



Washington Rootstock Field Day

Inland Desert Nursery – Washington State University Viticulture Extension
Sponsored by: Western SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education)

Thursday, July 13
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Inland Desert Nursery, 32508 W Kelly Rd, Benton City, WA 99320
Pre-registration required: <https://wine.wsu.edu/event/2023-washington-rootstock-field-day>
Registration is limited! Please register by 7 July 2023

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:15 AM	Arrival and Check-in
9:15 – 9:50 AM	Rootstock Selection and Choice – <i>Jean Dodson-Peterson, WSU VE</i> <i>Fundamentals of the different rootstock species and breeding lines, and how they might respond to different environment and management scenarios.</i> Handouts: A brief summary of key rootstocks and their attributes. This can then be used in the activity below.
9:50 – 10:10 AM	Designing Rootstock Field Trials: Part 1 – <i>Michelle Moyer, WSU VE</i> <i>What you can and should do when designing an on-farm trial, and how to design one that fits your other farming needs.</i>
10:10 – 10:45 AM	Designing Rootstock Field Trials: Part 2 <i>Working individually or in teams, design a mock rootstock trial that will help you find answers to the questions you might have. Trial designs will be briefly reviewed and discussed so as to highlight best practices and common pitfalls.</i> Handouts: A trial design template, and the On Farm Trial Design extension publication.
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Refreshment break
11:00 – 11:20 AM	Practical Advice for Rootstock Establishment – <i>IDN Team</i> <i>The how, when and how-long advice regarding protecting the graft union from potential cold damage during the dormancy period.</i>
11:20 – 11:45 AM	The Western SARE Rootstock Trial at IDN – <i>IDN Team.</i> <i>See the rootstock trial, which was planted in 2021. Ask the IDN team about their irrigation set-up, and what we have learned about how the different rootstocks affect the scion in these early establishment years.</i>
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Workshop wrap up, closing comments, and surveys.