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Geneva Experiment Station's Frank A. Lee Library to host wine tasting

(Not open to the public – the tasting is open to members of the Cornell/NYSAES community and the wine and grape industry.)

The Frank A. Lee Library will be hosting a comparative tasting of wines made from the Traminette grape at the NYS Agricultural Experiment Station at 9:00AM, Friday, June 6, 2008. It will be held in the lounge on the second floor of Jordan Hall, at 630 W. North Street in Geneva, on the campus of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (NYSAES).

The tasting is being held in conjunction with the grape and wine history exhibit, *Song of the Vine: A History of Wine*, sponsored by the Cornell University Library, Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections. The exhibit is being held June through December 2008 in Ithaca.

This informal educational event will highlight just one of the numerous contributions that the Experiment Station has made to the wine industry. Traminette was released by the Station as a new grape variety in 1996, and wines made from this grape have grown steadily in popularity. Winemakers and growers are encouraged to come and sample Traminette varietal wines from New York, Michigan, Missouri, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Bruce Reisch, Cornell Professor of grape breeding and genetics, will make some brief opening remarks about the history and development of this distinctive wine grape variety.

Following the tasting, beginning at 10:30AM, there will be [a presentation by Tom Pinney on the topic of wine history in America](#). Pinney is the author of the landmark two- volume work *A History of Wine in America* and several other wine-related publications. He is emeritus Professor of English at Pomona College, Claremont, CA former chair of the department and a Kipling scholar.

These events are being held to commemorate the first ten years of Cornell's Eastern Wine & Grape Archive which seeks to preserve wine and grape history by saving and archiving documents and records of historic value.

Contact the Frank A. Lee Library with questions:

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Related web sites:

<http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/library/>

<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/collections/winegrape.html>

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