

Bruce Reisch- Retirement Reception 2024- Memory

>> Bruce Reisch: Hello this is Bruce Reisch from Horticulture and Plant Breeding and School of Integrated Plant Sciences. I spent 43 years plus at Cornell, plus time as an undergraduate and one of my favorite memories was having an opportunity to have lunch on the Cornell Campus with Barbara McClintock during the symposium in honor of plant breeding activities at Cornell in 1982. This was fabulous to sit with Nobel Prize winner, a geneticist, I admire– have admired and continue to admire, through my career. Another amazing thing that happened to me was to be inspired to go into plant genetics as an undergraduate at Cornell by taking the first course in plant genetics that was taught by Lloyd Crather and Harris Bratman, and then having a chance to teach that course, substituting for a colleague on Sabbatic in 2022, and have a chance to possibly inspire other amazing Cornell undergraduates to go into the field of plant breeding. Of course having the opportunity to name a number of new grapes for the wine industry was a favorite memory and this year there was a winery that produced a wine named after me and that wine is called the “Reisch Stuff” at Montezuma Winery. Thanks for the chance to make this recording and share a memory.