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WA WINEGROWERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES POSTER AWARDS

The latest industry research and information were highlighted during the Poster session at the the Washington Winegrowers Association annual Convention held last month. About 2,000 state, national, and international participants from the grape and wine industry attended.

The Poster session is a platform for students, educators, and researchers 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.

UNDERGRADUATE

1st Place: **Ashley Boren**, Washington State University
Topic: Virus and Nematode Management in Grapevine for Replant Preparation

2nd Place: **Corydon Funk**, Washington State University
Topic: Analysis of Statistical Relationships Between Bioclimatic Indices and Wine Grape Harvest Qualities

GRADUATE

1st Place: **Margaret McCoy**, Washington State University
Topic: Assessing Sprayer Technology in Washington Vineyards

2nd Place: **Ben-Ming Chang**, Washington State University
Topic: Surprise! Water Stress Increases Grape Berry Splitting

3rd Place: **Caroline Merrell**, Washington State University
Topic: Impact of Berry Maturity and Wine Alcohol on Phenolic Content in Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah during simulated aging

PROFESSIONAL

1st Place: **Lynn Mills**, Washington State University
Topic: The WSU Cold Hardiness Program: Providing Grape Growers with Critical Temperatures and a Prediction Model during Winter

2nd Place: **Sridhar Jarugula**, Washington State University
Topic: The Complete Genome Sequence Analysis of Grapevine Leafroll-associated Virus 1 for Practical Applications in Vineyards

3rd Place: **Prashant Swamy**, Washington State University
Topic: Double Whammy: Impacts of Grapevine Leafroll and Red Blotch Diseases in Commercial Vineyards

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Photos available upon request.

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for growers, vintners, partners, and policymakers.*