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WAWGG ANNOUNCES POSTER AWARDS

The Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers highlighted the latest industry research and information during the Poster session at their annual Convention held in February. About 2,000 state, national, and international participants from the grape and wine industry attended.

The Poster session provides a platform for students, educators, researchers, and other professionals to present cutting edge information and discuss their work with wine and grape industry stakeholders. Each display showcases information on a wide variety of wine and grape research topics and trends. Posters were judged by industry stakeholders and prizes were awarded in three categories: Graduate, Undergraduate and Professional.

GRADUATE

1st Place: **Eric Gale**, Washington State University
Topic: Defining Grapevine Root Cold Hardiness

2nd Place: **Katherine East**, Washington State University
Topic: Root-Know Nematode: Developing Integrated Management Tools for Washington State Grape Growers

3rd Place: **Zachary Cartwright**, Washington State University
Topic: Analysis of *Brettanomyces bruxellensis* in Different Types of Oak Staves

UNDERGRADUATE

1st Place: **Daniel Hottell**, Washington State University
Topic: Gambling with Grafting: Do's and Don'ts During Top-Grafting

2nd Place: **Nathaniel Roberge**, Washington State University
Topic: The Ecology of Red Wine Fermentation

3rd Place: **Corydon Funk**, Washington State University
Topic: Climate and Relation to Quality

PROFESSIONAL

1st Place: **Michelle Moyer**, Washington State University
Topic: Evaluation of Rootstocks for Nematode Management in Washington Vineyards

2nd Place: **Naidu Rayapati**, Washington State University
Topic: Tackling Emerging Soil-borne Virus Diseases in Washington Vineyards

3rd Place: **Lynn Mills**, Washington State University
Topic: Pruning Approaches to Revive Cold-injured Merlot Grapevines

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Photos available upon request.

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- through advocacy and education -
for growers, vintners, partners, and policymakers.*