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# Latest AVF-Funded Enology and Viticulture Research Summaries Now Available Online

**Napa, CA, July 17, 2008...** Two different sets of research summaries funded in part or in whole by the America Vineyard Foundation are now available online: The AVF Research Summaries 07-08 and the 88-page proceedings from the recent National Viticulture Research Conference (NVRC) held at UC Davis in early July.

"This research is important to all winemakers and grapegrowers," said AVF Board member, Jerry Lohr. "Because of this research, there are so many potential advances that will help our industry make better wine, operate more sustainably and be more profitable."

The AVF Research Summaries 07-08 covers AVF funded projects from the latest research cycle. "These summaries are just the first step in getting important information from researchers to others in the wine industry who can put that information to use," said Lohr. Lohr stated that sharing information amongst researchers also helps the industry by letting researchers know what everyone else is working on. "For instance a few years ago, we didn't think viruses were a real problem," Lohr said. "Thanks to research, we now know that stressing vines causes different viruses to express themselves. Because of access to this kind of information, as a grape grower, I don't stress my vines as much as I used to."

Also available online are the research proceedings from the Second Annual National Viticulture Research Conference (NVRC) held at UC Davis in early July. The proceedings cover 51 projects of significance to all in the wine industry. Another conference is planned for next summer at UC Davis.

Electronic versions of the AVF research summaries are available at the AVF Website at www.avf.org, and the NVRC research proceedings are available at the UC Integrated Viticulture online site at iv.ucdavis.edu.

Established in 1978 to raise funds for research in viticulture and enology, the AVF is a wine-industry sponsored non-profit organization funded by growers and vintners. Since its founding, the AVF has funded nearly $20 million in wine and grape-related research. For a complete listing of the funded research projects or more information regarding the AVF, check out their Web site at www.avf.org or by e-mail at scott@avf.org.

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