



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

**COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**

2016 Northeast Ohio Twilight Grape Tour

Thursday, August 11, 2016 (5:30 to 8:00 p.m.)

The Winery at Spring Hill

6062 South Ridge Road, West - Geneva, Ohio 44041

440-466-0626

<http://thewineryatspringhill.com/>



The Winery at Spring Hill – The Winery at Spring Hill opened its doors in March, 2009. Prior to converting to a winery, the Swank family operated a farmers market & gift shop from 1953-2007. This multi-family winery was started in March 2009 and features a restaurant and live entertainment. The winery produces over 22 different wines ranging from dry and semi-dry Vinifera to semi-dry and semi-sweet Labrusca and fruit wines. In May of 2016, the operation began producing and selling an award winning line of Hard Ciders.



Attend the Ohio Grape & Wine Day Before the Twilight Tour (2:00 - 4:30 p.m.)

Producers are encouraged to attend the 2016 Ohio Grape & Wine Day at the OARDC Ashtabula Research Station located at 2625 South Ridge Road East in Kingsville, Ohio from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Some of the topics that will be discussed at this event include: Trunk Renewal Methods following Winter Injury, Life Cycles of Vineyard Weeds, The Emergence of Red Blotch Virus, Entomology Update, Agricultural Soils through the Lens of Geological History of Ashtabula County, and Soil Profiles of the Ashtabula Research Station Soils. This is a nice opportunity to dialog "one on one" with OARDC personnel with grape responsibilities. For more information about this event, call the OARDC Ashtabula Research Station at 440-224-0273.

About the Twilight Tour (5:30 - 8:30 p.m.)

Tom Swank will share with participants the rich history of The Winery at Spring Hill. Learn how this former multi-generational fruit farm transitioned to a multi-family winery in 2009. Tom Swank, winemaker, will share how the winery is paying homage to the farm's rich apple tradition with the introduction of hard cider line. Learn more about the production, bottling, and marketing of hard cider. Currently the winery is selling four types of cider: Orchard Original, Spiced Apple, Blueberry Hills and Hopped Up. The next cider to be released is a



Maple Bourbon Hard Cider which is sure to grab the attention of many in northeast Ohio.

In addition to learning about the new events at The Winery at Spring Hill, participants will get the chance to learn how to control nuisance wildlife in the grape vineyards. We are pleased that Jason Warren, ODNR Wildlife Officer for Ashtabula County, will be on hand to share strategies for controlling nuisance wildlife which inflict vineyards. Learn how to control deer, wild turkey, raccoon and birds which love to eat wine and juice grapes.

To close the evening program, Patrick Pierquet, Enology Research Associate/Lab Manager at OSU – OARDC, will share a talk titled "Rose' Wines and Alternative Processes. Attendees will participate in a sensory evaluation of two rose' wines and two experimental dessert wines. Participants will be asked to provide their feedback on these wines.

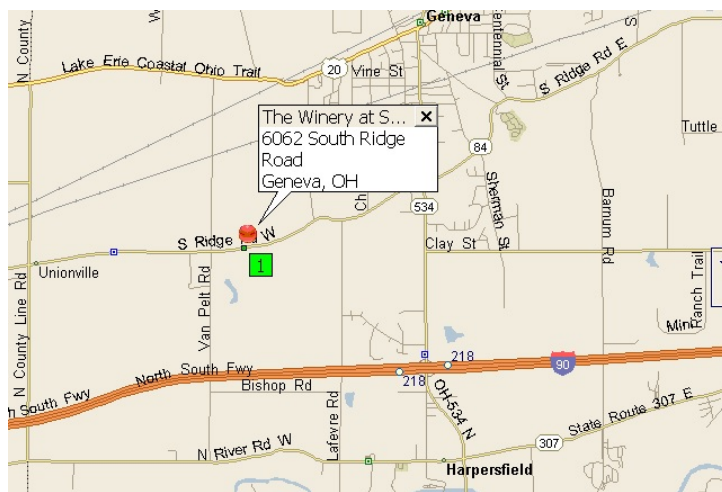
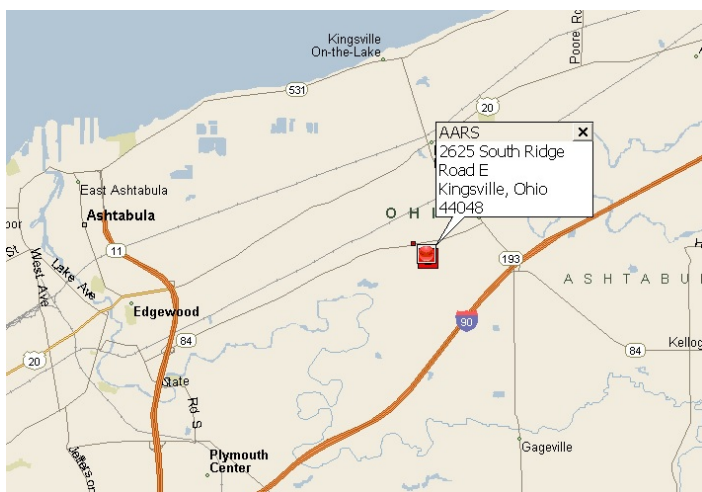
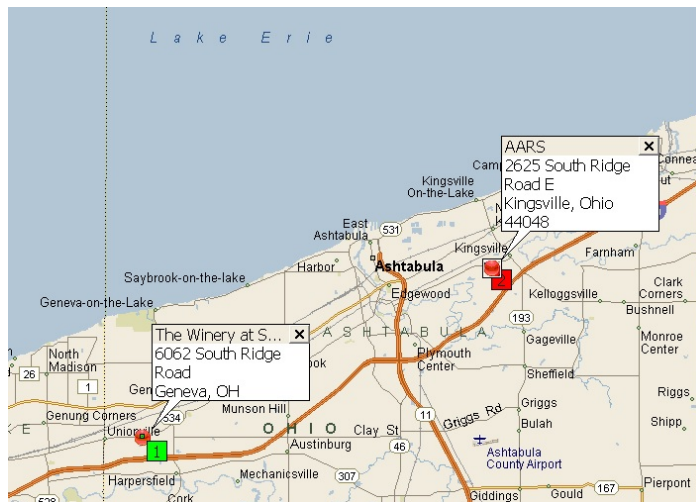
Dinner (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

Dinner will be served at the conclusion of the tour (approximately 7:00 p.m.). Participants will be treated to Grilled Chicken dinner with dessert. Iced Tea and Coffee will be available. A cash bar will be made available for those who wish to sample wine or sample flights of the Hard Cider. The dinner fee will be \$20 per person. In order to ensure a meal, we must have reservations by Thursday, August 4, 2016. This should be a marvelous evening topped off by a great dinner and fantastic fellowship!

**Call the OSU Extension office at 440-576-9008 to make your reservations.
Reservations must be made by 4:30 p.m. Thursday, August 4.**

Directions to The Winery at Spring Hill

- Follow South Ridge Road east to State Route 193
- Take Route 193 South to Route 90 West
- Take Route 90 West to Route 534 North
- Take Route 534 North to Route 84 (South Ridge Road) and travel West
- Follow South Ridge Road West to The Winery at Spring Hill



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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

No. of Reservations for Twilight Tour Dinner _____ @ \$20.00 per person Total Due \$ _____

Reservations are due by August 4, 2016. Please mail today to OSU Extension, 39 Wall Street, Jefferson, OH 44047
Call OSU Extension at 440-576-9008 with any questions.