



Vineyard Tour  
of  
**Champlain Valley Vineyard**  
Benson, Vermont

**September 8, 2006**  
10:00 am - Noon

Please join us for a tour of **Champlain Valley Vineyard** in Benson, Vermont and a discussion of factors that impact grape production by **Dr. James Travis, Grape Pathologist of Penn State University**, who will be participating in the tour.

**Directions:** The vineyard is located approximately 7 miles north of Fair Haven, VT just off of Route 22A. From 22A, turn West on to Lake Road towards the town of Benson, VT. Go about 1 mile on Lake Rd. into the center of town. The General Store will be in front of you and the Wheel Inn restaurant on your right. Turn Right (north) on to Stage Rd and go one mile straight out of town until you get to the top of the hill. You will see board fencing and a small vineyard on the left. Go just over the crest of the hill and turn left up towards a large white building.

**Vineyard History:** Dr. Ray Knutsen, owner and manager of the vineyard, has experimented with a number of different winegrape varieties such as Chardonnay, Cab. Franc, Vignole, Baco Noir, Riesling, etc., on his farm since 1979 and his experience has directed his focus to the University of Minnesota varieties. Presently, the vineyard has 2 acres of LaCrescent, 2 acres of Frontenac, 1 1/2 acres of St Croix, 1 acre of Frontenac Gris, 1 acre of NY 73.0136.17, 1 acre of Marquette (planted spring 2006) and 1/4 acre of Vignole. In addition, a winery is being built and a tasting room is being planned.

*Please join us for what should be a very interesting tour and discussion.  
Hope to see you there rain or shine!*

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*Please R.S.V.P. via email or phone by Tuesday, Sept. 5, if you plan to attend.  
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