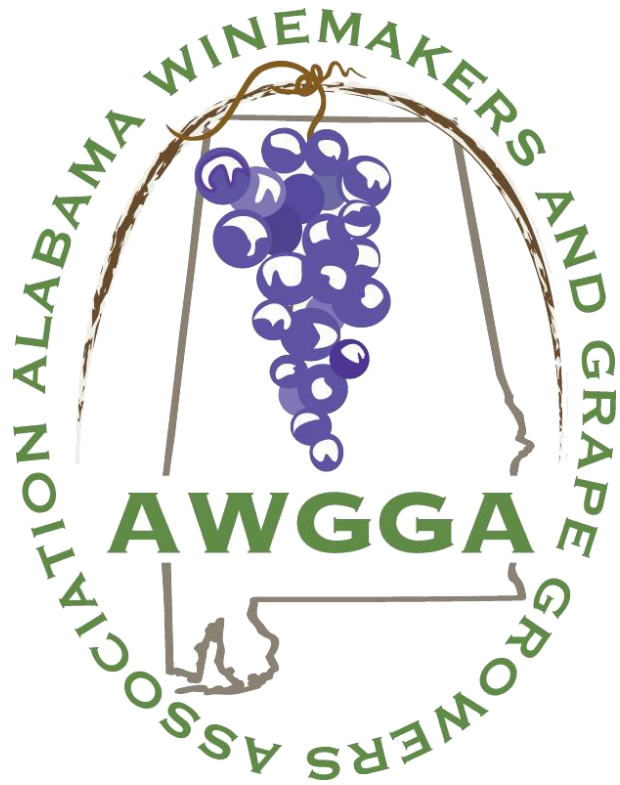


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**2018  
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8:30-5:00**



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# AWGGA Spring Conference



## Opening

8:30-8:55—*Registration and Breakfast*

8:55-9:00—*Opening Remarks*

## Morning Session

9:00-10:00—*Dr. Cain Hickey, Southeast Viticulture*

*15 Minute Break*

10:15-11:15—*Scott Montgomery/Paul Downs, Winemaking*

*15 Minute Break*

## Lunch

11:30-12:30—*Buffet*

## Afternoon Session

12:30-1:00—*Roundtable “UC Davis PD Resistant Vinifera Discussion”*

*15 Minute Break*

1:15-2:15—*Dr. Jane Garvey, Wine Tasting and Education*

*15 Minute Break*

2:30-3:15—*Scott Lee, Maruella Winery, Starting a Winery*

*10 Minute Break*

3:25-3:55—*Amateur Wine Competition Awards*

3:55-4:25—*AWGGA Meeting and Elections*

## Closing

4:25—*Closing Remarks*



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## Presenters



### **Dr. Cain Hickey, Viticulture Specialist**

Cain Hickey is an assistant professor and viticulture extension specialist in the Horticulture Department at the University of Georgia. He has been involved in viticulture research and extension since 2007, when he was employed at the Penn State Lake Erie Regional Grape Research and Extension Center. After graduating with a BS in Horticulture Science from Penn State in 2009, Cain began his graduate studies in viticulture at Virginia Tech, earning his MSc in 2012 and PhD in 2016. He was a post-doctoral research associate at the Cornell Lake Erie Regional Extension Laboratory from 2016-2017. His research focuses on applied viticulture, and has been recently focused on pruning, trellising, and fruit-zone management as they relate to crop yield and quality. He has presented at several academic and industry conferences and extension workshops. Currently, he is working with members of the Georgia grape and wine industry to solve regional vineyard management issues through his extension and research appointment.

### **Dr. Jane Garvey, Wine Educator and Author**

Since the early 1990s, Jane Garvey has written about wine for a variety of publications from Long Island to Atlanta, and has taught a wide range of wine classes. Her travels have taken her to many wine-producing countries—recently England—and the important wine-producing states in the U.S. A co-founder with two colleagues of the Georgia Trustees Wine Challenge, Jane is excited to see the re-emergence of Georgia's wine country.

### **Scott Lee, Owner-Winemaker**

Scott Lee is an owner in Maraella Winery in Hokes Bluff, Alabama, and produces Alabama's only estate grown and bottled Cabernet Sauvignon. Their wine brand has impressed the palates of wine enthusiasts from New York to California. The winery has received several accolades since its establishment in 2005 including: 2016 Artisan Awards in San Francisco, California and two medals at the 2016 International Craft Awards in Los Angeles, California, 2015 Riesling won Gold and "Best Dry White Wine" at the 2nd Annual Alabama Commercial Wine Competition, and medaled at the Finger Lakes Wine Competition in Rochester, New York.



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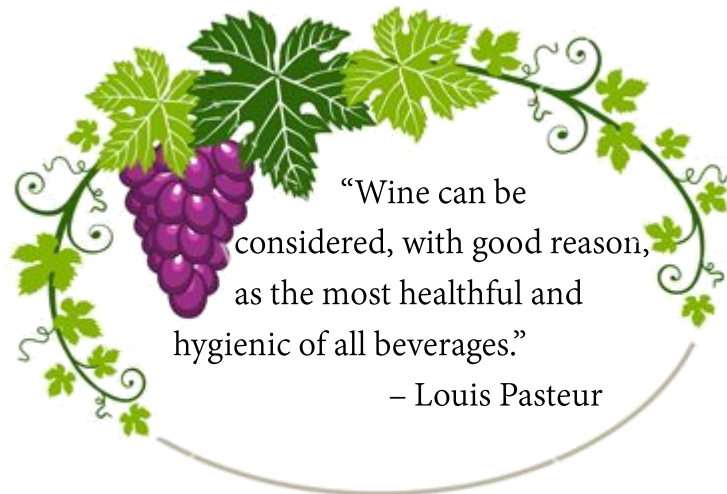
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### **Scott Montgomery, Expert Winemaker**

Scott Montgomery is a graduate of the American Wine Society's Wine Judge Certification Program and an Italian Wine Specialist. He has judged at the American Wine Society Commercial and Amateur Wine Competitions, Wines of the South Wine Competition, Georgia Trustees Wine Challenge, Vino Challenge International, Tennessee Viticultural and Oenological Society amateur wine competition, the Alabama Commercial Wine Competition and the Heartland Wine Competition. He is also the judging coordinator for the Alabama Winemakers and Grape Growers Association amateur wine competition. Scott has won numerous medals for his own homemade wines over the last thirty years. A third-generation Oregonian, Scott and his wife now reside in Birmingham, Alabama.

### **Paul Downs, Expert Winemaker**

Paul Downs made his first wine from a kit in 1983 and planted his first vineyard in 1992. He currently makes 10-12 different wines per year most using grapes sourced from his small vineyard currently growing Chambourcin, Norton, Blanc Du Bois, Lenoir and Conquistador. Paul has served as president of the Tennessee Viticultural and Oenological Society, as well as, three terms as president of the AWGGA. He currently lives in Hartselle, Alabama with his wife Janan.



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