July 13, 1925

Happy 90th Birthday!

Celebrating Vincent E. Petrucci

Celebrating 90 years!

Celebrating a man with a vision!

90th Birthday Celebration on June 27, 2015
V.E. Petrucci
CSUF
Viticulture
Vince Petrucci’s Grape Arbor at Home
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F.F.A.
VINE PRUNING CONTEST
Raisins from Fresno State College – in Los Angeles
Charter of the Viticulture Club
Fresno State College

To Whom It May Concern:

The faculty of Fresno State College represented by:
Vincent F. Petrucci, sponsor; Harry P. Karle, vineyard foreman, sponsor;
and Lloyd Dowler, Dean of Agriculture, hereby authorize
the establishment of the Viticulture Club.

The Officers, President, Mel Coelho; Vice President, Lodo Fanucchi;
Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Hawley; are hereby authorized to hold
formal meetings and transact business as the Viticulture Club.

The following are hereby declared charter members of the Viticulture Club:

Bill Clevenger
Truman Clevenger
Melvin Coelho
Nick Dokozlian
Lodo Fanucchi
Jack H. Farror
Eric Ferdinandsen
Gerald K. Forrest
Carl M. Hansen
Lawrence V. Hawley
Angelo Cal Pagni
Manuel Raphael
Satoru Kawate
John Shapazian

--- Honorary Charter Members ---
Elmer Snyder
Bert J. Gilbert

The officers shall install successors and empower them to carry out
and further the activities of this Viticulture Club & Fresno State College

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands at the Fresno State
College this third day of June 1952 in this charter here above written.

Vincent F. Petrucci
Sponsor
Harry P. Karle
Vineyard foreman, sponsor

President
Dean of Agriculture
Student Council President
Professor Vincent Petrucci and his students
Early Days at Fresno State
RAISINS
WINE GRAPES
TABLE GRAPES
Fresno State College
Raisin Box
Back of the Raisin Box
California State University, Fresno Raisin Box
1970’s
Building the first Viticulture Research Center With Private Funds from the Grape & Wine Industry
Delivering Cold Storage Units – 1970’s
Pete P. Peters Conference Room 1970’s
Gallo Graduate Research Laboratory
1970’s
Sun Maid Technical Laboratory – 1970’s
Vince Petrucci in Russia
Dr. Charles Smallwood, Dean, School of Ag Science
Raisin Day - 1970’s
Vineyard Manager, Dom Bavaro and Professor Petrucci at Raisin Day
Grape growers attend Fresno State Raisin Day
Connecting with the grape and wine industry
Planting the V. E. Petrucci vine
V. E. Petrucci vine
RESEARCH STAFF

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VINEYARD MANAGERS:

VITICULTURE FIELD
RAISIN & WINE GRAPE:
TABLE GRAPE:

STUDENT ASSISTANTS

LIBRARY ASST.
Raisin Plant Dedication Ceremony
Construction of the viticulture and enology building, funded by the grape and wine industry
Petrucci: New research center is a thriving facility

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students honored Petrucci four times as an outstanding teacher, why he is one of the most effective fund-raisers in Fresno history and why he is an international figure in viticulture.

In the past decade he has spearheaded efforts to raise more than $6 million for state of the art facilities such as the new Viticulture and Enology Research Center, of which he has been director since 1985.

He calls himself open, fun-loving and at times sentimental. "I think I am young because I have associated myself with people who are 18 to 35," he said. "Plus the fact of drinking two glasses of red wine a day and having a beautiful wife!" He and his wife, Jo, have five children and 15 grandchildren.

Friends have included such industry heavyweights as the Baron de Rothschild and the late Julio Gallo. "I have very much been inspired by Julio, who has been a very good friend since the day I took the job," he said.

Behind a gentle and likable manner, however, friends and colleagues say he stands firm on key issues and drives hard to reach goals.

Deborah Dexter-Mendez, a pest control researcher and graduate student at VERC, said, "he doesn’t come on very shy for very long. He is very passionate about what he is doing here.

From the very beginning, Petrucci has focused on practical research and teaching topics, unlike many academics who enjoy discussion of abstract theory whether or not it is useful.

He has bachelor’s and master’s degrees in plant science from the University of California at Davis but quit a doctoral program in education to move to Fresno and never found the time to pick up his Ph.D. The program he founded is giving his old alma mater, considered the other outstanding viticulture program in California, plenty of competition.

Where most university research tackles theoretical problems, which may or may not give growers a quick benefit, his laboratories and classrooms consistently have focused on real-world plant health and wine-processing problems. Likewise, his students are considered adept in practical industry techniques as well as theory.

Bob Gallo, Julio’s son and executive vice-president of E&J Gallo Winery in Modesto said, "If it wasn’t for Vince Petrucci, I am sure Dad would have said it wouldn’t have been built," he said. E&J Gallo made a major donation to the VERC center.

Anil Shrikhande, director of research and development at Heublein Wines Inc. in Madera, which financed one of VERC’s state-of-the-art laboratories, said that “they have been really really useful and productive in our efforts to make the finest quality wines in the country.”

Dr. Carlos Muller, professor of enology at Fresno State, said over the years Petrucci has done plenty of favors for growers as a consultant in pest management, fertilizer and vine variety selection, to name a few areas.

Bo Gallo said “Vince has been very good with his program in supplying a number of people who fit into our grower relations programs and ranch management programs.”

And increasingly these students are foreign, which with Petrucci’s international reputation has helped spread the word about Fresno around the world.

Petrucci recalls being hosted by ex-Fresno State students or colleagues in travels to 37 different countries.

Barry Gump, professor of chemistry and enology and interim director of VERC, said the principle of serving industry now pervades VERC.

Gump said that a fund-raising drive has begun to get money for a new director.

Petrucci sees to it that businesses that give to the center get public recognition through dedications and by putting plaques on parts of the center they helped build.

Petrucci will continue on at the center as a professor emeritus and has plans to write a treatise on world raisin production and a high school textbook on viticulture.

Even with his book plans, he admits that it is hard to step down as director of an institution he is so bound up in. “It wasn’t a question of leaving early,” said the teacher who taught an estimated 10,000 students during his tenure. “I think I have accomplished the dream I had, and that was to leave a program that was solid and up and running.”
The V. E. Petrucci vine
Vincent E. Petrucci

Over 45 years of dedication & service to the viticulture & enology industries
A Celebration of Wine Fundraiser for the V. E. Petrucci Library by the Viticulture & Enology Alumni
RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Paul P. Baranek Viticulture Assistantship
Garabedian Family Viticulture Student Assistantship
Horace O. Lanza Enology Assistantship
Horace O. Lanza Viticulture Assistantship
H. P. & Edna Metzler Viticulture Assistantship
Miles Agriculture Division Graduate Student Assistantship
San Joaquin Valley Winemakers Research Assistantship
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The Thompson seedless grape has had a history in California’s Central Valley, although it has been used extensively in blending with other varieties, this versatile grape has not received the due recognition that it rightfully deserves. We chose this grape for our first commercial vintage to showcase the potential that this grape has for producing highly enjoyable wines for everyday use. This varietal wine was made by viticulture and enology students at Fresno State in a style that captures the spirit of the grape and California’s Central Valley sunshine.

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183 - Syrah - 175
Yannis
Greece
V. E. Petrucci Back in the Classroom
Research
Annual Papa Petrucci 5K Run in the Vineyard Fundraiser for the V. E. Petrucci Library Hosted by the Viticulture Club
Papa Vincent Petrucci