

# PETITE SIRAH IS TOPIC

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## FOPPIANO VINEYARDS

HOSTS THE FOURTH ANNUAL PETITE SIRAH NOBLE SYMPOSIUM

A symposium on petite sirah, a grape some growers believe deserves more recognition... held at Foppiano Vineyards in Healdsburg.

Foppiano Vineyards is one of California's leading petite sirah producers and biggest supporters. Louis M. Foppiano, general manager of the family winery, will moderate the symposium, which is open to all interested growers and winemakers.

The symposium will offer informational sessions on petite sirah production as well as a tasting of top petite sirah wines.

Viticulturist Daniel Roberts of Integrated Winegrowing will discuss the importance of diurnal temperature changes on petite sirah. Bruce Gradek of American and Lake County Grapevine Nurseries will talk about the clonal aspects of petite sirah. Clark Smith of Vinovations and Robert Brittan, former winemaker at Stags' leap Winery, will discuss petite sirah winemaking.