



Madera Vintners Association Grant Program

*In Honor of Dr. Vincent Petrucci and
Professor Ken Fugelsang*

Madera Vintners Association
P.O. Box 25028
Fresno, CA. 93729

2020 Dr. Vincent Petrucci and Professor Ken Fugelsang Grant Application Instructions:

Two grants are available for \$1,000 each, named for two educators who played pivotal roles at Fresno State. One grant is named the Dr. Vincent Petrucci Grant and the other grant available is named the Professor Ken Fugelsang Grant.

This application must be completed in full and postmarked on or before November 15th, 2019 to be considered by the M.V.A. Grant Committee. Applications postmarked after November 15th, 2019 will not be considered, no exceptions.

Scholarship Qualifications:

- o Student must be attending California State University, Fresno in either undergraduate, graduate studies or certificate programs.
- o Student must be pursuing a career in Enology or Viticulture with wine grape emphasis.
- o Student must be attending California State University, Fresno in Spring 2020.

The application must include the following for consideration:

- o Application form.
- o Short biography (typed, ds).
- o Current class schedule.
- o Two letters of recommendation: One being Enology or Viticulture based. (Enology Professor, Winemaker, Vineyard Manager, Ect.)
- o An in-person interview may be requested once application is received.

**Applications lacking letters of recommendation will be considered incomplete and disregarded for award.*

Background on Professor Ken Fugelsang

Kenneth C. Fugelsang (December 13, 1946 - February 20, 2017)

Professor Emeritus, Department of Viticulture & Enology

Winemaster, Fresno State Winery

B.S. (1969) and M.S. (1972) Biology, Fresno State

Ken Fugelsang was a highly respected member of the grape and wine industry and will be remembered as a key player in the development of Fresno State's world renown enology program, the first university in the United State to have a commercial winery on its campus. For over 40 years, this internationally-recognized enologist is credited with building a legacy of world-class winemakers who continue to grow and impact the wine industry today.

A graduate of Fresno State, Ken's career began in 1971 as a technician in the enology program and ended in 2011 when he retired as the Fresno State winemaster and a faculty member in the Department of Viticulture and Enology. From 2011 through 2016, however, Ken's love of educating future winemakers kept him in the classroom on a part-time basis. His last graduating class at Fresno State was in May, 2016.

During his tenure, Ken published more than 150 technical papers and 18 books. His book "Wine Microbiology - Practical Applications and Procedures," co-authored with Charles Edwards of Washington State University, received the Paris-based International Office of the Vine and Wine's Prix dl'OIV in 2007 - only the second time an American author was recognized in the field of enology.

According to former Fresno State winemaker and colleague John Giannini, "Ken has trained hundreds of winemakers nationally and internationally; many of whom have gone on to acquire prestigious accolades. Ken has also given seminars and workshops in many of the winemaking regions of the world. He is truly an industry icon."

On February 20, 2017, less than one year after official retirement from Fresno State, Ken Fugelsang lost his battle with cancer at the age of 70. His former students, friends, and colleagues will remember Ken as a quiet, talented man who influenced the lives and careers of so many. Hundreds of friends gathered at the Fresno State Winery on May 13 to honor this man who was a leader in wine education. He leaves behind his wife, Ann and son, Jeffrey.

Background on Dr. Vincent Petrucci

Vincent E. Petrucci (July 13, 1925 - December 27, 2016)
Professor Emeritus, Plant Science Department
Director Emeritus, Viticulture & Enology Research Center
Ph.D. Honorary, California State University, Fresno, 1994
M.S., Horticulture, University of California, Davis, 1948
B.S., Pomology, University of California Davis, 1947

Dr. Vincent E. Petrucci is known by many as the “father” of the world renown viticulture and enology program at Fresno State and a pioneer of the grape and wine industry who educated generations of leaders. He was a true visionary with a generous heart and love for his family and students.

Dr. Petrucci began his forty-five year career at Fresno State College in the fall of 1948 after graduating from UC Davis. From 1948 to 1954, Petrucci first taught viticulture classes at Hammer Field, a wartime Air Force base, before the campus moved to its current location on Cedar and Shaw Avenues in Fresno. In addition to establishing the university’s viticulture and enology academic programs, Petrucci founded the Fresno State Viticulture and Enology Research Center in 1985 and served as its director until his retirement in 1993. Dr. Petrucci was conferred as an honorary doctorate of science by California State University, Fresno in 1994.

During his tenure, Petrucci published numerous papers and books detailing grape growing practices and also established the V.E. Petrucci Library, a collection of the Henry Madden Library, that supports the viticulture and enology disciplines, and continues to serve students, faculty, and the grape and wine community.

At the time of Petrucci’s passing in December of 2016, former colleague and internationally known enologist Ken Fuglesang said, “the University and industry owe Petrucci a great deal not only for the tutelage and preparation and preparedness of students in viticulture and enology, but also for his vision and direction in research that have made a significant contribution in terms of what we know today.”

Petrucci was raised on his family’s farm in Escalon, CA and served in the U.S. Naval Air Corps at the end of World War II. As a professor of viticulture at Fresno State, Petrucci’s skill and influence grew the viticulture and enology program to international prominence. In addition, he counseled more than 53 grape-growing counties with his rare expertise, establishing our region as a world leader in modern viticulture. As a result, he received many honors during his lifetime, including the California State Fair Wine Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009, Fresno State Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award in 1986, and the UC Davis Distinguished Achievement Award in 1995.

Dr. Petrucci will be remembered by so many for his passion, dedication, and contributions to Fresno State and the grape and wine industry as a whole. Fresno State President Joseph Castro called Petrucci an “extraordinarily talented man” and said, “His leadership and many contributions form a legacy of academic distinction at Fresno State that will be honored and built upon in the decades to come.”

APPLICATION

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Birthplace: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____

Please tell us about any achievements you have accomplished at Fresno State?

What special clubs, associations, or societies have you participated in?

What occupation are you preparing for and what is your major course of study?

Write a short biography, including reasons for your choice of major subject. Please include your past and present financial circumstances and what your plans are in grape growing, winemaking or wine marketing. (Include details such as varieties of interest, growing techniques, winemaking ideas, regions of interest, etc.) **Attach this section to the grant application on a separate sheet of paper*

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submission Instructions:

**Email, mail, or in person applications will be accepted. Be sure to include class schedule, short biography and two letters of recommendation.*

Email Submissions:

Email application to: info@maderavintners.com

Subject line: 2020 Grant Application

Mail Submissions:

Applications must be postmarked no later than November 15th, 2019 and be mailed to:

*Madera Vintners Association
ATTN: MVA Grant Committee
P.O. Box 25028
Fresno, CA 93729*

In Person Submissions:

Grant applications must be delivered by 4:00 pm on November 15th, 2019 to:

*Toca Madera Winery
36140 Avenue 9
Madera, CA 93636*

Grant recipients will be announced in January 2020 and all applicants will be notified.