sonora; el desierto de Chihuahua es demasiado frío. Los saguaros crecen aproximadamente una pulgada por año y pueden vivir entre 150 y 200 años.



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Horario de oficina virtual

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O llamando al 253-215-8782.

Puede traer cualquier pregunta, duda, fotografía, idea o inspiración que tenga.



El mantenimiento del equipo de poda es fundamental.

Aquí se muestra una comparación de las cuchillas después de un par de años de uso. Aún tenían algo de vida útil, pero a veces vale la pena no ser demasiado tacaño (pichicatero)