

## Glenn T. McGourty Biography

Glenn McGourty is the Winegrowing and Plant Science Advisor for the University of California Cooperative Extension Offices in Lake and Mendocino County. He advises a vineyard industry that covers over 10,000 hectares with nearly 600 producers. He received an AB degree in Botany from Humboldt State University in 1974, a MS degree in Plant Soil and Water Science from the University of Nevada Reno in 1979. He also did additional graduate work in the California Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo Agricultural Business Management department, focusing on marketing of agricultural products in 1984-5.

Glenn worked as a lab assistant for Driscoll Strawberry Associates in Watsonville, California, where he conducted tissue culture research, assisted in the grower service IPM program, and helped in screening new crop protectants for strawberries. He also worked as an Extension Horticulturist for the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension in Las Vegas, working with diverse clientele including resorts and golf courses, commercial landscape and some agricultural crops (cotton and alfalfa) grown in the outlying communities. Glenn then returned to California to manage his family's almond and walnut orchards in the Paso Robles area, while also lecturing in the Department of Environmental Horticulture at California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo. He taught plant materials, diseases and pests of ornamental plants, tissue culture, nursery practices and introduction to gardening (for non-majors.)

Glenn joined UC Cooperative Extension in 1987, and works with wine grape growers, wineries, nurseries, landscapers and vegetable growers. Present research activities include evaluating 14 Mediterranean wine grape varieties; evaluation of new cover crop plant materials; the ecology and control of ice nucleating bacteria in vineyard ecosystems; and developing parameters for vineyard soil health. He also is a regular contributor to numerous trade publications including *Wines & Vines*, *Practical Winery and Vineyard Magazine*, *Vineyard and Winery Management* and *Wine Business Monthly*. He is the coauthor and co-editor of 4 University of California viticulture books. He was appointed as a Visiting Scientist to Agriculture Victoria in Australia in 2001 to work with researchers on the effect of compost and organic farming to prevent damage from phylloxera to grape vine roots. He was chosen as the UC Davis Extension Agriculture Instructor in 1993 for his extension class teaching efforts in Environmental Horticulture in 1993, and again for his extension teaching efforts in Viticulture in 2010 (the only instructor to receive the award 2 times). Today he lives with his wife Jan in an old farm house that they have restored on a 16 acre ranch along the Russian River where he has a small vineyard planted to the Italian white wine variety 'Arneis'.