Thursday, June 7, 2012, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Co-sponsored by and held at Ironstone Vineyards, Murphys

8:00 Welcome & Foothill viticulture update.
Lynn Wunderlich, UC Cooperative Extension-Central Sierra

8:15 To apply or not to apply fertilizers: Mineral nutrient uptake by grapevines and interpretation of tissue analyses.
Larry Williams, UC Viticulture Professor-Kearney Agricultural Center

9:00 Avoid getting “burned:” managing Botrytis bunch rot and sunburn in vineyards.
Rhonda Smith, UC Cooperative Extension-Sonoma County

9:45 BREAK

10:15 White wine varieties for the Foothills: How far off the beaten trail can we go?
Jim Wolpert, UC Viticulture Specialist-UC Davis


Paul Bush, Winemaker/Grower, Madroña Vineyards. Paul has a strong sense for what foothill terroir can best produce, championing Riesling and Gewürztraminer, white Rhones and Chardonnay.

Chuck Hovey, Winemaker, Hovey Wines, Gianelli Vineyards, Stevenot. Chuck's zest for whites, classic to daring, includes Chardonnay, Albariño, Verdelho, and Fiano.

Ron Mansfield, Grower, Goldbud Farms. A foothill farming “maven,” Ron grows Rhones that have the attention of Bay area winemakers and have anchored locals such as Holly's Hill & David Girard.

Mark McKenna, Winemaker/GM, Andis Wines. A veteran of Terre Rouge and Montevina, Mark combines innovative and traditional techniques to produce distinctive, vibrant wines.

Mark Skenfield, Grower/Owner, Vinescapes. Mark has developed over 40 vineyards in the foothills since '95. Mark’s vision and cool attention to detail is elevating the range of whites Calaveras grows.

Mari Wells-Coyle, Winemaker, David Girard Vineyards. Mari’s early experiences in Sonoma and New Zealand led her to the foothills, where she expresses her ardor for Rhones with delicate finesse.

12:45 Lunch & Wine Tasting
Special thanks to:
Stephen Kautz and IRONSTONE
Kerry Keeney
Carolyn McVarish
Chef James
Robin Cleveland
Calaveras Wine Alliance: Sara Teeter
Volunteer helpers: Chloe and Elissa
Our UC Speakers: Larry Williams, Rhonda Smith, Jim Wolpert
Our White Hot Panelists: Paul Bush, Chuck Hovey, Ron Mansfield, Mark McKenna, Mark Skenfield and Mari Wells-Coyle
Everyone who helped to pour and the wineries who donated wine for us to taste, share and enjoy.

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