

# Small-Scale Commercial Wine Making School



Twenty-seven students from across the Midwest enjoyed learning about the basics of white wine and red wine production at the Small Scale Commercial Wine School - Wine School VII hosted by the Five Rivers RC&D at the UNL Kimmel Education and Research Center in Nebraska City October 22nd and 23rd.

Students from Nebraska, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, and Wisconsin enjoyed the instruction of Alan Dillard, owner and winemaker at Limestone Creek Winery located in Southern Illinois. After an all day instruction on grape selection and quality, production equipment, white wine making and fining, and bottling and labeling on Friday, the class was treated to dinner and wine tasting at the Whiskey Run Creek Winery in Brownville.

Saturday, the class resumed with instruction on the basics of red wine making and the use of tannins. Laboratory demonstrations in the afternoon by Alan and Vaughn Hammond, UNL Kimmel Education and Research Center Extension Technologist, showed students proper use of equipment to test wine and grape juice pH, sugar, and alcohol levels.

Overall, students were very pleased with the content of the course. One student had taken the course previously as an introductory wine maker and decided to retake the course after experimenting with wine making for a few years. Sarah Millette of Denver, Colorado, said, "The class was challenging but not in an overwhelming way. Alan made the material accessible in a way

## Highlights

◆ **Benefits:**  
Over 145 businesses retained.

◆ **Funding:**  
Participants: \$10,125  
Professional Services:

Photo: Alan Dillard demonstrates the use of the ebullimeter.



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