

37th Annual Michigan Viticulture Field Day and 3rd Annual Michigan Enology Experience

July 29 – July 30, 2026

This year's **Michigan Viticulture Field Day** will be Wednesday, July 29th at Michigan State University's (MSU) Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center (SWMREC) outside of Benton Harbor, MI. Check-in starts at 8:00 am with presentations beginning after 9:00 am. Lunch and a steak dinner with wine tasting will be included with your attendance.

The educational parts of the day will cover new technologies for grape growers and sustainable viticulture research projects here at MSU. There will be demonstrations of autonomous and smart sprayer technologies and several mechanical weed control systems, as well as discussions on the new organic and regenerative viticulture demonstration plots here at SWMREC, and animal grazing practices.

As always, the trade show will have vendors showcasing some of the newest and best precision viticulture equipment in the area. And, don't forget about the famous steak cookout and Michigan wine showcase! Enjoy the evening socializing with the rest of the grape-growing community over some good food and local wine.

The **Michigan Enology Experience** returns for the third year for Michigan winemakers! The day after **Michigan Viticulture Field Day**, meet other winemakers and winery decision makers at the Welch Center on the Lake Michigan College campus. Check-in starts at 8:30 am with presentations beginning after 9:00 am. The day will include discussions on innovative winemaking technology, a hands-on tasting workshop, and guided tastings of experimental wines from Lake Michigan Vintners and other wineries from Southwest Michigan. The day will conclude with a blind comparative wine tasting pitting Lake Michigan Shore wines against international standards.

Registration for **Michigan Viticulture Field Day** and the **Michigan Enology Experience** is available online at <https://michigangrapesociety.simpletix.com>. Be aware, **Michigan Enology Experience** seating is limited, so register early if interested. The early bird registration deadline is Friday, July 17. For additional information, please reach out to Renee Tinkey at 269.944.1477 x 201.

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MICHIGAN STATE
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37th Michigan Viticulture Field Day

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

at

MSU Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center
1791 Hillandale Rd, Benton Harbor, MI

3rd Michigan Enology Experience

Thursday, July 30, 2026

at

Lake Michigan College – Welch Center
2774 E Empire Ave, Benton Harbor, MI

(return this portion with registration payment)

Michigan Viticulture Field Day and Michigan Enology Experience Registration Form

Name(s):

① _____ ② _____

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Contact address: _____

Email (for registration confirmation): _____ Phone: _____

Early-Bird Rate (postmarked by July 17th)

Day 1: Field Day Pre-Registration \$70 /each x _____ people = \$ _____

Day 2: Enology Pre-Registration \$100 /each x _____ people = \$ _____

or

Two-day Pre-Registration \$150 /each x _____ people = \$ _____

Reminder: Limited seating for Day 2

Normal Registration (postmarked after July 17th)

Day 1: Field Day Registration \$90 /each x _____ people = \$ _____

Day 2: Enology Registration \$125 /each x _____ people = \$ _____

or

Two-day Registration \$200 /each x _____ people = \$ _____

Reminder: Limited seating for Day 2

Make checks/money orders payable to **MICHIGAN GRAPE SOCIETY** and mail registrations to:

Michigan State University – SWMREC

Attn: Renee Tinkey

1791 Hillandale Road

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Online registration for credit card payment is available at:

<https://michigangrapesociety.simplertix.com>

Payment may be made in person at MSU SWMREC, 1791 Hillandale Rd, Benton Harbor, MI

All payment types will be accepted at the door on the day of each event

Questions? Call Renee Tinkey at 269-944-1477 x 201